



# Guadalupe Pregnancy Services

"Blessed is the Season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of Love." *Hamilton Wright Mabie*

Blessings to you from GPS this Christmas Season & the 2012 New Year!

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## GPS Pilgrimage

**Walk for LIFE  
West Coast, San  
Francisco**

Guadalupe Pregnancy Services will be hosting their 2nd annual Pilgrimage to the Walk for LIFE WC in San

## Greetings, Happy and Blessed New Year!

2011 has come and gone. We are always surprised at how quickly time passes and how blessed we are for each passing day. To cherish each day is to acknowledge its value.

The birth of Jesus never fails to bring awe and wonder to young children and the young at heart. Most children have not experienced the pain of disappointment and hurt. It's not until we age and experience the stain of sin, that the reality of the world we live in, is realized.

But the Christ Child naturally seems to bring joy to most everyone of all ages. To see the God-Man humble and small is to see ourselves vulnerable and needy. Jesus's infancy reminds us that we too were once babies and were entrusted to a mother, father, grandmother or other guardian to be cared for, to be

Francisco on **January 20, 2012.**

Get ready to **WALK For LIFE!**

**Please Sponsor a Walker!**

All donations will be used to benefit the programs and services of GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services.

To Register, Sponsor a Walker and for Itinerary [CLICK HERE](#)

We have blocked rooms at the Opal Hotel. The hotel is in walking distance of St. Mary's Cathedral and Civic Center Plaza. This year the Walk and Rally will begin at Civic Center Plaza ending at Justin Herman Plaza.

**Walk for LIFE WC Flier**  
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Let us take this opportunity to ask you to consider sending a special year-end gift to help support the programs and services of **Guadalupe Pregnancy Services.**

loved and to have our needs met.

When we see a child we are reminded of how dependant a baby is on his or her mother and father. Care, love and basic tenderness flows naturally upon seeing a baby. To ponder on the sight of an infant is to ponder that you too were once an infant. It keeps us in check of our own responsibility to respond to be caring and loving of each other.

Many babies are not given the opportunity to take their first breath because the child's mother and/or father fears to love and be loved. Abortion stops us from loving and being loved.

To embrace a child is to say "Yes" to Love. Love is truly experienced in the example of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph).

May this Season of Christmas remind us to respond to the call to be a reflection of familial love as we imitate the Holy Family in all our daily undertakings.



New Year Blessings!  
Guadalupe Pregnancy Services

## **The Big Picture - Abstinence Talk**

A group of young people came to GPS on Saturday, November, 26, 2011 to be empowered through abstinence education. The project was spearheaded by Courtney Clerc for her Girl Scouts Gold Award Project. Courtney Clerc is a amazing young woman who invited other youth to join her in her project plan.

Chastity is a word rare to the language of today. But its

If you have been blessed this year and are in a position to support Guadalupe Pregnancy Services in Rosemead, I hope you will **make your year-end gift online right now.**

**Donate NOW**

***Have you considered becoming a monthly donor?***

***Please help GPS make a difference!***

***In spite of the wind storm," Joy of LIFE" Benefit Dinner was a beautiful success !***

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importance is a powerhouse to the survival of the youth of today. Abstinence challenges have a sustainable and measurable impact upon how youth develop healthfully, physically, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and relational. Their dependence on comporting in a chaste manner will be their independence in the end, independence on the better part of choice and right judgment.

The responsibility of abstinence ultimately lies upon each individual person. We are here at Guadalupe Pregnancy Services to challenge them to love themselves more than risking the chance of failing each other.

Understanding human sexuality must be taught in a truthful, straightforward and no-nonsense manner.

Theology of the Body basics are explained putting emphasis on God's plan for us regarding the awareness of the sacredness of our own fertility, purity, covenant marriage, sexual morality, and how we are uniquely created for greatness.



**The world is a better place because of the young people who attended this information-filled talk.**

After a nerve-racking day and wondering if Sacred Heart Retreat House and St. Joseph Center had any electrical power, there was still some uncertainty at 6:30 P.M. on December 1st, as to whether we would have our Benefit Dinner Event scheduled for the next day.

I called Vito, the caterer from East Side Market, in an attempt to find out if we could cancel our food order, but Vito kept telling me, "Have faith, have faith."

**We are truly blessed and we indeed have faith!**

St. Joseph Center and the Sacred Heart Retreat House had electrical power despite the catastrophic wind storm of Thursday morning. San Gabriel Valley was devastated but the guests kept coming.

We would like to extend our utmost gratitude to the sisters of the Most Sacred Heart for allowing us to host our benefit dinner at St. Joseph Center on Friday, December 2, 2011 and for keeping the sisters up late.

Thanks to our guest speakers: Sr. Paula Vandegaer, Dr. Paddy Jim Baggot, Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos (who flew in from Tucson, Arizona (St.



