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Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord

Third Sunday of Easter

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IT IS I MYSELF;
Touch Me and See.
For a spirit does not have
flesh and bones.

LUKE 24:39

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Mothers Day Flower Sale Flowers are a Mother's favorite!

On Saturday, May 8th & Sunday, May 9th, St. Lambert will sell beautiful bouquets of fresh-cut flowers after all Masses. Proceeds will be used to help young women facing a crisis pregnancy situation and in need assistance. Please support this life-saving work of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Since its founding in 1984, The Women's Centers have helped saved more than 40,000 babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. For more information, please visit their website at www.GoTwc.org. Thank you for your generous support.

Honor the mom in your life.



*Come,
Holy Spirit,
fill the Hearts
of your faithful;
and kindle in
them the fire
of your love.*

Congratulations Confirmands

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Abcede, Adrielle
Agicic, Eyden
Albiola, Eva
Artajo, Melany
Balogo, Neo Sebastian
Boragay, Reena
Cabitac, Sydney
Consing, Stephen
Decena, Nicolette
Deniega, Mark John
Garcia, Maya
Gomez, Noah Stephen
Gutierrez, Samantha
Jallorina, Kreg
Jamison, Marian
Larson, David M.
Magsino, Nathaniel
Mahia, James
Mangubat, Gavin
Moscardon, Christel
Pham, Kyle
Pham, Madison
Punzalan, Sedrick Claire
Reyes, Christo
Reyes, Samantha
Roxas, Kevin
Santos, Marie Eleonor
Schmitz, Jason
Seitz, Hannah
Smith, Zachary
Yu, Dasha

Repeal of parental notification law would harm minors, bishops say

BY MICHELLE MARTIN | STAFF WRITER
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The Catholic bishops of Illinois are urging parishioners to contact their state legislators to oppose the proposed repeal of Illinois' parental notification law for abortion.

“The enactment of this legislation would lead to tragic and irreversible outcomes,” according to a letter from the bishops posted on the [Catholic Conference of Illinois](#) website and distributed to parishes in March. “The Parental Notice of Abortion Act simply requires that when a minor girl seeks to have an abortion, a parent or guardian is notified 48 hours before the procedure. The obvious hope of the law is that parents, by their deep love and moral obligation, will act to protect, support and guide their children.”

The parental notification law, first passed in 1995 but not enforced until 2013, requires that a parent or guardian of a girl under 18 be notified at least 48 hours before she has an abortion. Girls who feel that notifying their parents could be risky can ask for a judicial review.

The number of abortions performed each year on minors in Illinois has decreased by 30 percent since 2013, according to the letter. “These are the reasons every state in the Midwest and 37 states overall have laws requiring some form of parental involvement in the decision of a minor to have an abortion,” the bishops wrote. “Illinois has been among those states for eight years and no obvious problems or detriments have been publicly exposed. The repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion is a tragic solution in search of a problem.”

“We think the law is working as intended,” said Robert Gilligan, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois, which is the state lobbying arm of the bishops. “We’ve seen the number of abortions to minors decrease substantially. It tells us that when parents are involved in their children’s lives, good things happen, and a life could potentially be saved.”

Bills to repeal the parental notification law have been introduced in both the Illinois House and Senate. The house bill, HB 1797, has been assigned to the human services committee; the senate bill, SB 2190, could be assigned to a committee once the legislature returns from a recess April 12.

All of the states that surround Illinois require that parents at least be notified before a minor girl has an abortion;

some require parental consent, Gilligan said. A poll by Illinois Right to Life found that 72 percent of respondents supported the parental notification law, with even higher support from Black and Hispanic respondents.



Supporters of the parental notification law say that repealing it could make it easier for sex traffickers to force their victims to have abortions.

“This is really a predatory law if it goes into effect,” said Dawn Fitzpatrick, the Archdiocese of Chicago’s senior coordinator for Respect Life and Chastity Education. “It will enable sex traffickers to keep their evidence quiet. Even people in other states — it would be easier to bring those girls here and have the parents be none the wiser.”

Fitzpatrick pointed out that minors need parental permission for minor medical procedures of other kinds. “The school nurse needs parental permission to give kids an aspirin,” she said.

Supporters also pointed to a 2019 change in Illinois law that raised the minimum age for buying tobacco products from 18 to 21. Proponents of that change cited research about adolescent brain development. “Minors are impulsive,” Gilligan said. “Their brains are not fully developed until they are 25.”

While pro-life advocates acknowledge that they want to reduce the number of abortions, they argue that a repeal would put parents in a difficult position if their daughter has an abortion and then suffers from complications afterward.

“You can be a parent, a minor can go for an abortion, and you don’t know anything about it,” Gilligan said. “And it can have complications, to their physical and emotional health. Then you’re leaving parents to help counsel their underage daughter and they don’t even know what happened.”

