



# Divine Mercy Care

Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare™

Fall 2018 News

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## The Vision, Mission, and Eight Programs of Divine Mercy Care

- Divine Mercy Care is a non-profit that advances pro-life medicine through education and financial support.
- Our vision (and tagline) is transforming hearts through healthcare.
- Our mission is *servicing* those in need, *inspiring* caregivers and medical professionals, and *unifying* the pro-life movement.
- Our SERVE programs:
  - » Supporting Tepeyac OB/GYN, a pro-life medical practice and our primary program
  - » Infant Gift Baskets
  - » Perinatal Hospice and Infant Loss Support
- Our INSPIRE Programs:
  - » Pro-life Education and Outreach
  - » Medical Education and Outreach
  - » Aslan's Army Church Education and Outreach
- Our Unify Programs
  - » Local Pro-Life Unification
  - » National Pro-Life Unification

**Since first we introduced the logos for each of Divine Mercy Care's programs, you've grown more familiar with these symbols. Each represents an important aspect of our overall mission, and we're happy to distinguish them for you.**

### Serve



Supporting Tepeyac OB/GYN



Infant Gift Baskets



Infant Loss Support

### Inspire



Pro-Life Education and Outreach



Medical Education and Outreach



Aslan's Army Church Education and Outreach

### Unify



Local Pro-Life Unification



PWHC Pro Women's Healthcare Centers

# Current Volunteer Needs

## SERVE

### DIVINE MERCY CARE:

#### General Office

- **Event Planning Committee Members** – Planning our Spring 2019 Dinner celebrating Tepeyac's 25th Anniversary
- **Phone Workers** – Helping update databases and provide event reminders
- **Communications and Marketing** – Helping promote our events through email and bulletin blasting

## INSPIRE

- **Writers** – providing original articles for Newsletter features on pro-life medical topics
- **Aslan's Army Captains** – Reaching out to churches to connect them with our ministry- liaison between DMC and your faith group
- **Protestant Church Outreach Coordinator** – Fostering understanding of our mission across interfaith lines
- **Educational Event Coordinator** – Helping arrange our doctors' talks to medical schools and pro-life groups

## UNIFY

- **Pregnancy Center Outreach Volunteers** – Working toward greater collaboration; deepening centers' knowledge of Tepeyac and Divine Mercy Care
- **Natural Family Planning Local Event Volunteers** – Planning special events for specific local communities such as NFP teachers

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To learn more about our programs or to volunteer,  
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# SERVE

## Infant Gift Basket Program

We're blessed in so many ways! Our Infant Gift Basket Program depends heavily on the enthusiastic volunteers who carefully prepare the baskets for Tepeyac's needy patients. What's more, clearly, neither age or the lack of it is any barrier to that enthusiasm.



# SERVE

## Honoring St. James: Maria's Story

In the waning days of summer 2017, eighteen-year-old Maria wasn't surprised or shocked to find herself pregnant with her first child. She *was*, however, a most vulnerable young mother. Unmarried and uninsured, she had no access to Medicaid. A friend agreed to help her to search for a place and a way to receive prenatal care. Together, the two women set out to find a provider on whom Maria could depend to bring her baby safely into the world.

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What *did* surprise and shock Maria, as her search continued, was the reaction of the "health" care providers she saw. Without exception, they pressed her to abort. "You're only eighteen; surely you aren't going to want..." "You're too young; you have school to finish..." "You have your whole life ahead of you..." Being urged to take her child's life by *physicians*--whom she had been taught to regard as guardians and saviors of life--was shocking and discouraging to Maria. Although we at Tepeyac and Divine Mercy Care are sadly aware that this kind of abortion promotion to very young mothers is a regular occurrence in what might be called "mainstream" practices, she came to those practices as an innocent. Fortunately, she also had an innocent's conscience, and it was strong enough to resist any influence that might lead to the abortion of her child.

