



Thanks Mom!

THE MARY WESLIN HOMES FOR PREGNANT, UNWED MOTHERS is relocating to the Metropolitan area of Omaha, Nebraska. So we have a NEW mailing address. It is as follows:

**The Mary Weslin Homes
For Pregnant, Unwed Mothers,
Post Office Box 241281,
Omaha, Nebraska 68124.**

The Mary Weslin Homes is now in the process of relocating to the metropolitan area of Omaha, Nebraska – especially to fill the need at nearby Council Bluffs, Iowa for “a tried and proven system” in the care of pregnant Moms. We are very excited about this divinely inspired move! We will be joining hands with a group of people in the “Heartland of America” who recently constructed a “Crisis Pregnancy Center,” called Gabriel’s Corner, on an empty lot across the street from Planned Parenthood in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This move demanded courage and foresight by these people in the “Culture of Life” – dedicated people who worked and prayed to provide the “Divine Set-ups.” But God is responding! It is happening!

The people of Gabriel’s corner are amazing people. Their story is such a compelling one that we thought it would be good for you to have the whole story. The following article was published in the *National Catholic Register* (Nov. 5-11, 2006):

Hawkeye-State Hospitality

When Deacon Jean and Kathy Plourde of Omaha, Neb., started dreaming about their eventual retirement in nearby Council Bluffs, Iowa, they had no idea God’s plan would include opening a crisis pregnancy center directly across the street from Planned Parenthood.

Yet, since the dedication of Gabriel’s Corner this past March 25 (the feast of the Annunciation), the couple has been grateful to provide more than 100 women with an attractive alternative to abortion — and a generous measure of hope.

It all began in 2000, when Jean started preparing for ordination to the permanent diaconate in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Jean stressed the importance of “connecting the Church to the marketplace” as a “deacon of charity,” in addition to serving at Mass. So he and Kathy volunteered at nursing homes, homeless shelters and the like, praying that God would lead them to a means of service as a couple.

After hearing the testimony of Father Norman Weslin, missionary priest and founder of the pro-life group Lambs of Christ, the Plourdes began to pray regularly outside the Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska run by Dr. LeRoy Carhart. Carhart made national headlines in 2000 for his Supreme Court victory challenging Nebraska’s ban on partial-birth abortion.

Meanwhile, Christine Wilson — now executive director of Gabriel’s Corner — spent many of her Saturdays both outside Carhart’s abortion business in Omaha and outside the Planned Parenthood facility in her hometown of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

“How long, O Lord, will you allow Planned Parenthood to remain a respected part of this community offering sports physicals and flu shots but killing between 15 and 20 babies a week?” Wilson regularly prayed. “When will you expose the evil there?”

The answer to her request was on its way.

In 2003, while visiting their son near Council Bluffs, the Plourdes unexpectedly bought a “fixer-upper” to be closer to their family someday. Upon hearing that the local Planned Parenthood performed abortions, they stopped by to say the Rosary.

One Saturday they couldn’t help but notice the “for sale” sign across the street. “We didn’t even have to say anything,” Jean said. “Kathy just said, ‘I’ll check on that tomorrow.’”



From her experience working for a credit union, Kathy knew it would likely take four to eight weeks to purchase the commercial property. "My prayer to Our Lady was, 'Mother Mary, remove all obstacles,'" she said. "If this is God's will for us, make it happen."

Within a week, the land was theirs; two years later, Gabriel's Corner stands on the site as a witness to the dignity of human life.

The timing couldn't have been better. Earlier this year, the Planned Parenthood clinic in Omaha closed, thus increasing the Iowa site's business and Gabriel's Corner's sphere of influence. According to Christine Wilson, the crisis pregnancy center's biggest draw is perhaps the free pregnancy test, compared with the \$14 charge across the street.

Of the 100-plus tests given so far, Kathy said many have come back negative — much to the women's relief. Still, Gabriel's Corner counselors use the opportunity to promote abstinence and educate women on the dark side of contraception.

