

## DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

**Office of Family & Faith Formation** 

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Dear Pastors and Priests:

In his Four-Part Plan for Pro-life ministries, Bishop Soto emphasized Pastoral Care as an essential part of living out our Catholic faith. On July 1, 2021, the Gabriel Project became an official ministry under the direction of the Sacramento Diocese. Bishop Soto continues to stress the importance of each parish taking on this beautiful ministry as part of the plan for Respect Life.

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The Gabriel Project is a much-needed parish-based ministry that provides pregnant and new mothers in need with direct assistance. These mothers are offered emotional, spiritual support, friendship, material resources, and a great deal of love. The Gabriel Project is not a passive referral program but one of solidarity with mothers in need. You can also go to the following link as a reference: www.scd.org/gabrielproject

I want to introduce you to our coordinator for the Gabriel Project, Andreya Arevalo. She is eager to embark on this journey in committing to expand the ministry to more parishes in caring for pregnant mothers because no mother should feel that she is helpless and alone.

Parishes can open the doors and promote this project by allowing your Respect Life leaders and all parishioners the opportunity to serve in this ministry. Andreya will be contacting you soon to meet with you to answer any questions and/or concerns about the project and outline the 3 simple steps of the process to bring it to your community. If you are already a Gabriel Project parish, I thank you and encourage you to continue in your inspiring efforts.

If you would like to reach out sooner, please do not hesitate to contact Andreya Arevalo at (916)733-0156 or aarevalo@scd.org.

Blessings,

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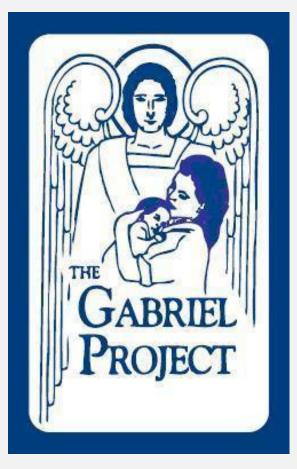
Andreya Arevalo Coordinator for Marriage and Family Life Coordinator for The Gabriel Project



## YOU CAN BE AN ANGEL **AND YOUR CHURCH CAN BE A HOST OF ANGELS**

The Gabriel Project is a church-based ministry to support pregnant mothers and their unborn children. We offer immediate and practical help to anyone facing a difficult pregnancy.

Printed materials, recruiting/training of church volunteers, the central toll-free helpline, and overall project coordination are provided to churches at no cost.



In order to be a Gabriel Project parish, all that's needed are the following:

Display Sign of Hope



Display provided brochures

Ongoing bulletin announcement

Parish account for finances





"The Gabriel Project, developed in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, is excellent and is spreading across the nation. Volunteers in the parish are trained to help a woman through her pregnancy - with practical assistance, spiritual and emotional guidance, and help in accessing needed services." - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

If you would like to start the ministry in your parish, please contact:

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