Both Maria's family and her baby's father (now her husband) were firmly in favor of her decision to give her child the gift of life. Once she found Tepeyac OB/GYN, her own convictions and those of her already formidable support network were bolstered by the dedication of an entire practice filled with pro-life providers. Maria's financial needs for receiving Tepeyac's care were met by a Divine Mercy Care contribution. She

settled quickly into a secure, trusting, and blessedly uneventful prenatal appointment routine.

In February 2018, Tepeyac midwife Kim Terhune delivered a son to Maria. His mother named him Santiago in honor of St. James, patron saint of Spain and the first of the apostles to be martyred. Although Maria had hoped for a natural childbirth, at the last minute she required an epidural to deliver. Suffering from a punctured lung and having aspirated meconium, small Santiago spent about a month in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Once Maria was able to bring him home, he made up for lost time by quickly assuming his rightful place as pride and joy of his entire family.

Now pregnant with her second child (gender still unknown), Maria is again under the painstaking care of Tepeyac--and she can't say enough good things about the practice.

"They really do go above and beyond, not only in caring for your physical health, but also in making sure to nurture your mindset about becoming a mother. Right from the start, they prep you differently than other medical practices. Right from the start, you feel welcomed and protected at Tepeyac."

Together with Maria, the Tepeyac doctors and staff are looking forward to meeting Santiago's sibling. No matter how many deliveries they perform, the joy that these doctors experience in welcoming new life never dims!



# SERVE

## Campaign for Mercy

Our Campaign for Mercy, conducted to finance the move to Tepeyac's and Divine Mercy Care's Fair Ridge Drive location, which we occupied in February 2017, was a tremendous success. This July, we received and installed the various room name signs reflecting donors' contributions to our expansion.

After that, it was celebration time! We aren't sure who was prouder—the donors, to see their naming wishes honored in connection with our beautiful rooms, or DMC/TEPEYAC, to show off not only the rooms themselves, but also the beautiful name signs attached to them.

These glimpses of a well-populated reception honoring our major donors will give you an idea of what the evening was like....



Photography by Renata Crespo  
[rencrespo.com](http://rencrespo.com)



# INSPIRE

## Valuing Life at All Stages

By Joe Grimberg

Recently, I was listening to a Catholic radio show--Al Kresta's "Things That Matter Most"--and heard a disturbing story about euthanasia in Europe. Apparently, in Belgium childhood assisted suicide is legal. That definitely got my attention, but what *really* woke me up was learning that a 5-year-old with muscular dystrophy was euthanized.

I was completely perturbed and enraged. The reason this seemed so sad to me is that five years old was my age when I was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The doctor basically gave my parents the worst-case scenario on the progression of the illness.

When they receive a diagnosis like this, parents are already emotional basket cases--and so trusting in the doctors that I could see how a family might be persuaded to "compassionately" end their suffering child's life. That made me reflect on the fact of *my* life. What would my family be like if my parents had misguidedly opted to end it prematurely? They would not have had to alter their lifestyle to care for a sick child, but what message would they be sending to my younger brother when he found out that they had deliberately terminated my life prematurely to spare me the possibility of future suffering? It would be like telling him "If you encounter a terminal illness, it is better to give up than fight on and try to make the most of every day God has given you."

Had this happened, I don't believe my four younger siblings would be here. I believe that my illness changed our family dynamic for the better. Why? For one thing, it forced us to realize that we needed each other. Before my diagnosis, my mom was considering working full-time. But when she found out I had muscular dystrophy, she put off the idea of working to care for me.

Secondly, the doctors advised my parents not to have any more children for fear that any subsequent child might have DMD. According to statistics, there is a 50 percent chance of a male child's having the condition. Luckily, my firstborn brother, who was about two years old when I was diagnosed, was tested and found to not have DMD. My mom was upset and considered getting sterilized, but was persuaded otherwise by a Catholic priest who gently told her, "You know what the right thing to do is."



