



Are you seeking:

- ~ To do something to help women in crisis pregnancy?
- ~ To activate your parish to the pro-life cause?

Now you can!

The Gabriel Project

- A parish-based outreach offering immediate and practical help to women and families facing a crisis pregnancy.
- Offers many ways for ALL parishioners to get involved
- Works in conjunction with local pregnancy care centers and other area ministries and resources
- Endorsed by the USCCB and the Diocese of Cleveland
- Affiliated with the Great Lakes Gabriel Project (serving Indiana, Michigan, New York, and Ohio), founded in 1999.

How it works:

At the woman's initiation, the Gabriel Project establishes with her a **personal, day-to-day relationship** that lasts as long as she wishes. Women experiencing a crisis pregnancy, often abandoned by family and the unborn child's father, call a toll-free hotline (877-734-2444) where they speak with a caring leader who assures her help is available, makes an initial assessment, and with her permission, contacts the coordinators of a local Gabriel Project. The local coordinators work with a group of trained volunteers to send out two "Angels" to meet her and begin a relationship that offers her personal support – physical, spiritual, and emotional. Working with established local service agencies and local care providers, the parish-based network of volunteers coordinate to extend to each mother the **love of Christ**.

The Gabriel Project in northeast Ohio was begun May 2009 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Wooster, Fr. Stephen Moran, Pastor. Almost 150 parishioners have pledged their support in a wide variety of capacities. Eight women have already been/are being helped. In the first months of 2010, the Gabriel Project was begun at St. Peter (Loudonville, Fr. Vincent Hawk, Pastor) and St. Edward (Ashland, Fr. James Cassidy, Pastor).

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In the words of the Angel Gabriel: *"Rejoice! You enjoy God's favor! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid. Nothing is impossible to God."* —Luke 1:26–37