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Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Born into a large family in Milan, Italy, St. Gianna was inspired as a teenage girl to dedicate her life to God. As an adult, she faithfully discerned her calling as a doctor; her passion for expectant mothers and young families led her to earn her Pediatrics degree at the University of Milan in 1952. She gave special attention to mothers and babies, but also the elderly and poor.

With joy and simplicity, she balanced the demands of doctor, marriage, motherhood, and her passion for life. In September 1961, early in her pregnancy with her fourth child, unusual pain and swelling revealed a life-threatening uterine tumor; surgery was required. Conscious of the great risk her continued pregnancy brought, St. Gianna entrusted herself to prayer and God's will. Preparing for the operation, she directed the surgeon to save the life of her child she was carrying: "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child – I insist on it. Save him".

On the morning of April 21st, 1962, baby Gianna Emanuela was born. One week later, on the morning of April 28th, in unspeakable pain and after repeated exclamations of "Jesus, I love you, Jesus, I love you", St. Gianna died. She was 39 years old.

Her beatification was celebrated in 1994 and St. Gianna was canonized a decade later in 2004.

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About Us

The St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center is an OLV Charities' ministry dedicated to serving families and continuing the legacies of St. Gianna & Venerable Nelson Baker in respecting, protecting and cherishing all human life as a precious gift from God.

HOW WE HELP

The St. Gianna Center serves families by providing material, emotional, and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and young families in need during and after pregnancy. We are dedicated to doing so in a caring and compassionate atmosphere, maintaining the dignity of all.

A HISTORY of CARING

The work of our ministry has undertaken vital, life-affirming work for thousands of individuals over the past 15 years as a pastoral outreach program of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Buffalo.

In the spring of 2025, OLV Charities, the legacy of Venerable Nelson Baker, became the organizational sponsor of the St. Gianna Center under director *Sarah Lindstrom* and program coordinator *Miriam Escalante*.

Get Involved

DONATIONS OF ITEMS

The St. Gianna Center assists approximately 1,500 families each year. We are supported through the generosity of donors who contribute items such as bottles, diapers, bibs, and blankets. We also accept infant care accessories such as bouncers, walkers, highchairs, jumpers, etc. Please call regarding acceptable donations and to schedule an appointment for drop-off.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers power our organization. If you or your group would like to get involved, email *mescalante@olvcharities.org*.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your financial support will ensure our mission grows! Checks can be made payable to OLV Charities, please note "St. Gianna" in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to:

OLV Charities
780 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Want to make an online gift? Simply scan this code with your smartphone.

Always Here to Help You

We help with clothing (sizes preemie through 4T), blankets, bibs, bottles, diapers, wipes, and basic infant care necessities. If you are an individual or family in need, an agency or case-worker must submit an online referral detailing the specific assistance that is required.

Once we receive the referral, you will be contacted and scheduled for an appointment. The referral form is available at *www.stgiannaoutreach.org*.

St. Gianna Center sites are located throughout Western New York, meaning compassionate assistance is always nearby!

MAIN LOCATION:

BUFFALO
76 Church Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 842-2229

SATELLITE LOCATIONS:

ATTICA
72 East Avenue
Attica, NY 14011
(716) 387-5909

CHEEKTOWAGA
921 Cleveland Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716) 842-2229

FREDONIA
32 Moore Avenue
Fredonia, NY 14063
(716) 387-5910

HOLLEY
13 S Main Street
Holley, NY 14470
(585) 201-8348

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NIAGARA FALLS
625 Tronolone Place
Niagara Falls, NY 14301
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