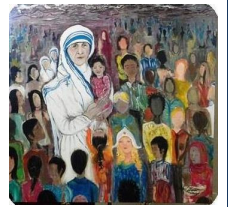




Department of Pro-Life/Pastoral Ministries
St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers / Mother Teresa Home
Diocese of Buffalo



St. Teresa of Calcutta
Pray for Us!

September 15, 2020

Dear Pastor/Pastoral Associate/Deacons/Schools/Administrators:

During some of our most challenging times, we are hoping that this message finds you and your families well. We, too, have experienced some of the same difficulties and we are calling upon you and your parish/school at this time, for our Mothers and Babies Ministries in the Diocese of Buffalo.

We are writing you to remind you of the upcoming approved **second collection on Respect Life Sunday**, October 4th, 2020. You will be receiving a letter from Bishop Scharfenberger to place as an insert and/or your website to use to support this much needed collection. This can also be supported as an online donation at pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org, or call our office for instructions on direct remittance at 847-2205. You will also receive additional letters in regards to the March for Life and for your coordinator commission/selection.

We would like to bring to your attention that during the months of May and June where the majority of our donations come from the Parish/School support through drives and collections from Mother's Day to Father's Day for our five locations of the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers and the Mother Teresa Home to support our mothers and their babies, was **not possible** due to COVID-19.

We sincerely thank you for your continued prayers and support for our ministries, who have served over 1,600 families this past year alone, within the eight counties of Western New York, at our 160 parishes.

Reminders:

- Life Chain will still be held on Respect Life Sunday on October 4th, by Vicariate; formulate who will host or where you decide to pray peacefully, practicing Social Distancing and approved signs on website
- Vicariate wide activities will be held, please send your information in to our offices to help promote what you have decided to do in your area
- We will have a series of topics available during the month of October that will be available on line, for use in the Parish and the community with contact information on each subject
- Forming a Respect Life Conscience, Human Trafficking, End of Life/Hospice, Physician Assisted Suicide, Opioid/addiction, Abortion/Adverse Diagnosis, Immigration/Refugee, Abstinence/Chastity, Racial Justice, Pornography, Domestic Violence, Marginalized, NFP, and Death Penalty

Blessings,

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