After working at a crisis pregnancy center, Mom decided to take a leap of faith and have another child. That child, Mary Faith, born in 1986, is now a physical therapist in Texas. Three years later, along came Rachel, who is now married with four beautiful children. Then came Anna, who is now a registered nurse. Last of all came Mike.

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Mike seemed, at first, to be healthy. When, after showing signs of deteriorating health, he received his own DMD diagnosis, it hit me like a ton of bricks. I thought to myself, "But, Lord, I prayed for a healthy brother whom I would help grow into a self-reliant adult!" As the years went by, I realized my purpose is to mentor him by example and lift him up when he is down. I try to let him know he is not alone--that he has God, who sees his suffering, but allows it to draw him and others closer to Himself.

We will never fully comprehend in this life how much good has come from accepting and caring for children with terminal illnesses. When we offer this kind of acceptance and care, we affirm the ability of an individual to overcome major challenges and, in so doing, to inspire others. When we act in a way contrary to someone's innate dignity and value, we deny society an opportunity to become more compassionate and selfless. After all, a society will ultimately be judged on how well it treats the weak and vulnerable.

*Mr. Grimberg, an enthusiastic guest writer for Divine Mercy Care, has spent most of his life battling the effects of muscular dystrophy. We're thankful for his faithful support of DMC and for his articulateness on pro-life issues.*

# INSPIRE

## Friday Features on Facebook: Educating

July 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*—and the celebrations were everywhere! For our July Friday Features theme, we revisited the ageless wisdom of Pope Paul VI as demonstrated in his still-controversial landmark declaration.

'Humanae Vitae' at 50

<https://bit.ly/2N0I5un>

Humanae Vitae Project

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Humanae Vitae, A Gift to Women and Men

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'Humanae Vitae' said to be rooted in respect Church has for human dignity

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John the Baptist and Humanae Vitae

<https://bit.ly/2oRYDq4>

How Humanae vitae has advanced reproductive health

<https://bit.ly/2oQTnmo>

#AskTheQuestion about 'Humanae Vitae'

<https://bit.ly/2wRRtqk>

'Humanae Vitae' is true, and essential to human development, conference speakers say

<https://bit.ly/2wRSaQs>

Why Humanae Vitae Will Always Matter

<https://bit.ly/2oOojUi>

Humanae Vitae: Now young Catholics sign letter backing 'beautiful and prophetic' document

<https://bit.ly/2wV5RxY>

Humanae Vitae: The Courage of Pope Paul VI Stood Out During a Tumultuous 1968

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Experts weigh in on the accuracy of Paul VI's predictions

<https://bit.ly/2oQWACJ>

'Humanae vitae' saves marriages, says Minneapolis bishop

<https://bit.ly/2N111sY>

Malcolm Muggeridge Converted After Reading 'Humanae Vitae'

<https://bit.ly/2oRu0AX>

Teachings of Humanae Vitae help couples have life "to the full"

<https://bit.ly/2wVTSQD>

Humanae Vitae - Friday Features, Divine Mercy Care

<https://bit.ly/2wVvgHX>

# INSPIRE

## What Love's Got to Do with It

**We initiated August's Friday Features, themed to the topic "Love, Marriage, Chastity" with some thoughts of our own.**

*By Sharon Chang*

Each of us, in his/her life, has loved a multitude of things, a multitude of times, in a multitude of ways. We've loved everything from the color of robin's eggs to the lullaby of ocean waves; from the scent of roses to the elegance of a Chanel jacket or a Lamborghini; from the cradling of an easy chair to the taste of chocolate. There a limitation, though, to this kind of love—not one of these things is sentient. Not one of them is capable of loving us in return.

