

*Are You Pregnant?
Need Help?
Know Someone Who Does?*

Help is Available

Caring, Personal and Confidential

Our concern is not only for your unborn child, but for you, the mother. We are prepared to offer practical, emotional, spiritual and material support during your pregnancy and after the birth of your child.

You will be assigned an **ANGEL** who will be your personal contact, and will be available for friendship, support and guidance. And with an **ANGEL** in your corner, you will have a place to turn during the months ahead.

Need Help? Call 1-888-475-Baby

*Want to Save Lives?
Volunteer to Help*

Become an ANGEL and support a pregnant woman

Or volunteer to help in other ways

To volunteer or for more information call Janet at 575-522-1207 or

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The Gabriel Project[®]

*Parish-Based Crisis Pregnancy
Intervention Within the
Roman Catholic Church*



What is the Gabriel Project?

The Gabriel Project® is a parish-based crisis pregnancy intervention within the Roman Catholic Church. It has also spread into many Protestant parishes and church communities.

A **SIGN OF LIFE** is placed in front of the church stating that the people of that parish community will provide help to pregnant women. All the new mother has to do is call the number on the sign and the process begins.

The Gabriel parish community has made a commitment to respond to the mother's needs. The process is very flexible within each parish enabling unique local situations to be addressed. The mother's needs are met with love, respect and confidentiality.

A trained mentor, called a **GABRIEL ANGEL**, is responsible for on-going contact and as a liaison for assistance for the mother in

crisis. Through the **ANGEL**, the Gabriel parish community accepts the expectant mother with unconditional love. Parish members fill the role of the Good Samaritan. They make sure the Mom receives love and care. Parishioners provide spiritual, emotional and material support as needed throughout the pregnancy and beyond.

JESUS taught, "...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Mat 25:40). It is in this light that Gabriel parishioners love and assist women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. This love is a witness of the infinite and healing love of GOD. The HOLY SPIRIT works through the parishioners to evangelize and to educate the expectant Mom and/or her family.

The Gabriel Project® is grounded in prayer. We realize that the most important gifts we have to offer the Mom are the gifts offered to all by CHRIST OUR LORD. To quote Fr. Stephen Imbarrato who founded Project Defending Life in Albuquerque and introduced the Gabriel Project® in New Mexico, "The Gabriel Project® is about saving souls...one soul at a time."

A Brief History

Following the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973 which made abortion legally permissible in all the States, the Rev. Msgr. John Perusina, late pastor of St. Michael Parish on Sage Road, Houston, took action. He placed a sign outside the rectory which said: If you will have your baby, this parish will help you in every way. The original sign still stands.

This was the beginning of the Gabriel Project®. In 1990, Cathy McConn (St. Cecilia Parish in Houston) and her friend Rex Moses (from Corpus Christi) saw the sign and the Gabriel Project® was spread throughout the Galveston-Houston and the Corpus Christi Dioceses.

Interest in establishing Gabriel Projects around the country grew and the need for a national office became apparent. The Respect Life Offices of the Dioceses of Austin and Galveston-Houston received the blessings and cooperation of the Pro-Life Secretariat of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops to organize and coordinate a Gabriel Project® National Office in the spring of 2002.

Thousands of women have received help and love through the Gabriel Project® during their pregnancies. May we help you or someone you know?

Criteria for Gabriel Angels

- Must be approved by the Pastor
- Must be a member of the Parish and in good standing with the Church
- Must accept all the Church's teaching especially those of marriage, family and life
- Must be faithful in observing the norms of Catholic life

- Must be willing to attend **ANGEL** training and scheduled meetings for learning and sharing within the Gabriel Project®

Other Ways to Help

- Make a formal commitment to pray with us for the success of the Gabriel Project® in our Parish
- Make a commitment for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration for the Gabriel Project®
- Volunteer for ongoing fund-raising events
- Make a donation (we rely on your donations to provide material assistance to our Moms in need)
- Show love and concern for Gabriel Moms just as we do for all fellow Parishioners
- Attend a pro-life event in our area
- Share your knowledge about the Gabriel Project® with family, friends and especially anyone whom you think may have need of our assistance
- Leave a "trail" of Gabriel bookmarks behind you—in a restaurant, in a store, at the library, at State offices... anywhere they may be noticed and picked up by either someone in need or by someone who knows someone in need