



# Gabriel's Trumpet

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## Letter from Ingrid

Greetings to all Gabriel Angels!

I began working in the pro-life movement three years ago as a volunteer at the White Rose Women's Center (where you can still find me on Mondays at the Central Expwy location). In October of 2011, I was privileged to join the CPLC as the Gabriel Angel Coordinator, serving at the Gabriel Ministries Office in the Birth Choice Counseling Center on Greenville Tuesdays through Thursdays. Since that time, I have been meeting lots of wonderful people, including many of you. The longer I am here, the more I fall in love with this ministry and with the other eight ministries of the CPLC, learning how they all support a Culture of Life. Most importantly, I have been partnering with many of you as I meet and pair our new Gabriel moms.

In two months we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25<sup>th</sup>. What a beautiful day, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary! And what a perfect opportunity for us to join in prayer for our Gabriel mothers and for the protection of all unborn children. As we journey through these nine months of preparation for the birth of Jesus, let us ask our Lord and Savior, through the intercession of his Most Holy Mother, to stop abortion in the world and to continue changing the lives of our Gabriel moms through our selfless acts of love and mercy. I want to thank each one of you for giving your time in order to serve in this ministry. May God keep and bless you always. – Ingrid Meyer, Gabriel Angel Coordinator

## Upcoming Events

- Birth Choice Culture for Life Concert: Feb. 4
- Gabriel Angel Training: Feb. 18, 25
- "BloodMoney" Film Screening: Feb. 12
- Project Life Classes: Every Tues., Feb. 21 - April 10
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross: April 6
- Bishop's Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner: April 14
- Quarterly Mass & Rosary Procession: April 21

For more info, visit [www.prolifedallas.org/calendar](http://www.prolifedallas.org/calendar)

## Watch Gabriel Grow!

- In September  
3 babies born to Gabriel moms  
6 moms paired with a Gabriel Angel  
132 972-Baby-Due calls (answered at the White Rose)
- In October  
1 baby born to a Gabriel mom  
4 moms paired with a Gabriel Angel  
116 972-Baby-Due calls (answered at the White Rose)
- In November  
4 babies born to Gabriel Moms  
7 moms paired with a Gabriel Angel  
105 972-Baby-Due calls (answered at the White Rose)
- In December  
5 babies born to Gabriel moms  
9 moms paired with a Gabriel Angel  
123 972-Baby-Due calls (answered at the White Rose)

## Bishop's Dinner Reservations Now Open!

Join us on Saturday, April 14, for The Bishop's 19th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner, to be held this year at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas. Our featured guest will be John Schneider, popular TV personality (of *Dukes of Hazzard* and *Smallville* fame) and the star of two new pro-life films, *Doonby* and *October Baby*, opening in theaters this spring. We'll have plenty of parking in the garage at this new venue, and advance check-in by email to replace long registration lines. The dinner will also include a wine pull, jewelry "grab bags," exhibits and a spectacular raffle for a \$15,000 American Express Gift Card, 4-day Carnival Caribbean Cruise, and a Blackberry Playbook Tablet.

We would love to have as many Gabriel Angels and their families at the dinner as possible. If you would like to be seated with your parish, be sure to contact your Parish Pro-Life Coordinator about sharing a table. The CPLC is also in need of volunteers before and during the dinner. For more information, visit [prolifedallas.org/dinner](http://prolifedallas.org/dinner) or call 972-267-LIFE (5433). Reservations are now open – don't delay!

## Gabriel Angel Daily Prayer

*My Dear Jesus,  
I come to you today and ask to enter  
your Heart of Divine Love,  
with the mother you have bound to my life,  
and entrusted to my care.*

*Lord, I am not able to love her like you do,  
I am not able to provide for her like you can.  
I have nothing good to offer her but you,  
You alone are all good, and every blessing to her.*

*And so Good Shepherd, I ask you to  
protect her and deliver her from evil today.  
Supply her every need, according to your  
providence, and generosity.*

*Let her experience your infinite tenderness  
towards mothers and children.  
Give her courage to withstand temptation  
and persevere in your grace.*

*Bind her to you with cords of love.  
Make her path fragrant with your loving kindness.  
And at the end of this day and every day,  
Enfold her in your eternal embrace in peace.*

*Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer. Amen.*



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## Our Awesome GEMS Team, Past and Future

In October 2011, we said goodbye to Alison Morales as our first-ever GEMS Coordinator. As such, she was a vital part of the GEMS team that envisioned and developed the classes and fine-tuned the coaching program that has reached so many Gabriel moms. Alison has returned to school to pursue a career in surgical technology. The good news is that she will stay on with GEMS in a coaching capacity.

The GEMS Coordinator duties have been assumed by our new Education Team members, Jeannette Goodman, Marilyn Kelley, Carolina Salazar and Elizabeth Cusack, assisted by Marianne Chapman, who hosts quarterly luncheon meetings for the team.

Thanks to all who have made GEMS a blessed addition to our Gabriel ministry!

## Did You Know?

GEMS (Gabriel Education Ministry & Support) is the next step for Gabriel moms who are "poised for growth." GEMS was launched in 2007 to extend the Project Gabriel ministry through personal coaching and self-help classes. Since then, 17 women have completed the program. Classes are held in the fall and spring at St. Joseph, Richardson or St. Rita, Dallas. The 2012 spring schedule is as follows:

- March 3 *Christian Parenting I*
  - March 24 *Christian Parenting II*
  - April 21 *Healthy Relationships and Domestic Violence*
  - May 5 *Sexual Integrity: Living as a Godly Woman*
  - May 19 *Celebrating Womanhood and Self-Esteem*
  - May 26 *Adoption: A Gift of Life and Love*
- Angels are always welcome to attend GEMS classes!

## Congratulations to 2011 GEMS Graduates!

On November 19, the CPLC hosted the annual Christ Child Christmas Market and Luncheon. Guests enjoyed a beautiful program featuring Father Alfonse Nazzaro's presentation on "The Christian Family" and brought home a new information card on adoption, with the inspiring testimony of two families blessed by adoption and resources for those considering adoption. At the luncheon, the GEMS program graduated a record seven candidates! GEMS is an outreach of Project Gabriel, which offers mothers in need the opportunity to learn about themselves, their faith, and how to be better parents or consider the adoption option, and helps them develop skills to assist in work, education and service.



*Patty Sherrod, CPLC Director of Ministries and Project Gabriel, with GEMS Graduates Brittany Wilson, Erica Williams, Brittney Bush, Jessica Rinkevich, Claudia Avalos, and Jacey Hurst (Monica Toland not pictured).*

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