

Church of Saint Gabriel the Archangel

Dear Fellow Pastor,

As pastors we have a unique opportunity to provide help and hope to those in need and one such way that our parish helps is opening our doors to Several Sources Shelters. The thirty-four years of "Baby saving" work of the Several Sources Shelters has been a part of our St. Gabriel's church for over 25 years.

Several Sources Founder, Kathy DiFiore, was honored by Ronald Reagan at the White House in 1988. Her personal relationship with Mother Teresa helped to keep the Several Sources Shelters open in 1985 during Kathy's struggle with the State of New Jersey.

St. Gabriel's families are always impressed by their speakers because of the many services they provide, which include hotline counseling, free sheltering and sonograms to pregnant women who may be contemplating an abortion. Several Sources also teaches the value and importance of chastity to the young women who enter their programs. It gives women true choice, the ability to choose to have their baby when other doors are closed. The protection of God's innocent preborn and the reinforcing of purity with these young mothers help to teach them the cornerstones of our Catholic beliefs.

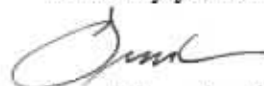
One of the reasons we look forward to Several Sources Shelters coming to St. Gabriel's is that they always bring one of their "saved" babies as a testimony of their work. This truly gives our parishioners a special heartfelt opportunity to see the work of the Shelters in action. The approach is a short presentation after communion, with volunteers at the doors to accept free will offerings. This brings the sensitive "Respect Life" message to life as we focus on the true need to help God's innocent pre-born and their often abandoned and homeless young mothers. I know that those who come to the parish to speak are affirmed by the compliments they receive from parishioners about the value and importance of their life-saving mission of helping young pregnant women who are in need of compassion, understanding and support.

I would encourage you to consider opening your parish to a visit from Several Sources Shelters. The work they do is quite impressive. You may call Ellen Browne, a Several Sources Board Member, at 973-580-5662 or by email ellenb@severalsources.org, for even more details.

Please consider having Kathy or one of her representatives come your parish to make a presentation. I know your community will truly appreciate and support the Several Sources Shelters life saving mission.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. With every good wish I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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