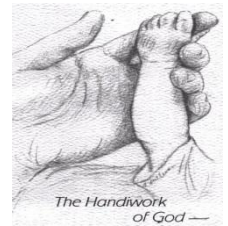




St. Gerard Campus

“The really ignored and abused woman of this world today is one that has been abandoned by the father of the baby that she is carrying.” – Caroline Wolff



“Give us the grace...When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.” Blessed John Paul II

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Dear Friends and Patrons of the Unborn Child,

We applaud and congratulate all of the seniors that graduated St. Gerard High School in 2016. We are sure each family is proud of the accomplishments achieved and are looking forward to a bright future for their students. We wish you all the best of luck. Graduation at St. Gerard Campus it is a little different. Each year as we near June, the excitement becomes explosive. Finishing Memory Books, taking finals, applying for scholarships, getting a new dress for Graduation, class pictures, sending invites to family members, nursing a baby or having a baby, in between everything.....the flurry of activity is positively unbelievable and sometimes quite chaotic! The graduation ceremony at St. Gerard Campus is not like your typical high school graduation. Yes, at your ordinary high school, the students are accepting their diplomas as family members are wildly cheering on their favorite student. While that is true of St. Gerard Campus' graduation, it is still quite different. Some of our students are new mothers and they watch with such pride as their little ones "graduate" from the Nursery, being "capped" just like their mommies. Other students are nearing term and are so excited to be getting ready for the moment when they can hold their own precious baby. The graduates stand tall and proud as they realize their dream of a high school diploma, despite all odds. The undergraduates look on in admiration.

This June, St. Gerard Campus graduated 100% of the Senior Class and two young ladies received scholarships to further their schooling. In addition to the prescribed academics required for graduation, our students have taken classes in Parenting, Child Development, Child Psychology, Life Management, Financial Literacy and Home and Family Management. Courtney Bennett was Class Valedictorian. In her address she thanked her friends, family and the St. Gerard staff for their support through the "bump in the road". Courtney further stated, "We already no longer live for ourselves but for more than that. We have our children. We defy statistics." She urged fellow graduates to remember the success stories of former graduates and to never count themselves out. "We are all teen moms who have full lives ahead of us," Bennett said. "We live for our children, to give them anything they ever want or need. We continue to further our education so we can provide for our families, keeping everything in mind we learned while at St. Gerard." Salutatorian Kyesha Simone Jones echoed those sentiments, saying St. Gerard is a "special, unique place." Jones said her long journey began when she became a mother at 16 years old. "There were people who didn't believe in me, but I didn't quit," she said. She encouraged fellow graduates to find their true calling in life. "There is a passion for all of us," she said. "Thank all of you girls for being in my life."

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So another year passes into St. Gerard’s history. Another year full of smiles, tears, growing and learning. It is a bittersweet moment that we send our young ladies out into the world...little fledgling birds ready to fly. God bless each and every one of our students and bless those little angels they hold so dearly. Bless you too in your continued support of our mission. Please see Page 4 for some wonderful pictures of our students and graduation.

With Love, *Caroline Wolff*

Congratulations to the Class of 2016.....



Courtney Lynn Bennett
Mary Alice Burch
Josie Marisa Cannon
Taylor Jo Center
Marissa Garcia
Kyesha Simone Jones

Ashleigh Eunice Nolen
Kiegee Javond Proctor
Gianna Punziano
Clara Lucille Sowers
Hope Isabel Thompson
Haley Elizabeth Waters

Registration – Applications are now being accepted for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are a pregnant teen or new teen mother looking to complete your high school diploma in a safe and nurturing environment, or if you know of a young lady that may need our services, please call Roberta Butler, Academic Administrator, at 904-829-5516. This is an accelerated, individualized, fully accredited education including classes in Childbirth, Child Psychology, Family and Life Management classes in addition to the required academics.

Upcoming Events.....Save the Dates –

- ✚ 33rd Annual Fashion Show and Silent Auction – Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 12 noon to 3:30 pm at the Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village. The latest fashions for men, women and children will be presented from national and local fashion houses. Our fabulous Silent Auction will be offering over 125 items from artwork, sports memorabilia, entertainment and baskets full of surprises to holiday gift ideas for everyone in the family. There will be a gourmet lunch served, door prizes, raffles, entertainment and a grand prize drawing for \$5,000. For ticket information or sponsorship opportunities, please call 904-829-5516 or 904-797-9437.
 - ✚ Installation of the Crosses at Our Lady of La Leche Shrine is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 9 am. All families and youth groups are encouraged to sign up. The Crosses take-down will happen on Saturday, April 8, 2017.
 - ✚ The Respect Life Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017. More details will follow.
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St. Gerard Campus has volunteer openings in the following areas:

- ✚ **Reception/Community Outreach** – Answer phones and assist clients with clothing, food and resources, hours are 9 am to 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm to 4 pm, Monday to Friday
- ✚ **Pregnancy Counselors** – No experience required, we will fully train, administer pregnancy tests, counseling, sonograms and assistance with resources, hours are 9 am to 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm to 4 pm, Monday to Friday
- ✚ **Thrift Store** – Assist clients with purchases, sort and tag items, hours are 10am to 5 pm, Tuesday to Saturday
- ✚ **Teachers** – If you are interested in teaching, please contact Roberta Butler, Academic Administrator, at 904-829-5516 or email your resume and qualifications to education@stgerardcampus.org.

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Please help keep the St. Gerard Mission alive. For every \$25.00 you donate, your name will be entered in our drawing for one of these three fabulous prizes.

1st PRIZE – Overnight Stay in a Suite at the Renaissance Hotel at World Golf Village, 1 Round of Golf for 4 at the Slammer & Squire Golf Course and a Gift Certificate for lunch at Murray Brothers’ Caddyshack Restaurant
Value \$765.00

2nd PRIZE – Overnight stay for 2 nights at the St. Augustine Courtyard by Marriott with breakfast for 4, Family admission pack for St. Augustine Alligator Farm & Zoological Park, Gift Certificate to the World Famous Oasis Restaurant - *Value \$450.00*

3rd PRIZE – Overnight Stay at the Casablanca Inn on the Bay in St. Augustine, Tickets for 2 to the Limelight Theatre, Admission for 2 to the Ft. Menendez Museum, Gift Certificate to A1A Ale Works – *Value \$350.00*
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Yes, I believe in the mission of St. Gerard Campus and I want to help!

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**Graduation Day
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**Moms and
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