As the Icebreaker, the youth made a beautiful layette for a newborn ready to give to a mother participating in the Maternal Instincts Program. What a beautiful testimony of love and dedication!



**The youth who attended The Big Picture - Abstinence Talk were: Megan Clerc, Jose Corral, Summer Burlingham, Courtney Clerc and Stephanie Rosales.**

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**Christian Services**



Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish), Fr. Austin Doran (St. Anthony Parish, San Gabriel), and Mr. Mark Padilla, Master of Ceremony (St. Anthony Knights of Columbus).

Also, thanks to the volunteers from St. Louise De Marillac, St. Therese, St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, St. Felicitas and Perpetua Churches and the many others from various parishes and churches who helped with this Event.

We are very grateful to **all the beautiful Table Hosts** who filled the hall with their lovely guests who gave so generously; the beautiful flowers by Evelyn Muniz & Lupe Santana, April Landry (for your swift advice and shopping with us at Muscatel's), decor by Katrina & Jack Crow, Alejandra Arenas, Briana Guzman, Gloria Villa, Rosario Vargas, Evelyn Muniz, Martha Lacayo and many others; Help with moving tables and heavy items: Otto Lacayo, Jack Day, Joey Vasquez, Joe Corona and Mike Gracia (St. Therese Knights of Columbus) and the St. Anthony - Knights of Columbus (you know who you are!!).

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who lovingly devoted their time to help prepare. greet. serve

## **Sts. Felicitas & Perpetua Catholic School**

**Briana Sanchez, Emily Lopez, Sabrina Torres, 8th grade students from St. Felicita & Perpetua Catholic School in San Marino, CA contributed the gifts for the Silent Auction at the "Gift of LIFE" Fundraiser Event held at St. Joseph's Center in Alhambra on December 2, 2011. Because of the generosity of their parents and friends GPS raised over \$400 which will go toward much needed baby supplies for the Baby Room.**

**On December 20, 2011 as part of their Christian Services, the girls took inventory in the Baby Room and helped organize the diapers by size. They also prepared a beautiful girl's layette ready for an expectant mom.**

**Katy Sanchez, Briana's little sister even came along to help. What a lovely understanding of practicing acts of mercy at any age.**

**Briana, Emily and Sabrina will continue to contribute volunteer hours helping with light office duties; mailings, stamping brochures, etc., at GPS in the coming months. We are indeed extremely blessed to have such diligent young people dedicated to the Culture of Life. *God bless you!***



***Katy, Emily, Sabrina and Briana***

and clean-up. Our gratitude is extended to Oscar Centejas and his lovely wife and Willy Salcedo of the St. Anthony Knights of Columbus for their attention to the beverage table; the Sobalvarro Family, Manzano Family, Lacayo/Torres Family for coming to the rescue to serve at the buffet tables, Jack and Willy for making and filling the pitchers of iced tea, and all the volunteers who did the Event Planning week after week at Guadalupe Pregnancy Services: Leslie, Yolanda, Margaret, Evelyn, Briana, Gloria, Alejandra, Mark, Joey and Victor Arenas for your Videos. Ana Maria you were awesome and so sincere in the video.

Lourdes Sanchez presented a great Silent Auction table and Martha displayed a lovely table with all the beautiful gifts that were donated for the Event.

Thank also go to Joey Vasquez for donating the delicious Tres Leches Cakes. I wonder where he got it?

And we don't want to forget the delicious food from East Side Market in Los Angeles; Thank you Vito for all your help and encouragement believing that all would go well !!

Many thanks are also in order to **all our sponsors**



**Sabrina, Emily and Briana**

*The family finds in the plan of God the creator and redeemer not only its identity, what it is, but also its mission, what it can and should do . . .*

*Blessed John Paul II*

**NEW!**  
**Beginning in JANUARY:**

who helped offset the expenses of the dinner event by underwriting some of the costs.

Please forgive me if I have left out any names here.  
*God knows!*



*Our "Joy of LIFE" baby*

*Guadalupe Pregnancy Services exists for the women and the babies who deserve to be loved and who teach us how to love through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.*

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*God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him will not perish, but may have eternal life. (Jn 3: 16)*

- Parenting Classes in Spanish
- Natural Family Planning Classes

Please call for availability or to make an appointment (626) 872-2483.

*We greatly value your prayers and support in this work. Any gift you can make today would be appreciated. Your continued generosity and your faithfulness reaches the most vulnerable of all, the women and their babies who walk through the doors of GPS.*

*Thank you for making the life-affirming programs of Guadalupe Pregnancy Services possible!*

May the Lord bless you and your family in the new year!

Yours in Christ,  
Sincerely,

*Louisa Day, Director*  
*GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services*

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