

# A CANTICLE OF PRAISE

CHRISTMAS 2025



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Maternity Home

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of a Housemother

Serving the Body of Christ as a Pro-Life Home of Formation  
For Pregnant Women and Their Children

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Mira Michele | Antonio Isaac | Jenesis Raye

“We will have a Christmas like no other this year as three little ones celebrate their very first Christmas at our home.” – Mary Pat

# *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.”*

ISAIAH 9:6

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Dear Friends of Life,

As we enter these Holy Days of Advent and Christmas and begin the new Church year, we again ponder these mysteries with the Blessed Mother and marvel at the plan God has for us. In a tiny village of Bethlehem, in a stable, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords took flesh, and He came unto us as a tiny Baby. This tender mystery of the Incarnation gives all of us pause to humbly see the work of God in the quiet and stillness. Our God in His tender compassion changes human history in a simple and yet profound way.

At Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home, we marvel at what the Lord has done here in this tiny village of Warsaw through the goodness of each of you who shares this mission. We will have a Christmas like no other this year as three little ones celebrate their very first Christmas at our Home with us and their mothers. We prayerfully anticipate the fullness of our Faith along with the Christmas festivities and traditions that bring such great joy.

This joy, I pray, penetrates deep in the heart of each of you who share this work with us. My heart is filled with gratitude this Christmas as I reflect on the Lord's goodness as He has brought us all together in service of these mothers in need and their precious little ones. **Because of you, we are able to welcome each mother and child as we would have wanted to welcome the Holy Family on that very First Christmas.**

May God bless you for being a part of our Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home Family! I pray that you might feel the intense yet tender love of the Christ Child this season.

Merry Christmas!



Mary Pat Jahner, Director





# Beautiful new life fills our Home

*Introducing the fourth Gianna  
Home baby born in 2025*

*Antonio Isaac*

10/17/25



Sweet slumber



Merry Christmas!

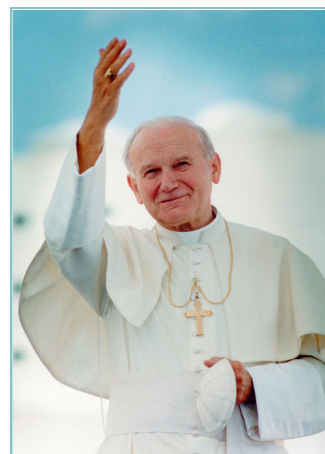


Mira, Antonio, Jenesis

# URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II – CHRISTMAS 2001

Let us hasten like the shepherds to Bethlehem, let us pause in adoration in the cave, and gaze upon the Newborn Redeemer. In him we can recognize the face of every little child who is born, of whatever race or nation: the little Palestinian and the little Israeli; the little American and the little Afghan; the child of the Hutu and the child of the Tutsi...whoever the child is, to Christ each one is special.

Today my thoughts go to all the children of the world: so many, too many are the children condemned from birth to suffer through no fault of their own the effects of cruel conflicts. Let us save the children, in order to save the hope of humanity! This is what we are urgently called to do by that Child born in Bethlehem, the God who became man, to give us back the right to hope.



Joe Rimkus Jr. | CNS



## St. Andrew novena



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires [mention your intentions here] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.

Amen.



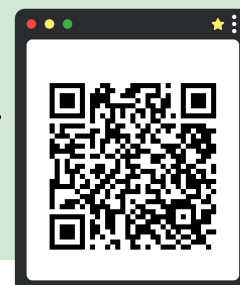
## ND Tax Incentive: benefits maternity homes

Take advantage of a 100% tax credit when you give to our Home. The State of North Dakota recently passed a special tax credit (House Bill 1176) for in-state ministries like Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home!

It means you can save up to \$2,500 on your state taxes by making a gift to our Home. Every dollar you give to our maternity home is a dollar you save on your ND income taxes – up to \$2,500 or half the total you owe (whichever is lower).\*

Get all the information!

\*Please contact your accountant if you have questions regarding House Bill 1176.





**by Anne Dunn**

This June marked my fourth trip back to Warsaw to serve as a Housemother here at the Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home. My first visit was the summer before my junior year of college, and I never anticipated that this place would become my home one day. However, after each visit, I always felt a longing to return and after finishing school this past May, I was overjoyed to be able to commit to a full year as a Housemother.

