



Mater Filius Queen City, Inc
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OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Our vision is to help women create a new and healthy lifestyle for themselves and their family as they develop their role as a mother through our parenting workshops and mentoring program.

OUR VALUES

Following Catholic social teaching, we recognize that we are responsible to and for one another. We value each person as a human being, the greatness within us and our ability to love and to be loved.

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

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NEWSLETTER



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Blessings to everyone reading our first printed newsletter!

It has been an amazing nine months since we made our "fiat" to serve in our Blessed Mother's ministry for pregnant women needing support. We first heard of Mater Filius on a last minute (God's timing, not ours) pilgrimage to Mexico City with the Catholic Medical Association that was led by Fr. Matt Gutowski. Fr. Matt had been instrumental in starting the Mater Filius home in Nebraska with Founders Miriam and Jose Manuel Tejada. They were seeking a Catholic married couple from Cincinnati to take on leadership of a new home. For various reasons, we did not feel we were the right couple for this role, but that didn't stop God from bringing this back to us over and over again until we finally trusted what he was asking us to do in 2022. We have been blessed to walk alongside so many others in this ministry. Thank you all for your love and dedication.

Twice a year we will send out a newsletter to update you on the wonderful graces being poured out on the families we serve. We are a small organization with a big mission. First, we are Pro-Life. Second, we receive pregnant women

of all ages and backgrounds. The only requirement of our mothers is that they are open to change. We walk this journey with them each day through much love and firm guidelines. Because we are small, we can really get to know each of our mothers, understanding that no two paths are alike.

We're asking for your continued support this Fall by considering a donation to help kickstart our Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC). The instruction of our Blessed Mother is for our babies to spend weekdays in the ECLC with dedicated staff while their moms work or go to school. This free resource would continue to be available to our mothers after graduation from our home and until the children reach pre-school age. Please join us in this mission of generational change made possible through Building Lives Up (BLU)!

With the Sweet Love of Mary,

Kirk and Mikki Doerger

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VOLUNTEER MASS

On October 28th, the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, we had a wonderful celebration of our first annual Volunteer Commitment Mass at St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Delhi. We invited over one hundred volunteers to celebrate with us. Following Mater Filius tradition, we invested over 20 women, who volunteer in the home, with personalized tilmas. Mass was followed by a reception dinner where our volunteers enjoyed an evening of fellowship and fun.

WHAT IS A TILMA?

The cyan blue uniforms worn by the volunteers pictured above are called tilmas. This was a traditional work garment worn in Mexico, and made famous by the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Juan Diego's tilma which has survived over 500 years. The color and design of the tilmas are consistent throughout Mater Filius homes across the world. The tilmas are blessed and invested to the house volunteers at the annual Mass and serve as type of scapular, reminding us that we are united to Christ in our mission to serve.

CHAPEL

Our chapel is beautifully furnished with a special altar from Presentation Ministries, whose founder, Fr. Al Lauer, also started Old Saint Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-The-Rhine. Beside the altar is a special handcrafted ambo that was custom made for our chapel by a gifted and talented donor. Our chapel provides a peaceful space for our moms to pray, meditate, and share their hopes and joys with God their Father. We have received conditional approval from Archbishop Schnurr to have an oratory in the home and we look



Letter from a Mom...

"The structure and support that Mater Filius provides, allows future moms like me to prepare for momhood. From getting all the necessary documents, to structure and routine, Mater Filius is a great organization and I'm proud to be a part of it"

-Mathis 2022 , Cincinnati

forward to the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of Mass on a regular basis. Following the new priestly assignments with the Beacons of Light, Fr. Bryan Reif has sadly resigned as our chaplain. Please join us in praying for a new chaplain to assist with the spiritual needs of serving our mothers.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!



Baby Girl

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Mater Filius taught me how to be a mother and an independent woman. I also learned how to love myself and see myself as a child of God. I do not know what my life would be like without Mater Filius.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- With the hard work and generosity of many volunteers and benefactors, our 124 year old home renovations have been completed, allowing us to grow the ministry and secure the future of Mater Filius in the area.
- The home was blessed by Archbishop Schnurr on March 5th, and we opened the doors to expecting mothers on August 8th, the feast of St. Dominic and the birthday of the Mater Filius Founder, Miriam.
- Since April, we have helped 49 women find housing, mental health, addiction and other community resources. We have offered housing to 14 women and their children. Three of them have moved into the home for support.*
- We have seen a dramatic increase in calls as the weather becomes cooler and the holidays draw near and have more mothers planning to move in soon.
- Keep up to date with our new monthly email newsflash and join our parish ambassador program.

*Please note that the information we are able to share about our moms and their children may be limited for their privacy, dignity, and safety.



- Shopping for clothes, jewelry, and even furniture in the BLUtique is a fun way to encourage our moms as they work on completing their Path goals. Your donations for the BLUtique are much appreciated. Check out the wish list on our website for our BLUtique needs. Please call to arrange a drop off time, 513-351-3368.

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