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DEEPLY GRATEFUL



I am blessed with a healthy 13-year-old son, Alexander, and have proudly served in the United States Army for 19 years. Currently on leave visiting family, I'll soon report to Fort Riley for my next assignment as a laboratory technician at the hospital. From October 2021 to November 2024, I worked as a blood banker at Tripler Army Medical Center, where I provided critical care to military service members and their families. I learned to test blood specimens and prepare safe, potent blood products, contributing to life-saving care for patients of all ages, from 4-year-old oncology patients to newborns in the NICU.

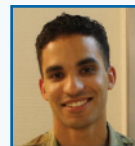
When I was only 21, I found myself in a relationship with a co-worker. Before we could even get our bearings—having fallen to youthful passions that summer—we were confronted with a positive pregnancy test. Although love for one another was present, neither of us was sure we could take on this challenge. As a young, impressionable man, I had come to believe that I had no voice in the matter of a woman's right to choose. I drove my girlfriend to Planned Parenthood. Praise be to God, that was the only trip made, and no follow-up appointments were scheduled. Although the months and years that followed have not been easy, we have been blessed with tremendous support from our loved ones—friends, family, and our local community. I still have much growth ahead of me in the role of fatherhood, but I am deeply grateful that this child—created in the image of God, Alexander—is in my life and is alive and well. His mother and I love him deeply. He is uniquely his own person, a divine gift from our loving Father in heaven.

Looking back to his birth, I now recognize that I didn't fully appreciate the miracle of his arrival. Though I couldn't understand it at the time, as I have come back to the Lord and His church, I now understand and believe wholeheartedly. I earnestly ask all who would seek the services of these so-called medical providers to consider the immutable truths written on our hearts. Life is precious. It begins at conception. It is uniquely created and should be granted every opportunity to flourish. Ultimately, it is a miracle graciously given to us by Almighty God. I urge any man or woman—especially those who may struggle with faith—to place your trust in Him who loves you and has a plan for you to prosper and have a future. Please consider this before committing an act that is inherently unloving and denies another human being their future and right to life.

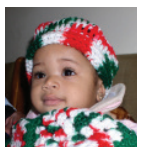
As I've been drawn back into the loving embrace of our Savior, my heart has been noticeably changed. Before departing from Hawaii—my previous assignment—I felt a call to action against the evils of abortion. Having drawn confidence from the power of the Holy Spirit, I was convicted to continue the good work while visiting my family this Thanksgiving. I located the nearest Planned Parenthood and, without hesitation, drove over. To my relief, I did not witness much activity, but instead noticed an appropriately placed resource for just causes across the street: the Life Center in Massapequa. My heart swelled with joy and gratitude for the opportunity to thank whomever I found in this building. Truly, I say to you, the choice between life and death is made unmistakably clear in this way, and I pray those seeking help realize the better of the two. Join me in the celebration of life and those whom stand to protect the most vulnerable and innocent of us all.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Tomas J. Jorge

Happy New Year!



Tomas J. Jorge



2025

Our Mission... *"To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death."*

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FROM THE DESK OF
The CEO

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GRATEFUL into the New Year 2025

Happy New Year! Thank you for partnering with us to protect women and the preborn in 2024. We look forward to all that God has in store for us at the Life Center and the pro-life movement in 2025!

As of this writing, 42 babies' lives have been saved *so far* this past calendar year at the Life Center! We served over 2,600 client visits and distributed much needed baby material aid to over 2,400 Moms and Dads, an equivalent value of distributing over \$850,000 of material aid.

As the Holidays bring us closer to the End of Each year, we reflect on the year that *has been* and the year *that is to come*. During the season, we think of all the good things and good people in our lives and feel so very grateful. Yet, would what you experienced this past year have an impact on your choices and decisions for the New Year?