"The women just want us to sit down and talk to them, pray with them," Kathy says. "It's a wonderful atmosphere in which to tell them the truth."

For those who are pregnant, the counselors, many of whom have experienced the tragedy of abortion themselves, are privileged to provide hope. They refer women to financial and adoption assistance through Catholic Charities and other social services as well as give them their first "baby shower."

Thanks to local benefactors, Wilson says, expectant mothers are given their choice of outfits from a box of brand-new infant clothes.

"Planned Parenthood fills them with all this fear and doubt and then tells them that no one will ever know," Wilson says. When women leave Gabriel's Corner, however, it isn't unusual for goodbyes to include smiles, hugs and thank-yous.

"They're excited," she adds. "It's no longer 'I'm pregnant' or 'It's a blob of tissue.' They get in this baby mindset."

In the midst of much success, the Plourdes' journey has not been without difficulty: from shouldering a large financial burden to meeting one specific city code after another. Nevertheless, volunteers say the couple's response has been an example to all involved.

"The Plourdes have witnessed to me of that unyielding faith with the odds stacked up against them," says Jim Koch, treasurer of Gabriel's Corner. "They heard the call and realized the only way this could succeed was through God's will."

The Plourdes give all the credit to prayer, particularly the Blessed Mother's intercessions.

Even when the center was nothing more than a barren plot of land, they joined supporters each Monday to attend Mass and to pray the Rosary for guidance.

Not surprisingly, Koch says, the entire project made specific progress on Marian feast days.

For example, on Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the center received its tax-exempt status. In addition, workers broke ground Jan. 23, 2006 (the anniversary of Roe v. Wade) and were finished by the feast of the Annunciation on March 25.

"We kept praying to Our Lady to keep the weather nice," Kathy recalls. "We were pouring concrete in February. It was unbelievable."

Deacon Jean emphasizes that men and women of all faiths are invited to reserve times for prayer at Gabriel's Corner. "I was really impressed that, in one of Pope Benedict's first statements he called it a 'compelling duty' for us to bring the Christian churches together," he says. "Pro-life ministry is a great opportunity to unify the Christian churches in this effort to promote the dignity of life."

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God responded for them!! The divine set-ups happened – with precision and frequency! It's now working beautifully! They are now counseling Mothers in Crisis! They are networking with other pro-life efforts for the mutual support to get started!! The Mary Weslin Homes management is anxious to join hands with Gabriel's Corner in "a coming together" to stop the killing of Jesus Christ's babies. Mary Lou Weslin, in the communion of saints, has a lot to offer! God is allowing her to move the Home to the metropolitan Omaha area. It is turning out to be a wonderful union of effort with a common goal.



Gabriel's Corner, Council Bluffs, Iowa

The Mary Weslin Home has had a remarkable history – 226 babies have survived the Planned Parenthood holocaust by living at the Mary Weslin Home. But that is not what is happening now – nationwide. What is happening nationally is that the abortionist doctors are boldly killing our children at the murder mills by both surgical and chemical abortions – over 43 million of us (one-third of us)

have been killed by abortion since the passage of Roe v. Wade in 1973. They kill us at the rate of 4400 a day – while we are at the stage of development of being just “little people” – not able to fight back from the womb. The parking lots at the murder mills on the scheduled “kill days” are normally at capacity. The pregnant Moms are not coming as before to the “Homes for Pregnant Mothers.” They have been seduced convincingly by the abortionist counselors into believing that the baby in their womb is “just a blob of tissue.” They even seem to have been briefed by the abortionists as to how to enter the mill. The Moms come in with a convincing escort. Many of the cars carrying the Moms race into the parking lot and some run quickly up the stairs of the murder mill to avoid the reality of the killing of their child. They don’t want to talk about the reality of the impending killing to the pro-life counselors on the sidewalk.

