

How can YOU help?

DONATE

St. Gianna Pregnancy Center of Cattaraugus County gratefully accepts new or gently-used items to assist families in caring for their children from conception through toddlerhood. New and handcrafted items are reserved for learning rewards for those clients who choose to participate in our Earn While You Learn Program. Gently-used maternity and baby clothing should be laundered and checked for stains, odors, and pet hair. Diapers, wipes, and used items are freely distributed to clients as needed. Please give us a call to set a mutually convenient time for drop-off. St. Gianna—Cattaraugus also welcomes private monetary donations which are used to offset the costs of maintaining services.

VOLUNTEER

St. Gianna—Cattaraugus is staffed entirely by volunteers. Trained volunteers mentor clients by listening and providing information about options, encouraging and supporting life-giving choices. Other volunteers serve on our advisory committee; others sort and organize donations; others write Thank You notes; and still others pray for this ministry and those it serves. If you are interested in volunteering, contact us to discuss how your talents can help.



MANY THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS PAST AND PRESENT

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- ♥ Archbishop Walsh Academy and Southern Tier Catholic School
- ♥ Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels
- ♥ Board Members, Supporters, and Volunteers of Southern Tier Pregnancy Care Center since its beginning in 2012
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ST. GIANNA
PREGNANCY CENTER
OF CATTARAUGUS COUNTY
(formerly Southern Tier Pregnancy Care Center)

Second Floor
Parish Life Center
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels
205 West Henley Street
PO Box 1030
Olean, NY 14760

*Are you expecting?
Do you need help?*

*Call the St. Gianna Pregnancy Center
closest to you!*

BUFFALO AREA: (716) 842-2229

CATTARAUGUS AREA: (716) 373-2569

CHAUTAUQUA AREA: (716) 401-3324

NIAGARA AREA: (716) 284-2229

Our Mission



Who are we?

The St. Gianna Pregnancy Center of Cattaraugus County is a pastoral outreach of the Office of Pro-Life Activities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo. The Center follows the example of St. Gianna Molla in respecting, protecting, and cherishing all human life as a precious gift from God.

What do we do?

The Center serves life by providing material, emotional, and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and families in need from conception through toddlerhood.

Office of Pro-Life Activities /
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<http://www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife>

Who was St. Gianna?

Gianna Beretta, a native of Milan, Italy, received a degree as a pediatric specialist from the University of Milan in 1952 when she was 30. She and Pietro Molla married in July 1955. With serenity and simplicity Gianna Beretta Molla harmonized the demands of doctor, wife, and mother and her passion for life. In September 1961, she was two months pregnant with her fourth child when her doctor told her she had developed a fibroid tumor in her uterus. Trusting in God, Gianna decided to risk having the tumor removed surgically and to risk continuing the pregnancy. She insisted that extreme care be used during the surgery to save the life of the child she was carrying. The child survived this surgery, and Gianna spent the remaining seven months of the pregnancy "in incomparable strength of spirit" dedicating herself to caring for her family and her patients.

In a conversation with her husband Pietro, Gianna said, "If you have to decide between me and the child, do not hesitate; I demand it, the child, save it." Such was her generous attitude throughout her pregnancy. On Good Friday, April 20, 1962, Gianna and her doctors attempted a normal labor, without success. The next morning, the baby was delivered by Caesarean section. The baby survived the delivery and was named Gianna Emanuela. The mother suffered acute pain over the next seven days, and on the morning of April 28, Gianna Molla died of an infection of the lining of the abdomen. She was 39 years old.

Under Pope Paul VI, the Roman Catholic Church began the process of canonizing Gianna Molla in 1970. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Gianna in May 2004.



Source: <http://www.saintgianna.org/>

St. Gianna Pregnancy Centers* of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo

City of Buffalo & Suburbs

Phone: (716) 842-BABY (2229)

Coordinator: Cheryl Z.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm

Address: 76 Church St. Buffalo, NY 14202

Email: stgianna@buffalodiocese.org

Cattaraugus Area

(716) 373-2569

Coordinator: Mary

Hours: By appointment only.

Address: 205 W Henley Street, Olean, NY 14760

Email: stgiannacattco@gmail.com

Chautauqua Area

Phone: (716) 401-3324

Coordinators: Pat & Marlene

Hours: Tuesday 10:00am-3:00pm/

Sat. 10:00am-noon

Address: 32 Moore Avenue, Fredonia, NY 14048

Niagara Falls Area

Phone (716) 284-BABY (2229)

Coordinators: Chuck, Mary Ann & Irene

Hours: By appointment only.

Address: 335 24th St., Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Email: reenie706@gmail.com

* To make a referral, please use the online referral form linked at the top of this web page:

<https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna-molla-center>