

WHO IS SAINT GIANNA?



St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a modern-day physician and mother who sacrificed her life to save her unborn baby. In 1961, Gianna and her husband Pietro were expecting their fourth child. During her fourth pregnancy, Gianna developed a fibrous tumor on her uterus. Wanting to save the life of her unborn baby at all costs, she chose a more risky procedure, the removal of the fibroma. After the operation, complications continued throughout her pregnancy. Gianna was quite clear about her wishes, expressing to her family, "This time it will be a difficult delivery, and they may have to save one or the other -- I want them to save my baby." On April 21, 1962, Good Friday of that year, Gianna went to the hospital, where her fourth child, Gianna Emanuela, was successfully delivered via Caesarean section. However, Gianna continued to have severe pain, and died of septic peritonitis one week after the birth.

Gianna was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1994, and canonized as a saint on May 16, 2004. Her husband Pietro and their last child, Gianna, were present at the canonization ceremony. She is the patron saint of mothers and families.



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St. Gianna
Women's Homes 
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St. Gianna Women's Home is a twenty-four apartment home staffed by the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln for women of all faiths, races and ethnicities who are escaping domestic violence and abortion. A market study done in preparation for this home identified the need for 219 new domestic violence beds for at-risk women in a portion of southeastern Nebraska alone.

This complex consists of six 1-BR, twelve 2-BR, and six 3-BR units which are fully furnished and designed to give women and their children the needed time and support before their safe transition into permanent housing. During their

stay at St. Gianna's caseworkers will address any needs the women, children and infants may have as they make this transition.

In addition, counseling services are made available as needed. Our caseworkers and therapists will work together to develop a family action plan for each woman and their children to accomplish this goal. St. Gianna Women's Homes is completely funded through donations only. It is through the generosity of our many benefactors

who support us with their prayers and financial gifts that we can offer our clients a safe and secure home and sorely needed love and respect.

Last year St. Gianna's helped 45 women and 75 children with 16,148 nights of housing. Last year 52 individuals and 18 families graduated

from the program. Since opening we have helped 280 women and 358 children with 123,000 nights of housing. In addition, since opening, we have directly helped save 41 babies from abortion.



Sister Bernadette, Sister Carol and Sister Karen are three of the Marian Sisters that staff St. Gianna Women's Home



PRAYER OF

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

O Jesus, I promise You to submit myself to all that You permit to befall me, make me only know Your Will.

My most sweet Jesus, infinitely merciful God, most tender Father of souls, and in a particular way of the most weak, most miserable, most infirm which You carry with special tenderness between Your divine arms, I come to You to ask You, through the love and merits of Your Sacred Heart, the grace to comprehend and to do always Your holy Will, the grace to confide in You, the grace to rest securely through time and eternity in Your loving divine arms.