



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



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.

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LIFT THE TRI-STATE GRADUATES

Mater Filius moms have been taking their goals by storm through the Freestore Foodbank's "LIFT the Tri-State" program. Students enrolled in the 10-week program gain skills in Logistics, Inventory Management, Facilities Management, and Transportation (LIFT). Through the program, they receive hands-on training from experienced warehouse personnel at the Foodbank. They complete specialized coursework designed by Gateway Community and Technical College, and they make connections with potential local employers through other program partners. In addition to the program being free, students are granted \$100 per week while taking the course. It has proven to be a great fit for the moms in our home.

On Friday November 10th, a graduation ceremony (pictured above) was hosted to celebrate their accomplishments. It was inspiring to witness the Mater Filius Queen City moms—the first pregnant women to ever complete the program—achieve their goal and get one step closer to the future they want to build for themselves and their babies.

One Mater Filius mom is planning to continue her education in Supply Chain management by enrolling in online classes at the University of Cincinnati. Classes will begin shortly after the start of the new year. Another mom plans to continue pursuing employment opportunities in the area. Here is what she has to say:



“I am proud to be a part of the Cincinnati Freestore Foodbank Forklift and Logistics class because it will help set me and my daughter up for a brighter future. Many people say "it's not a woman's job" but it doesn't matter what size, race, or gender you are— if you believe it you can achieve it!"



MATER FILIUS USA CONFERENCE

In September, our team ventured out to Omaha, Nebraska for the national Mater Filius conference. We were graciously hosted by the Mater Filius Omaha team and joined by founders Miriam and Jose Manuel Tejada, as well as members of the Colorado Springs and future Wisconsin homes. It was a joy-filled weekend full of prayer and community. We had the chance to share stories of victory and struggles many of our homes and mothers face. It was a great joy to learn from each other, and to witness the deep beauty the Sweet Love of Mary has for us as we aim to respond to her call in faithful obedience.



While visiting Omaha, our team made stops at the The Holy Family Shrine (pictured above) and to Cloisters on the Platte. It was wonderful to have time together to reflect on the way the Lord has been moving in our ministry. On the last day of the conference, we had the opportunity to tour the Mater Filius Omaha house, Blu*tique, and Early Childhood Learning Center. While touring the property we met several of the mothers living in the Omaha home, and came across Fr. Thomas Flynn (left) making a new little friend. They found each other to be good company! We look back fondly on this time together and are already looking forward to reconnecting at next year's Mater Filius Conference.



A BIG THANK YOU!

This fall we have been extra grateful to have support from parishes that have lent us helping hands.

St. Cecilia's Parish generously collected items to supply our pantry needs and will keep us stocked up for the winter months. These items help cut the cost of our monthly grocery budget and help ensure that the mothers and babies we serve are well nourished and cared for.

On Saturday, November 11th, St. Francis Xavier's Parish young adult group volunteered to help with a fall deep cleaning. The gentlemen gave some much needed TLC to our garage and other outdoor areas, while the ladies scrubbed every corner of kitchen and living rooms. With their help, we are all the more ready to welcome two new little ones to our home this winter as the due dates of two Mater Filius moms approach!



St. Francis Xavier Parish Young Adult Group



St. Cecilia Parish Canned Food Drive

WELCOME LITTLE NOVA!

On September 3, 2023, a beautiful baby boy was welcomed to our home and into this world. His mother chose the name Nova because her pregnancy was a bright star in her life, bringing her hope for the future. Like the Star of Bethlehem, announcing the birth of Jesus, showing God's love for all of humanity and His desire for all to know him. We are blessed to welcome them both into our Mater Filius family.



SUPPORT FROM ST. SUSANNA STUDENTS

The 7th Grade Girls Volleyball team at St. Susanna's School has been playing together for several years. Not only are they honing their volleyball skills, but under the leadership of Coach Rachel Clendenin, they are learning about virtues. Part of this lesson is picking a project that exemplifies virtue, and this year they chose to help with donations for the Mater Filius Christ Child bags. This is a bag filled with many needed baby items such as diapers, sleep sacks, thermometers, and much more. A bag is given to every woman who walks into Mater Filius. In early October the girls gathered after practice to assemble the bags. The evening was led by praying the "Sweet Love of Mary" prayer, followed by learning about Mater Filius, then assembling the bags. Once the bags were put together, they decided to pray a 'Hail Mary' to bless the bags.



CULTIVATING JOY THIS FALL

Since the arrival of our new mothers in August, we've learned a lot of lessons as we have walked alongside the mothers we serve. While we aim to share the importance of structure and values, we also strive to cultivate a culture of joy in our home. On life's toughest days, laughter often serves as the best medicine. As moms in our home navigate community living and persevere through many trials in their personal lives, we like to make sure we take time to laugh together—sometimes it's taking a craft break, singing silly songs in the kitchen, or bustin' a move in the autumn sun. We find joy in the ordinary moments of life. This Halloween was an extra fun season for the house as we painted pumpkins, prepped for Trick or Treaters, and decked ourselves out to celebrate the day. Where joy is, the Lord is—and that's where we want to be too!

