

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Protecting the dignity of human person from conception to natural death.

By Katherine Miller

In November of 2013, as a member of the Respect Life Ministry, I received the following email from the Director of Adult Enrichment at Holy Family, "We know of a woman who is pregnant with a baby boy, she is 39 years old, in great health, educated and resolved to find a home for her baby. She is due in December. Please think of everyone you know at your work, church, school, friends of friends who may be the right match for this amazing gift. Pass on my phone number and they can contact me." I immediately thought of someone who I hadn't spoken to in over a year but I had heard that she was anxious to have children and was unable to conceive. Amazingly enough this woman and her husband were just starting to look into how to go about the process of adoption. This woman had gone to mass that morning for All Saints Day and prayed to any saints that would listen to see if they could pull a few strings to help them with a baby. When she got home she saw my out-of-the-blue message that I forwarded about the woman. She couldn't believe the timing and knew that God's hand was in this somehow.

This woman's attitude about God's hand struck me. She said "I would be amazed if this worked out in our favor though we are also very compassionate to the mother and can only imagine what she is going through to lead her to this decision." She also said that if this situation did not work out, that at least they had a contact with the woman. In the end, the woman in the email decided to keep her child but through the help of the contact, this couple found a newborn baby girl, Lily, a little over a year later. Lily is the light of their life!

This woman's attitude of compassion and hope throughout the setbacks were truly inspirational to me. I also realized the strength and wisdom of God's hand and resolved myself to try to be more hopeful like these adoptive parents. To listen for God. I think of Lily and the joy she brings and hope more women realize that there are options and that their child can be a blessing and a gift to others.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2016 RALLY in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22nd. Please join Holy Family! We will meet at the Church in the Narthex at 11 am, proceed to take the metro down to the National Mall to attend the Rally and return to Holy Family around 4 pm. Please email Katherine Miller at ksmillerhome@verizon.net for additional information.



1 Peter 5:7

"Let Him have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you."