We've also loved pet animals, baby elephants, swift horses, bunnies—and there's at least one of us who is known to entertain a special fondness for capybaras. Beings like this can "love" us in return, can respond to us, can demonstrate considerable allegiance to us. They can even grieve when separated from us. What they can't do is achieve a deep understanding of us. The absence of mutual understanding of like for like is the reason Adam was lonely in Eden even amidst an abundance of living, growing beings over which he had authority and for which, we can imagine, he may well have had appreciation and even affection. It's the reason God created another human being to accompany Adam in his life's journey.

In our own lives, we've loved many people. We've loved our parents and our older relatives, our siblings, and our cousins. We've loved friends and neighbors. We may have fallen in and out of romantic love with a number of sweethearts before deciding on the one among



them whom we'd marry. After marriage, we may have been granted children and grandchildren, and loved them as well. In this kind of love—the love of one human being for another—there's a common thread that runs through the various relationships. In this kind of love, provided it's genuine, we dedicate ourselves to working for the good of the loved one. Because Christ articulated and exemplified this kind of love, we can, for simplicity's sake, call it "Christian love." A stroll through the lengthy history of humankind, however, will remind us that such love is by no means the exclusive property of Christians.

The work of Divine Mercy Care (in particular, its support of the work of Tepeyac OB/GYN) strives to demonstrate this kind of selfless love. We insist on offering nothing less than care that leads to true health, that respects and tends the entire person, that is inclusive of the poor, the broken, and the stranger in our midst, and that is provided as a result of considerable personal sacrifice. It's the truest kind of love we know, and we lay it on the line every day.

Why?

So that others may have life, and have it more abundantly.

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How is chastity lived out within marriage?

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Selfless love, happy marriage among the fruits of chastity

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Godtalk: Chastity Is About Love

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Chastity Project

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Love, Marriage, and Chastity - Friday Features, Divine Mercy Care

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# INSPIRE/EDUCATE

## Media Hits

Not to be missed—Dr. Bruchalski's definitive handling of an important issue. In this podcast, learn whether the deliberate killing of her child (i.e., abortion) is ever necessary to save the life of a mother. [Click here to listen to the episode.](#) <https://bit.ly/2M9r5Nt>



[Read about the Catholic Medical Association Guild of Northern Virginia](#) and its founder, Tepeyac's own Dr. Marie Anderson, in this Arlington Catholic Herald article:



A local guild of Catholic medical professionals hopes to make searching for a Catholic doctor easier and provides community for the medical professionals.

The Catholic Medical Association Guild of Northern Virginia was founded in 2007 by Dr. Marie Anderson, a physician at Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax. The local guild has been part of the national guild but now they are linked online through a new website: [novacathmed.org](http://novacathmed.org).

Anderson said the purpose of the national and local organizations is to educate, form and support. Through the new website, she said the guild wants to educate the public through articles and links to other Catholic resources that hold the same values as the guild.

Since the local guild is open to all in the healthcare field, Anderson said patients will be able to locate local Catholic practitioners via the website.

Read the complete article at <https://bit.ly/2Qkyqgg>

## What If We've Been Wrong?

Keeping my promise to America's "Abortion King"



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Already shared on Facebook, but deserving of your viewing if you missed it there: Terry Beatley's talk in the first offering of our DMC lecture series for 2018. [Click here to view the video.](#) <https://bit.ly/2M5f8bv>



Dr. Bruchalski speaks at Georgetown. [Click here to view the video.](#) <https://bit.ly/2CANfII>

# UNIFY

## Pro Women's Health Centers



Three more Pro Women's Healthcare Centers are now on the map! Let us introduce you to:



**Sancta Familia  
Medical Apostolate**  
Omaha, Nebraska



**Guiding Star  
Cedar Valley**  
Waterloo, IA

If you know women located in these areas, please make sure they're aware that there's a Pro Women's Healthcare Center near them! Also, please pray with us for the continuing proliferation of certified Pro Women's Healthcare Centers across the U.S. We have approximately twenty more centers seeking certification, and we continue to aim at establishing at least one Pro Women's Healthcare Center in every state as soon as possible!

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