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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to invite you to begin a Gabriel Project® at your parish during this year of the USCCB's Walking with Moms in Need: a Year of Service. Gabriel Project® is a pro-life and parish-based program, offering assistance to pregnant women experiencing difficult circumstances. It is "confidential and compassionate" and takes a Good Samaritan approach to helping pregnant women in need.

Volunteers called Gabriel Project® Angels accompany pregnant women two by two as Jesus instructed and assist them spiritually, physically, emotionally and materially. They bring the light of Christ to moms in need. The parish becomes increasingly pro-life as they provide support to pregnant moms in need.

There is no financial cost to you to begin Gabriel Project® at your parish. PerpetuaLife Care, a Catholic 501c3 ministry, works with you to get started. This ministry helps provide a parish with: Gabriel Project® parish sign; Access to the centralized Gabriel Project® toll-free number; training manual and assistance with ongoing parish volunteer training and access to resources on God's design for fertility via [perpetualifecare.org](http://perpetualifecare.org)

I ask you to prayerfully consider starting a Gabriel Project® at your parish. Please contact PerpetuaLife Care at 518-429-1154 or e-mail: [perpetualifecare@gmail.com](mailto:perpetualifecare@gmail.com).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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