Since I grew up in California and went to school in Indiana, many people were surprised when I told them that I would be moving to North Dakota for a year. Most people would respond by asking, “What is there even in North Dakota?” I always found that simply saying “a Maternity Home” was never enough to convey what I’ve found here. North Dakota, and more specifically the Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home, is where I’ve experienced the love of God, and I’ve been able to share it with others in the most profound way.



Working at this Home has given me a chance to grow each day and discover God's presence in every moment. Most days, I find myself completing tasks that might seem menial such as washing bottles, cooking dinner, mopping the floors, changing diapers, and driving residents to appointments.

"I've received even more in return through those I have encountered here."

Other days, I experience things for the first time, such as cooking 40 pounds of ground beef, learning Spanish to communicate with one of our moms, waking up to feed a baby in the middle of the night, or holding the hand of a mother in labor. I have learned that there is great meaning and joy in these moments because I complete them for those I love around me.



While this Home has taught me to give more of myself to others, I've received even more in return through those I have encountered here. The mothers at the Home, each with their own unique gifts and personality, inspire me and bring laughter to my life each day. Even on the more difficult days, I find peace in knowing that the Lord has brought us together here to be a family and take on life's challenges. Chatting with the residents and praying in the chapel with them every evening are the sweetest moments of my day.

Through the Home I've also met so many generous individuals and families who share my great love for the work we do here. The Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home family has welcomed me with great kindness, making me feel even more at home. For this and the countless prayers offered for all of us living here at the Home, I am immensely grateful.

I feel so blessed to be able to spend a whole year at the Home, and I cannot wait to see the many ways God will continue to work in the lives of all who live and work here. ♦



## Giving Hearts Day

Giving Hearts Day is on February 12, 2026! It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to provide women and families with what they need to choose life for their babies.

Please consider how you can make an immense difference in the lives of mothers and their children. We are always so grateful for your generous support!

Check out our GHD 2025 video! →



## Johnny Holm Band Giving Hearts Day Event

Join us for our pre-Giving Hearts Day event with Johnny and his band for a third year! The fun will take place at the Minto Community Center on Friday, January 30th, 6-10:30 pm. Stay tuned for more information!



# Making memories

at Saint Gianna & Pietro Molla Maternity Home



# In Memoriam



You and your intentions are remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered each First Saturday of the month. These intentions were offered July 30th to November 17th.