“The Mary Weslin Homes concept” in earlier times used to have 10 to 15 pregnant Moms sitting around the dining room table – Moms who had chosen not to kill their babies, but to bring them to normal term. The Moms knew there would be “no charge” to them – and it was with the understanding that they would not kill their child. That concept worked very well. As was mentioned briefly, two hundred and twenty-six (226) babies were born, with doctors’ and hospital care, at The Mary Weslin Homes for Pregnant, Unwed Mothers. The Mary Weslin Homes took the stand that every child, regardless of race, color or creed was created by God and was welcome in The Mary Weslin Homes. “Spiritual prayer time” is provided daily without pressing so that the necessary tranquility can prevail. It is not always tranquil. The evil one hates us because of our efforts to keep Jesus Christ’s babies alive. The Moms brought their child to normal term and then either adopted their child out to a loving family or raised their new-born child with the new-found love of a Gramma, Grampa, Mom and baby relationship.

The Mary Weslin Homes took the stand with the pregnant Mom that “if you are tough enough to stand up against ‘the killing society’ of our present ‘Culture of Death’ and are able to say ‘no!!!’ to the hungry mammon – then we are tough enough to help you!!!” And these Moms were tough, indeed!! They brought God’s newly-created children into this earthly experience on their way home to God. This philosophy/theology has stood us in good stead consistently over the years.

This effort that The Mary Weslin Homes is now making to keep God’s babies alive is the legacy of my wife Mary Lou. This is what she would be doing had she lived. The Lord took her to His eternal Home in 1980 where she is now happily reigning. (She’s Irish.) It is my task as a consultant for her Homes to continue her work here on this earth and hopefully, beyond here – until I, too, leave this place, turn this earthly effort over to a dedicated person, and then, hopefully, join Mary Lou in this profound apostolate of trying to keep God’s newly-created “little people” alive.

There were many more Pregnant Moms who lived at the Mary Weslin Homes for shorter periods than normal term – this was mainly because, midway through their pregnancy, we were able to reconcile a good number of the pregnant Moms with the grandparents of the child. We pose the question to the grandparents that causes them to realize that this is perhaps the worst crisis the young Mom will have in her lifetime and what she needed now – perhaps more than at any other time, is a loving, family support structure. That often worked with Gramma and Grampa and they responded with a “Okay, Father, you’re right!” and they brought their young daughter home – being happy that they did the right thing.

Sadly – it’s oh-so-very sad – that it isn’t that way any more. They’re killing their children now – more than ever!! They’re killing God’s children!! They’re entering the killing centers with big smiles – giving us the “finger” – as though they are entering a theater to see “Hello Dolly” or some porno “Culture of Death” presentation – a sad commentary on our otherwise promising next generation of Americans.

The abortionists have convinced our youngsters to use abortion for “birth control!” But the “pill” is not a contraceptive, it is an abortifacient!! It’s abortion!! It’s murder!! They kill our little people!! The “morning-after-pill” is an abortifacient. It prevents the union of the child with the uterine wall of the mother and therefore Prevents necessary nourishment for the baby from the mother’s placenta – it starves to death the newly-created child which has already been conceived.



Developing baby at 5 months
Source: priestsforlife.org

It's the "murder" of a helpless child. It's not just "a blob of tissue" It's a child!! – It's a son!! – It's a daughter!! It is a "murder" of a living, breathing child of God – already conceived as a complete, defenseless child – living in the most dangerous place to live in the world today – the mother's womb! Even if the sperm is blocked before "fertilization-at-conception," the artificial contraception itself is a heinous blasphemy against the love of God. This is because the effort of the sperm (which is shown to be frantically active in its effort to penetrate the mother's egg) is frustrated by the artificial blockage at the intended time of ensoulment by God – at the moment of fertilization-at-conception of an immortal soul – a soul destined to live forever with God in His Heaven.

The apostolate of The Mary Weslin Homes for Pregnant, Unwed Mothers is to make it possible for the Mom to be able to bring her baby to normal term. That's not possible anymore in many places. We need to relocate to an area that provides referral agencies and Crisis Pregnancy Centers that provide counseling "for life" – "not Choice" – "not death!!" We most certainly do not need the state-employed counselors who, by state laws, must also counsel for "death". We need pro-life people who live as Christians in "The Culture of Life" – Christians who are highly dedicated to the "life" of the unborn child – people who are not intimidated by the financial power and million-dollar attorneys of Planned Parenthood – who guide the biggest "baby-killing-octopus" in the world today.

