



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 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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SPRING/SUMMER



2024 NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

With immense gratitude and excitement, we're thrilled to share a momentous achievement made possible by your generous contributions. Thanks to your unwavering support, we are embarking on the construction of our very own Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC). The ECLC will cater to children aged 6 weeks to 3 years, providing crucial support at no cost to our residents, both during their stay with us and as they transition beyond graduation. Our recent journey to the Andes Mountains of Colombia has deeply resonated with us, underscoring the fragility of life and the paramount importance of community. In light of this experience, the ECLC holds profound significance as it aligns with our steadfast commitment to pro-life endeavors. This endeavor transcends mere construction; it symbolizes a beacon of hope and support for women striving to rebuild their lives, transcending the barriers of homelessness and generational poverty.

By empowering these women with access to education and employment opportunities, we aim to catalyze lasting change and foster a brighter future for generations to come. Your pivotal role in realizing this vision cannot be overstated. Your contributions have not only made this dream a reality but have also reaffirmed our shared mission to embody the love of Christ in every facet of our work. Through the provision of essential resources and holistic care, we endeavor to bridge the gaps left by societal limitations and create a more inclusive, compassionate society. Thank you, from the depths of our hearts, for standing alongside us in this vital mission. Together, we will continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need, one step at a time.

God bless you,

Kirk and Mikki Doerger



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JOIN US AS AN AMBASSADOR

Thomas Donnelly, a kind-hearted and devoted Catholic man and attorney felt a call to support a pro-life mission while attending a men's conference. Thankfully, he chose Mater Filius as his ministry of choice. Tom generously volunteers as the coordinator of our Ambassador program, which entails selecting an Ambassador from each family of parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. These Ambassadors serve as representatives for Mater Filius, disseminating information about our ministry within their parishes. The time commitment for this vital role is approximately 1 hour per month. We invite you to consider joining us as an Ambassador and reach out to Tom at: thomasdonnelly@gmail.com. Your support is invaluable in continuing our mission.

WINTER RETREAT AT OLHSC

This winter, our team of coordinators gathered at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center for an annual retreat. Guided by the insightful principles of Fr. John Riccardo's Acts XXIX mobilizing for mission, we spent 24 prayerful hours focused on refining our goals and actions for a successful 2024.

One notable development this year pertains to adjustments in our volunteer coordinator role. Barb Williams will be taking some needed time away to spend with her family in Indiana. Barb's contributions have been invaluable, and while we will miss her presence during this time, we're confident that the addition of Joy Roose and Erin Dimuzio to the Volunteer Coordinator role will further strengthen our community as they team up to coordinate and train our amazing volunteers.



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

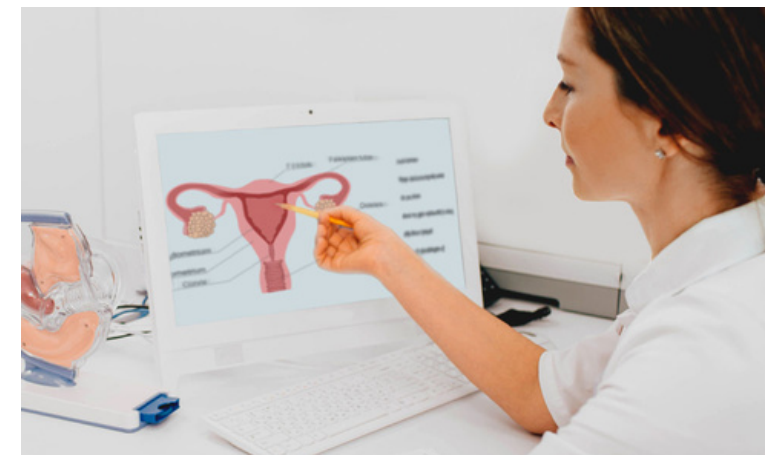
Brian Rhodes, our MFQC Maintenance Volunteer, graciously fixed the pipes in the garage for the outdoor water hose and with the help of volunteers from St. Francis Xavier Church Young Adults Group, cleaned and installed the air conditioners in each of the MFQC rooms so our mathis are ready for the summer weather. Our mathis are so grateful for your help!

We would also like to say thank you to Mary Hennessey for her beautiful work on our new Easter linens. The chapel is aglow with so much added light and joy.



WINTER WORKSHOP SERIES

During the winter months, we introduced additional workshops to engage our mothers while they spent more time indoors. One of the most well-received workshops was the six-week, in-person FEMM class led by Theresa Van Auken. FEMM, a comprehensive women's health program, equips women with the knowledge to understand their bodies, including hormonal and other vital signs of health. By educating women, FEMM empowers them to recognize signs of health or potential issues, enabling them to seek early treatment when necessary. The mothers thoroughly enjoyed their time with Theresa and found the information incredibly insightful. We look forward to working with Theresa again and greatly appreciate the way she offered to share her time and talent!



Pietra Fitness workshop - LeAnn Brock is working on her certification as a Pietra instructor and has been leading the fitness group for us every week. The mission of Pietra Fitness is to help people increase their faith, health, and well-being through stretching and strengthening exercises, paired with Christian prayer and meditation. The goal is to develop strength of mind, body, and soul so that we may glorify God with our entire human person.

Roseanna Gibbons is leading a life Skills workshop including topics such as breastfeeding, parenting skills, and budgeting. In addition to these wonderful workshops, Rose Walker and Peg Dodd have been offering a sewing class, which has been a popular interest of our mathis.

WELCOME LITTLE ONES

All three brave mothers who joined us at Mater Filius in August have welcomed beautiful deliveries, with three healthy little ones now in their arms. These resilient moms have diligently worked towards independence, taking significant steps forward in their journeys and into their brave new world. While we'll miss their presence in our daily lives, we eagerly anticipate supporting them whenever they may need us and sharing in the joys and challenges of raising their families. We also look forward to welcoming three new mothers into our home over the next few weeks.