## In memory of...

+CHILDREN KILLED in Catholic School shooting by Steve & Annette Hoornaert  
+DECEASED FRIENDS by Denise Uriell  
+BABIES lost to abortion by Richard Kurtyka  
+CAROL ALFORD by Jerome Alford  
+MARION ARMSTRON, BETTY NOWATZKI by Warren & Kathy Swenson  
+LINDA SUE BABINSKI, LAVERNE ANN COSTELLO, ELIZABETH "BETTY" CUDMORE, CAROLYN ANN KEEGAN, RAMONA ANN SLIVICKI by Brian & Mary Schuster  
+CLIFF BAILEY by Shirley Suda  
+MOTHER, FATHER, BROTHER (PEGGY), DON & PAT BEATON by Brian Beaton  
+DAN BECVAR by Steve & Annette Hoornaert  
+DR. MICHELLE BIANCO by Margaret Cincotta-Bogert  
+AL BRANDT, MAVIS KELLER, MARY KUEHN by Connie Brandt  
+RAYMOND BREN, RANDY PRAUS, MERLE RAMBOUSEK by Angie Marsh  
+DELORES BURIANEK by Rick & Elaine Kilichowski, Dorothy Plutowski, Dale & Judy Plutowski  
+DAN CAMPBELL by Annamarie Sieve  
+MARY ALICE CONNOR by James & Vicky Torborg  
+TOM CULMER, VIRGINIA WILSON by Mary Ann McKenna  
+FRANCES DAHL, PETER GRAHAM by Dale & Mary Klein  
+FATHER DARIN DIDIER by Nancy Jones  
+JUDY & KAREN DOSCH by Al Dosch  
+HARRIET DOSMANN, LAVONNE HYLDEN, ARLENE LYKKEN by Mike & Michelle Such  
+MARY JANE EISMANN, DAVID H. EISMANN by Wilbert Eismann  
+KIT FORD, STEPHEN HOPKINS by Holly Lyons  
+FRANKLIN "TREACY" GIBBENS by Roger & Mary Sayler, Duane & Camille Smith, Karen Skeldum  
+VERNON GORNOWICZ by Bernadette Borowicz  
+JOANIE GRONSO by Michelle Powers  
+LILA HARMSSEN by Family & Friends, Brian Beaton, Tim & Linda Feist, Rose Marie Kerner, Curt & Christine Marshall, Mary McClure  
+BOB HARVEY & HIS FAMILY MEMBERS by Donna Harvey  
+MARY HEGGEN by Bruce Heggen  
+NEAL HELT by Winslow & Mary Helt  
+ROSINA HOFFARTH by Rosemary Groven  
+DONNA HOWE by David & Jeanne Wanner  
+MARLENE JACOBS, RICK SCHMITZ by Bob & Karen Landman  
+LYNNE JACOBSON by Alan Jacobson, Chris Jacobson, Alana McClellan  
+FRED JAHNER by Ken & Betty Lasneski  
+CHARLIE KIRK by Brian & Lori Stein  
+ANN KLEVEN, JEANNE HAEHN, TERRY HOLM by Randy & Lori Zimprich  
+SORELLE ANNALISE KNUTSON by Vern & Mary LeBlanc  
+JON KOEHMSTEDT, BETTY MACHART by Craig & Dawn Jarolimek  
+DORY KOSOBUD, HELEN PORTER by Kurt & Jennifer Kelley  
+FRANCIS & MARGARET KRAEMER by Carol Osborn  
+JOE & HELEN KREMER by Kevin & Ronda Throener  
+CLARICE KROLL by Kenny & Evelyn Kilichowski

+LARRY KROPP, JOHN KROPP by Darlene Kropp  
+MARSHALL KUKOWSKI by Carol Kukowski  
+ROBERT "BOB" LEFOR, MARY WHALEY by Kevin & Julie Zikmund  
+SUE ANN LOCKER by Marlys Martwick, Tom & Diane Mertens  
+FATHER GEORGE LOMMEL by Gary & Deborah Robinson  
+ANN LUCY by Women of the Word Nativity  
+BETTY MACHART by Karen and Jay Cudmore  
+LEO JOHN AND BABY MARTINSON by Russell & Krisa Martinson  
+IRETTA MARYNIK by Yvonne Feltman  
+JAN MCCANN by Jeff & Jolene Hermanson  
+DEANN MAUREEN MEIER by Magnus & Grace Meier  
+JOAN MEYER by Rober & Margaret Subart  
+CAROL MOLLMAN by William Mollman  
+LYLE MONDRY, JOHNNY, MARTHA & RAYMOND RUDNIK by Mary Mondry  
+PAUL & RANDY NISTLER by Don & Marie Nistler  
+BEV OTTO by Jay & Karla Gellner  
+ROSE & JOHN PAVEK by JD Pavek  
+CLAYTON POKRZYWINSKI by Lillian Pokrzywinski  
+CALEB MATTHEW POWERS by Jan Altendorf, Terry Burns, Jody Gerszewski, Brian & Laurie Harris, Donald & Mary Johnson, Scott & Julie Johnson, Tork & Linda Kilichowski, Ruth Mattson, Mary Ann McKenna, Jarrod & Becky McMillan, Nancy Nice, Joseph & Jessica Paschke, Jared & Robbyne Sands, Gary & Bev Slominski, Trevor & Brittany Slominski, David & Elizabeth Smith, Wendy White, Kevin & Julie Zikmund, Lorraine Zikmund  
+LOIS PROULX by Brian & Kelly Wavra  
+PAUL & LOIS PROULX, SHELDON & RITA TRANDEM by Robert & Jennifer Proulx  
+MARGARET RIEDINGER by Ralph Riedinger  
+AILEEN RINOWSKI by Donna Mrozla  
+EDWARD & GENEVIEVE & RODNEY RISKE, WERNER & LOUISE WOCKEN, PAM NELSON by Robert & Marilyn Wocken  
+KATIE RUD by Lawrence & Marian Foerster  
+ALICE SAUNDERS by Margaret Czapiewski  
+MARVIN SAYLER by Roger & Mary Sayler  
+KATHRYN SCHIELE by Seth & Brittini Schiele  
+JUANITA SCHMITZ by Mark & Cheri Schmitz  
+PAMELA JO SCHREINER, BISHOP FOLDA'S MOTHER by Charles & Barbara Ruzicka  
+JOHN & ALICE SEVIGNY, ROGER FELTMAN, BRYAN GRABANSKI by Nick & Lavonne Storhaug  
+STANLEY & ALICE STANCYK by Marci Franson  
+ROSE C. STOMMES by Catherine Clapp  
+GRANDCHILDREN on earth and in heaven by Sheila Trontvet  
+RALPH TUCKER by the Family, Todd Burianek, Heather Dewsbury, Mike & Mary Dvorak, Roger & Sandy Schuster  
+BECKY WALD by Jacob & Molly Rodenbiker  
+JOHN WEBER by Cindy Weber  
+CONNIE WOLF by Michael Wolf  
+RAYMOND & CAROLINE WYSOCKI by Mike Wysocki  
+LEO & CATHERINE YAGGIE, RITA YAGGIE by Don Yaggie  
+IAN ZALTSMAN by John & Marcia Parcellano