The New Year brings fresh starts, resolutions and new beginnings. It is a time for writing visions, setting goals, and making plans. We have set exciting, ambitious, attainable goals for the Life Center for 2025! **With your partnership**, we will increase and impact our client base to save more babies through the following programs:

- ***HopeSync** – increase our digital communication with women and men through new and enhanced educational program features to their mobile phones
- ***Marketing/social media** – increase presence through Google Ads, Videos, Facebook/Instagram
- ***BrightCourse** – NEW! educate clients through numerous online or in person workshops
- ***Entering Canaan** - expand our post-abortion healing program Entering Canaan
- ***Donor and Client websites** – upgrade sites and enhance with features
- ***Training** - enrich our top-notch training development initiatives for staff and volunteers

Each day is filled with endless possibilities to make a difference in saving the lives of babies. **No one has the power to change the world single-handedly, but each of us has the power to make a difference.** With January as **Sanctity of Life** month, and a new administration that presents potential pro-life support, imagine the possibilities of what God has in store for the Life Center and the pro-life movement in the New Year. Will one of your resolutions for 2025, include making a difference for life? Here are a few suggestions: ***Pray for our center *Sign up for our newsletters *Learn more about ways to get involved/ VOLUNTEER! *Consider starting a fundraiser OR...**

- ***Church Liaison** - Connect us with your church leaders and help facilitate Baby Bottle campaigns or promote events throughout the year.
- ***Service Projects** - Contact us about ongoing needs at the center; organize a service project.
- ***Networking** - Help us further connect with life-loving individuals & businesses in our community.
- ***Event Volunteer** - Volunteer to help with our annual Gala or fundraising events.

We at the Life Center, hope this New Year leads you to new dreams, rare discoveries, and the best year of your life... so far!

As Mother Teresa stated: "Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it."

***On a personal note, this past year my husband and brother had life-threatening health situations within months of each other that absorbed my personal life and that of our family. I realized I obviously had no control of the situations, yet knew I could turn to my faith, depend on it to remain calm, and trusted it would guide me through the storm in the midst of uncertainty. While we all know God is in control, God revealed just how much He was in control throughout this journey. Since January 2024 to current, our family witnessed the transition of both life-threatening situations to health restored. Truly miracles. Our family thanks everyone for their prayers that lifted and carried us through the challenging moments of this past year. We thank God for His Healing Grace, receiving our surrender and delivering peace. We are looking forward to 2025!*

Blessings,

Gloria

*Wishing you and your family a Happy, Healthy,
and Prosperous New Year!*

2025



URGENT RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED!



**Have you received a Christmas gift you don't like or cannot use?
No Worries – you can donate it to the Life Center!**

The Life Center is now accepting donations of new items/gift cards to be used in raffle baskets at our upcoming events. Items will be accepted at any of our centers. Kindly label: For Raffle Baskets. Any questions, please contact Regina at 516-798-8746.



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU *Happy New Year*

The Life Center of Long Island wishes to thank the following parishes and their parishioners, as well as so many anonymous donors for providing Christmas gifts for our clients and their babies this holy season. The generosity has been overwhelming and truly illustrates of the life-affirming kindness we are called to bestow on the less fortunate. Together, we were able to bring joy and God's peace to his children in need.

- ~Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Massapequa Park ~ St. Raymond Parish Human Life Committee, East Rockaway ~
- ~ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Lindenhurst ~ Christ the King Parish, Commack ~ Carmela Kruzynski ~
- ~ Holy Spirit Parish Respect Life Committee, New Hyde Park ~ St. Patrick Parish, Smithtown ~
- ~ Catholic Daughters of the Americas # 832 Court Ave Maria, Kings Park ~ Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville ~
- ~ Susan and Joseph Contorno ~ St. John of God Church, Central Islip ~ Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tyrie ~ Celina and Robert Jablonski ~
- ~ St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, Franklin Square ~ St. Ladislaus Parish, Hempstead ~ Pat Bucchino and family ~
- ~ Holy Family Parish, Hicksville ~ The Egan Family ~ Notre Dame Parish, New Hyde Park ~ Mike and Colette Sweeney ~
- ~ St. Anne's Church, Garden City Human Life Committee ~ Bob Williams, 40 Days for Life Patchogue ~ St. Mark's Parish, Shoreham ~
- ~ St. Joseph's Parish, Kings Park ~ St. James Parish, Knights of Columbus Mother Theresa Council #12006, Setauket ~
- ~ St. Joseph's Parish, Respect Life Ministry and St. Joseph-Bishop Baldwin Knights of Columbus #15809 ~
- ~ Rich and Holly Bilello ~ St. Thomas More Parish, Hauppauge ~ Bob and Pat Meschi ~ Sacred Heart Parish, North Merrick ~

