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NEWSLETTER

Mater Filius Queen City  
134 Whipple Street  
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*Defending Life with Love!*

## A LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTORS

Dear Friends of Mater Filius,

Greetings from Mater Filius Queen City. May God's graces continue to be poured upon you and your loved ones. We have experienced a tremendous amount of growth over the past year and would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have donated their time, expertise, material and financial resources to our mission. You are the reason we can continue to defend life with love in the Cincinnati region.

This year we hope to fill our need for live-in support staff at the Mater Filius home by developing a new missionary program. There is additional information about the program inside this newsletter. Also, our team is working on plans for the space, staffing, and logistical details of our Early Childhood Learning Center. This will provide our moms with much needed support while they are in school or working.

Our wonderful board of directors continues to provide valuable guidance for the organization and our dedicated operational director team is

working tirelessly to improve the breadth and quality of services we offer as well as maintaining and improving environments and spaces. We and the other volunteers give of our time so that the vast majority of your gifts go towards program costs directly benefiting the babies, children, and women we serve.

We are excited for the future of Mater Filius Queen City and look forward to doing God's work. We are so appreciative for all of you who are joining us on this life-giving mission. Please continue to keep our entire Mater Filius family in your prayers.

With the Sweet Love of Mary,  
Kirk and Miki Doerger

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to defend and safeguard the life, well-being, and dignity of both the unborn child and the child's mother. "Defending Life with Love"

### OUR VISION

Our vision is to help expectant mothers learn about healthy parenting through our parenting workshops and through the education, caring and support of our volunteers, many of whom are mothers themselves.

### OUR VALUES

Following Catholic social teaching, we recognize that we are responsible to and for one another. The Mater Filius community values that guide our work include Love, Hospitality, Community, and Excellence.

If you feel called to donate, please make checks payable to Mater Filius Queen City and mail to:

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## VOLUNTEERS IN THE FAMILY



We are ever so thankful for our wonderful volunteers! They provide hundreds of hours of support running the Mater Filius home. It is especially exciting when we have families volunteering together like Jayne Laake and her daughter Ally. Jayne initially joined Mater Filius as one of our dedicated doulas but has recently stepped up to help as the Communication Manager and is helping with the groundwork for the ECLC. Her daughter, Ally, is a graduate

of Marian University and brings her experience serving with Americorp to her role as Director of Missionary Services. In this exciting new role she seeks to create consistency and community in the staffing of our home through a new missionary program. Three full-time missionaries will have the opportunity to grow in their Catholic faith, while working alongside a tight knit community who through faith, friendship, empowerment, and encouragement, work to walk with women as they build strong families and healthy communities. Please check our website for information about how to apply for our missionary program.



Another dynamic family team are the Weber sisters; Barb Williams, Pam Acito, and Mary McCarthy. Pam and Mary have done an amazing job managing our BLUtique donations and creating a lovely place for our mothers to pick up new and gently used items to brighten their week. Being an almost entirely volunteer run

organization, just about everyone knows their sister, Barbara. She is our Volunteer Director extraordinaire without whom none of this would be possible. She manages the training, paperwork, schedules and needs of our day to day operations with professionalism and grace and is great at knowing where to find the perfect person for a job.

## MOVING UP DAY

When one of our mothers is ready to begin life with her children outside of Mater Filius, it is a day full of happy tears for our mom and our volunteers. Our time with each of them seems fleeting, but they make a such a huge impact on our hearts. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow as women and mothers, sisters and daughters. Our home is open to our graduates for visits, workshops, monthly breakfasts and shopping in the much loved BLUtique and we are always just a phone call away. Here our mom signs off for the next leg of her journey with a beautiful smile.



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## WELCOME TO THE WORLD!



Nicolas Clay  
11-26-2022



Baby Girl  
10-7-2022

## SPIRITUAL FUEL FOR THE MISSION

Bob Hassman from the K.O.C. Bishop Mulloy Council in Northern Kentucky visited our table at the National Men's Conference in Cincinnati on March 25th and won the beautiful Marian statue that was blessed by Father Henry Hoffman. The Knights will keep our families in their regular prayers.



Our Mater Filius team of directors recently attended a wonderful women's retreat by Presentation Ministries at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel and Retreat Center in Adams County. The speaker, Mrs. Joeline Chipps, shared some profound reflections on what it means to be a beloved daughter of God that helps us to see being a women through new eyes and with a new heart.



## BLESSING OF OUR SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHAPEL

We received an answer to prayer in March when we welcomed the Blessed Sacrament into our home. In accordance with the Rite of Blessing, Fr. Jason Williams showered the entirety of our Chapel with holy water and incense as he led us in prayer and celebrated our first Mass. Kirk and Mikki Doerger were our lectors and Bob Wurzelbacher and Susan Zoellner dressed the altar. The most beautiful and moving part was at the end of Mass when Fr. Williams placed the Eucharist into the small monstrance, then into the tabernacle and lit the red candle signifying that Jesus is now sacramentally present. We were blessed with five priests in attendance for the event: Fr. Jason Williams, Fr. Thomas Flynn, LC (Custodian/MFQC Chaplain), Fr. Marty Bachman, Fr. Ben O'Cinnsealaigh and Fr. Michael Cordier (not pictured).



It is such a gift for the entire Mater Filius family and especially the women and babies we serve to have the person of Jesus Christ as the cornerstone of our ministry and present at all times for prayer and quiet reflection. We are very grateful to Archbishop Dennis Schnurr for granting us conditional approval for the oratory.

The chapel is well equipped with sacred vessels; however, our ciborium is in need of replacement and if anyone has a ciborium not currently being used we would be grateful for the donation.