## In honor...

Phyllis Sayler by Roger & Mary Sayler  
Rob & Lorine Berhardt family by John & Jan Klocke  
Matt & Samantha Dols family by John & Jan Klocke  
Tom & Cathy Hanson family by John & Jan Klocke  
Annunciation School & Parish families by Kevin & Julie Zikmund  
Grandbaby due in December to Matthew & Melissa Weber by Cindy Weber  
Thomas O'Keefe diaconate ordination by Curt & Joan Bjertness  
Anton & Martha Knoll by Dave & Jane Fick  
Mothers and babies by Ken & Betty Lasneski  
Suzanne Nelson by Kristi Olson

## Prayers/special intentions

Family by Angie Marsh  
Stephen & Sara Mondry's baby girl by Sue Callahan  
Anton & Martha Knoll by Dave & Jane Fick  
By Stephen & Chris Clancy  
Family by Michelle Snyder  
Michael & Judy Ryan by Stephen & Chris Clancy  
Good health for family by Bernadette Borowicz  
Angela & Samuel by Joseph Tedesco  
By Mary Stapleton  
By Josh & Stephanie Hubert

## In celebration...

Lois Stone's 100th birthday by Delores Hackenberg  
Ida McComb's 80th birthday by Sigmund & Ila Schneibel  
Mary Ann McKenna's birthday by Delores Hackenberg  
Francis & Marilyn Praska's 60th wedding anniversary by Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, La Verne Bosh  
Marilyn Praska & Marlen "Butch" McLaughlin's 80th birthdays by Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, La Verne Bosh  
Cardinal Raymond Burke's 50th anniversary of priestly ordination by Mary Ann McKenna  
Father Jim Tiu's 25th anniversary of priestly ordination by Loriane Kaul  
Father James Ermer's birthday by John & Jan Klocke  
Father Damian Hils 30th anniversary of priestly ordination by Mary Ann McKenna  
Judeen Brusseau's 90th birthday by Bruce & Fran Fjelde  
Marriage of Julian Dean & Jasmine Jenay (Ghuri) Schuster by Brian & Mary Schuster  
Father Joseph Christensen's birthday by Mary Ann McKenna, Jackie Readell  
Delores Hackenberg's birthday by Mary Ann McKenna  
Health by Madelyn Reichert



### *Baptised in Christ Mira Michele*



### **Kassity Meade, first child to live at SGPM Home, is engaged**

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Kassity Meade and Jacob Turbes. Their union of Holy Matrimony will take place in July 2026 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Warsaw. In 2004, Kassity came to live here with her mother who was pregnant with her sister, Geianna, at the time. Kass was the first child baptized in our Home. Please join us in praying for this upcoming joyous occasion and pray for the couple as they prepare for marriage.

God is good!



Moms + Babies

# THE FIRST ONE



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