My purpose in this letter is to bring you up-to-date – to thank all you good people who sacrificed so much in order to keep God's babies alive – by hiding them out from satan and from his minions! We do that at The Mary Weslin Homes for Pregnant, Unwed Mothers – where they are protected from the national law. The Mary Weslin Homes will not allow state-licensed counselors to come into the Home.

Hopefully, the day will come soon when our children are protected by our national law – by our beloved country – which many of us are fighting for. (As it is now, our own National Law is the one which is killing our children – we pay a lot of money in taxes for the killing of our children. It is common knowledge that our pro-death legislators spend a lot of money and pass laws designed to provide them with the "right to kill" our children and to

obtain many votes. "They will kill a baby to buy a vote!!" If you try to come to the fore and speak out against this holocaust – this mass-murder of our helpless children – you are branded as "not politically correct"!)

As I said, we are relocating to "The Heartland of America." We need to "die running" for Jesus Christ!! The people are good here. If they make a big mistake – like living together out of wedlock and getting pregnant out of wedlock – that's bad – very bad – but that is not the end of the world. Jesus has provided us with a system of forgiveness that is incredibly beautiful in terms of compassion, forgiveness, and divine love.

The Mary Weslin Homes For Pregnant, Unwed Mothers will provide the long-term care for those Moms who are receiving counseling and have no money, no husband, no place to go, no bed to sleep in, and they are carrying God's baby in their womb. The Mary Weslin Home For Pregnant, Unwed Mothers will provide the same skilled doctor's and hospital care that they provided for the Moms in the past – with your help – as you so generously provided in the past years. The Management of the Home is now praying earnestly that you will continue in your generous support of the Home and that God will bless our effort together – in trying to keep His babies alive.

God Bless You – and Thank You!! Thank You!! Please join us – let us hold hands together and ask Jesus and Mary and Joseph to provide "The Divine Set-ups" which are so necessary for us to "get it right"!!)

We love you all!! To Jesus, through Mary, Our Mother and Our Twelve-Star General. We know that Jesus is dwelling within us – Mother Mary has us by the hand -- and that Saint Joseph is breaking trail – how can we lose?

*Father Norman U. Weslin, O.S.
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BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB, I KNEW YOU, BEFORE YOU WERE BORN I SET YOU APART; I APPOINTED YOU AS A PROPHET TO THE NATIONS.

JEREMIAH 1:5

Priests for Life Call for Prayer to End Abortion

Priests for Life invites every Christian to say the following prayer each day for an end to abortion.

The prayer emphasizes our personal commitment to speak and act on behalf of the unborn child. Rather than simply asking God to do something, it acknowledges that God wants to accomplish His will through us.

“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.”

– Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae), n. 100.

Sign up to pledge your support for this campaign, to indicate that you are going to say the prayer each day, and also to pledge other forms of prayer you can offer for an end to abortion. To pledge your prayer commitment, go to priestsforlife.org.

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys
more life than abortion,

Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself

Never to be silent,

Never to be passive,

Never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active
in the pro-life movement,

And never to stop defending life

Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,

And our nation once again becomes

A nation with liberty and justice

Not just for some, but for all,

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

from priestsforlife.org

**FURTHER UPDATE ON
FATHER WESLIN'S COURT TRIAL**

You may remember that Father Norman Weslin was arrested in April at the Bellevue, Nebraska abortion mill for entering the clinic, getting on his knees and saying the Rosary for the babies that were scheduled to die in the killing center there that day. His purpose was to try to stop the killing of a human person not yet born. The hearing was held in November and the Judge ordered a transcript of the hearing for further study. No trial date has been set yet by the Federal Judge. Please pray that the outcome of his trial is pleasing to Jesus.



We wish each of you a very blessed and joyous Christmas. May the Christ Child dwell in your hearts and embrace your family with the joy of this beautiful season. God bless each one of you!

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