

## Respect Life Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 2

### Life News

Respect Life Committee meets the last Tuesday of the month @7p.m. in the Activity Center.

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Visit the Committee's tab at the church's website: [www.stjohnsoftownsend.com](http://www.stjohnsoftownsend.com)

### HOW OUR LORD USES CARENET

Thank you St. John's for partnering with us. The 5,000 plus diapers you have collected will be used to help our clients. Choice is at the heart of everything we do at the center. Deuteronomy 30:19 says: "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh that you would choose life, so that your descendants might live." This is a difficult ministry because we are on the front lines of a spiritual battle fighting a culture of death. "Oh that you would choose life" rings in our ears and in our hearts as confused women come through our doors.

Prayer is our weapon as we listen to heartbreaking stories that expose worldly choices that reek chaos in lives. We serve the men and women who come to our center with compassion and care, introducing the Gospel message through all we do. We weave God's story into the concerns we hear.

We serve our clients by telling them the truth about abortion, and guiding them toward parenting and adoption. We help them to see that they truly are deciding between life and death. We provide classes to help them should they choose parenting. Our client advocates are trained to present our different curriculums. We also provide childbirth classes with our staff nurses. Our "earn-as you-learn" approach establishes self-esteem. As they participate in their classes they earn "baby bucks" and shop in our boutique choosing new baby clothes, baby accessories and diapers. All the baby items are donated from area churches that hold baby showers inviting their congregations to bring in an item.

We wait in anticipation as our new location on Main Street prepares for a grand opening. Our Lord has brought us to this location which is up the street from Planned Parenthood in Fitchburg. We do not receive any state or federal grants, all our funding comes from individuals, churches, and business that believe that life, all life, is sacred.

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Respectfully,  
Gail Gardner  
Executive Director  
CareNet Fitchburg

### DIAPER DRIVE

For the third year in a row, the Diaper Drive has exceeded 5000 diapers. This years count was 5164 diapers, plus wipes. THANK YOU. They were delivered to CareNet of Fitchburg on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>, and are very much appreciated.

### Knights of Columbus ProLife Efforts

#### **Education**

The KofC underwrites the bishops' workshop on medical-moral issues. They sponsor the North American session of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family. They also publish pro-life and pro-family features in Columbia Magazine.

#### **Prayer**

The KofC hold prayer services on the Day of the Unborn Child (March 25<sup>th</sup>) and they collaborate with the US Conference of Catholic Bishops on the observance of October as "Respect Life Month".

#### **Public Policy**

The KofC participate in legislative efforts, informing membership on vital issues, encouraging members and all people to vote pro-life, and have a NGO status at the United Nations.

#### **Financial**

The KofC contribute to a large number of organizations including among others, The Human Life Foundation and Life Athletes.



Diapers stacked outside St John's Parish



At CareNet Fitchburg



Diaper Delivery Day



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### LOVE FOR THE POOR

God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay." It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ recognizes His chosen ones. When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is the sign of Christ's presence.

Catechism 2443