A Note of Special Thanks: Recently the Life Center put out a call to the community for warm winter clothing and coats for toddlers. The response of people throughout Long Island and beyond has been overwhelming! The Life Center wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the many individuals, families, churches, and organizations that contributed to our efforts to provide appropriate seasonal clothing. By serving those in special need, we are serving Jesus.

Champions for Charity Event: A sincere thank you to all who supported the Life Center of Long Island by participating in the **Champions for Charity Event** at the **Americana Manhasset Shopping Center**. We are most grateful to our volunteer **Janice Seaman** who coordinated the Champions for Charity event to benefit the Life Center.



Through the kindness of **Lily Lamothe, Emily Gavin, Maya D'Costa** from the **Girl Scouts, Troop #2279, Unqua, Massapequa**, we received a beautiful crib and many other essential baby items for our clients including diapers, wipes and bottles. It was so nice of you to deliver all of the items to our Massapequa Center. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



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HONORARIUM

The Life Center of Long Island is grateful for donations made in honor of

~ Sheila Regan ~

IN LOVING MEMORY

~ Colleen Scarisbrick ~ Michael Downey ~ Frank Steiling ~ John E. Molesky ~

~ Diane Kapetanaskis ~ Michael Chiofalo ~ Michael Chiofalo ~ Joan Pollak ~ Nina Messier ~ Catherine Cirillo ~

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~ Myles McPartland ~ Maureen Sandhaas ~ Anthony Altimari ~ Ken O'Brien ~

We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, to the loving embrace of our Father.

May you be blessed always with God's eternal love and grace.



2025



FIRST TIME EVER BINGO NIGHT...

COMING THIS SPRING 2025!

Be on the lookout for dates announcing our first time ever Bingo night. This event promises to be full of fun and great prizes. Dates and Venue to come!



SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE

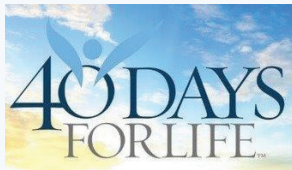
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Did you know? 70% of women will not keep their Planned Parenthood appointments when they encounter prayerful presence and sidewalk advocates in front of Planned Parenthood.

If anyone is interested in Sidewalk Advocacy training, please contact Mary in the Smithtown Center at (631) 656-0441.

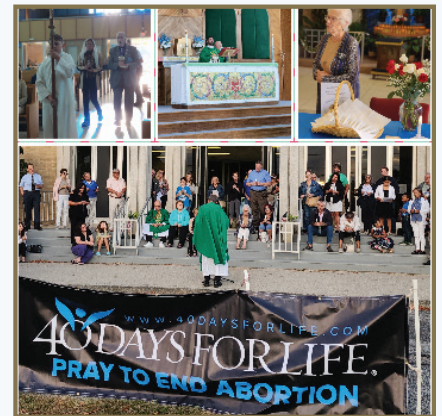


40 DAYS FOR LIFE RECAP



We had a very successful 40 Days for Life Fall campaign. Led by the Holy Spirit and with the presence of sidewalk counselors, prayer warriors and the assistance of the counselors at the Women First Pregnancy center, we had **FOUR BABIES**

saved from abortion. Please pray that these women will continue to choose Life for their babies. Additionally, one abortion worker quit her job at Planned Parenthood, 15 women were referred to Women First for counseling, pregnancy tests and baby items. Also, numerous Women First pamphlets were given to people entering Planned Parenthood and to people in the community. -Pro Bikers For Life



ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Happy New Year

Annual March for Life is on Friday January 24, 2025 with its theme: "Life, Why We March"

Please contact your local parish for inquiry.

PLEASE NOTE:

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