For more information or to find out how to contact your legislators, visit ilcatholic.org.

Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

Eva is doing all she can to raise her grandchild alone on a limited income. She called Catholic Charities when she couldn't afford to fix her plumbing. We made the home repair, and invited her to our caregiver support group. She was one of the 398,078 seniors we helped last year.

"People have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things." - Pope Francis

Please give what you can this Mother's Day to the second collection, mail in your gift in the envelope provided at the back of the church, give online at www.catholiccharities.net or by texting HOPE to 878787



2021 MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL

The face of need is mothers and children.
The face of hope is you.

Mothers are both the great unsung heroes—
 and disproportionate victims—of the pandemic.
 They need our help.

What better way to honor the mothers in our
 lives than helping other moms support and
 strengthen their families?



***Praying with Mary,
 the Mother of God:
 A Day of Reflection for
 Mothers & Daughters***

*Thursday, May 6, 2021
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm*

*with Mary McKeon &
 Fr. Michael Sparough, S.J.*

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Sister Agnette, 107, to celebrate 90 years of religious life

BY JOYCE DURIGA | EDITOR

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When you are 107 years old and living at Sacred Heart Convent in Wilmette, you can have ice cream anytime you want it. For Sister of Christian Charity Agnette Bengal, that time is usually following her afternoon nap. Maple walnut or chocolate ice cream with chocolate sauce are among her favorites.



Sister Agnette celebrated her 107th birthday with a party on Feb. 4 and will celebrate a second milestone — 90 years of religious life — on June 29.

Born in Westphalia, Michigan, Sister Agnette was taught by Sisters of Christian Charity in school and entered the community, which is based in Wilmette, when she was 16. By age 19, she was teaching in schools. Her older sister Margaret, later Marina, also joined the community. “We wanted to teach children,” Sister Agnette said. Two of their other sisters joined the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

While teaching in local schools, Sister Agnette earned bachelor’s degree from Loyola University Chicago and a master’s degree from St. Louis University. She served as principal at many schools and served as her community’s local superior, provincial councilor and treasurer. Sister Agnette was also academic dean for sociology at Mallinckrodt College in Wilmette. When asked what life was like in the community in the early years, Sister Agnette said it was much like her life growing up in family of 13 on a farm — you did what you were told and everyone pitched in.

Today, her days are much simpler. She mostly gets around in a wheelchair because her doctors don’t want her walking. But if the nurses or other sisters are late taking her to chapel, she has been known to take herself, walking behind her wheelchair as she pushes it down the hall. Sister Agnette is hard of hearing but she enjoys word search puzzles and playing solitaire. She can still read fine print and knows how to pull up photos on smartphones. Sister Caroline Schafer grew up in the same small town as Sister Agnette and has lived with her for 21 years. “She was always energetic. She was always very dedicated to her work,” Sister Caroline said. “She could never do enough for anybody.”

The other sisters could see their community’s constitution lived out through Sister Agnette’s actions, she said, especially in her prayer life. She recalls that when Sister Marina was still alive, she and Sister Agnette lived across the hall from one another and would call out “good night” to each other before going to bed. Sister Agnette often helped her sister in the sewing room too, Sister Caroline said. “She came from a small farming community in Michigan where the church was the center of the town, and still is,” she said.

Before the pandemic, Sister Anastasia Sanford would take Sister Agnette out, pushing her in the wheelchair as they

delivered clerical material between the convent and the nearby province center, the community's administration center. They would stop in the kitchens and Sister Anastasia would give Sister Agnette a couple of her freshly baked cookies. "She'd be alternating cookies as we continued our walk. Sometimes through the park. Sometimes to the back by our cemetery and make a visit to Sister Marina and pray a few Hail Marys," Sister Anastasia said. "It was fun walking with her and I'm looking forward to doing it again once the weather gets warmer."

Despite some physical ailments, Sister Agnette is still very lucid, she noted. "She will point out every flower, every dandelion. She never met a dog she didn't try to pet. She loves little children," Sister Anastasia said.



Jesus stood among disciples

Luke 24:36-49, John 20:19-21

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."



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STORY ROAD BREAD FRIGHT
GHOST DOUBTS HANDS FEET
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Saint Gianna Beretta Molla's Story

(October 4, 1922 . April 28, 1962)

In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint!

She was born in Magenta near Milano, the tenth of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage.

Early in her fourth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week Gianna Molla died at home, and was buried in the cemetery of Mesero.

Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on April 28.

Reflection

With great faith and courage, Gianna Molla made the choice that enabled her daughter to be born. We can often wish that we were in different circumstances, but holiness frequently comes from making difficult choices in bad situations.

[Image](#): [Painting of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla with her children | Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe | flickr](#)