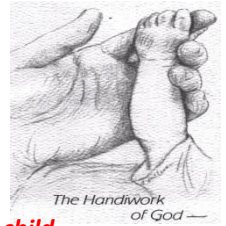




# St. Gerard Campus

“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



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**The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child.**  
**St. Teresa of Calcutta**

Winter 2016

Dear Friends and Patrons of the Unborn,

Being alone these days, since Al's passing, I sometimes reflect on years gone by. As we draw nearer to the holiday season, I find myself reminiscing about the wonderful holiday experiences with my own family and with my own children. I can still see their smiling faces on Christmas morning, believing that Santa had visited, even though we did not have a chimney, and left so many toys and games plus a few new pairs of pajamas or dresses, handmade by Grandma. Those were easier times, a more gentle era. Today, our grandchildren are growing up in a world plagued with gruesome wars, more poverty around the globe, civil unrest, people killing one another, more terrible diseases than evermore. Where can we find that peace that once was? Look into the eyes of your children and grandchildren and you will see the hope for our future. I believe that peace starts with simple family traditions that each of us have in our lives, probably without realizing it. We are all so busy, running here and there, handling one crisis after another. Let us stop for a little while and reflect on how we can build and strengthen our families and build traditions that our children and grandchildren can carry on. Do you have a holiday cookie day? Oh, so what the kitchen is a mess and you are exhausted after a day of chaos. They will remember the fun. Have you ever thought of having a "Birthday Party for Baby Jesus"? Some brightly decorated cupcakes, which the kids can help decorate, party hats, streamers, singing Happy Birthday and you are all set. The big event of the party can be putting up the Nativity. Tell your children the stories of Christmas, did the animals really talk, why did the kings come, why was Baby Jesus born in a stable? Set aside some time to do something for the poor. Give them each a shoebox and a few dollars, hopefully that they earned, and take them to the dollar store and fill the box with "stuff" for a boy or girl their age. Bring the boxes to a homeless shelter. Help them to know there is a sorrowful time at Christmas too. Create those wonderful memories that will impact your family forever. It is called "tradition" and it begins at home. Oh yes, remember to turn off your phone.

Speaking about tradition, do you realize we have been having our biggest fundraiser every year, about this time, for 33 years now? It has become quite a tradition in our town. About 700 people come each year to enjoy our annual fashion show, shop the silent auction of about 150 items, have a great lunch and enjoy each other's company at the lovely Renaissance Resort in World Golf Village. If you have a group, church or organization, there are sponsorship opportunities where your name will be advertised throughout the show on your table. If you would like to be a part of the show, we have some great fashion houses that will fit you in the latest looks. Men and children are also welcome to "walk the runway". What fun we have every year. So join us again this year and keep your tradition going or if you are new to the show, start a new tradition. Children are always welcomed. See pages 3 and 4 for more information about the show. May your holidays be blessed, filled with love and peace. God bless each and every one of you for all you give to keep our mission alive. Keep praying!

*With love, Caroline Wolff*

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The Halbrook Family Foundation

## Exciting news!



St. Gerard Campus received a grant from the [Meninak Club of Jacksonville](#) to build an extension onto our one-room schoolhouse to be used as a science lab and then received grant from the [Ward Family Foundation](#) to furnish this science lab with the equipment our students will need to take labs along with their science courses. The lab is complete and fully operational. Our students are now taking lab classes in Physics, Anatomy, Biology and Earth Science, opening a new world of learning and discovery. With this hands-on experience and with the credits they will earn, our students will now compete for the coveted scholarships in the nursing and medical fields they choose. Our students will become CNAs, Registered Nurses, Laboratory Technicians or go into any number of science fields, able to better support themselves and the child they brought into this world. [Our sincerest thanks to the Meninak Club of Jacksonville and the Ward Family Foundation, for believing in our mission....to empower these teens, that have chosen a tough road, with the best accredited education we can offer.](#)

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Please remember, St. Gerard Campus is always in need of volunteers for our Reception/Community Outreach Desk, our Pregnancy Center, our Thrift Store, Teachers, Van Drivers and a Gardner. No experience is required. Please contact St. Johns Volunteers at One News Place, Suite A (The Record building), St. Augustine, 32086, or call 904-584-9600 or by visiting the website at [www.stjohnsvolunteers.org](http://www.stjohnsvolunteers.org). If you have any free time, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4 pm, to spend at this wonderful little mission we would be most appreciative.

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## **Congratulations to the winners of our Summer Newsletter Raffle and thank you for all your contributions. This year's winners are:**

**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 – Winner Walter Soha**

**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 – Winner Dr. Peter Kuhlman**

**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 – Winners John and Bernadette Hashtak**

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## **Upcoming Events.....Save the dates and be a part of saving God's littlest angels.....**

- ❖ 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 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, door prizes, raffles, entertainment and a grand prize drawing for \$5,000. For ticket information, sponsorship opportunities or to be a model, please call 904-829-5516 or 904-797-9437. See pages 3 and 4 of our newsletter for more information.
- ❖ 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 in March, 2017. More details will follow.

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