

“So That No One Should Ever Face Pregnancy Alone”

The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair to Speak at November 2nd Annual Dinner

Shortly after discovering an hours-old infant girl left in a cardboard box in the foyer of Watertown's St. John the Evangelist Church, Fr. Robert Rousseau made a pledge.

He was committed to give local, expectant mothers like that of baby “Carolyn Marie,” access to the support they needed to ensure that they would never “have to face pregnancy alone”.



One year later, Father Rousseau's dream was realized with the establishment of Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center. Since 1992, Carolyn's Place has been instrumental in saving hundreds of precious babies and has touched the lives of thousands of young women and men through education, comfort, and assistance.

Please join us in celebration and support of this mission on Sunday, November 2nd at La Bella Vista at the Pontelandolfo Club in Waterbury. All funds raised will help Carolyn's Place continue its work of empowering individuals to make life choices related to their sexuality and child-bearing that are consistent with the sanctity of human life.

Following a sumptuous five-course meal, The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, S.T.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, will provide the keynote address.



The annual event will also pay special tribute to three individuals for their pro-life advocacy and volunteer work. The Carolyn's Place Ministry Award will be bestowed upon **Sister Suzanne Gross, F.S.E.**, for her 13 years of exceptional work as program coordinator of the Pro-Life Ministry for the Archdiocese of Hartford through the Franciscan Life Center.

Woodbury resident **Wesley Wensek** will receive the Walter J. Williams Volunteer Award. Over the last five years Wes has coordinated scores of Baby Bottle Boomerang events in Greater Waterbury. Wes also serves as the pro-life representative at St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



Receiving the Maureen Anne Donohoe Life Award will be **Anne Marie Cullinan**, Chief Academic Officer of Waterbury Public Schools, for her efforts in implementing the “Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program” in her district. Through this program, Waterbury Public Schools are able to help teen mothers and fathers stay in school and move to higher education and training programs to reach their career goals.



Our Master of Ceremonies will be author and columnist, Bill Dunn and we will be entertained by the soft jazz music of Gomez and Sadlon. Returning again is our ever-popular silent auction! A few of the fabulous prizes offered will include: Yankees tickets, basket of wines signed by Geno Auremma, theater tickets, museum tickets and more than 100 other items! Come ready to bid (cash, checks, Visa or MasterCard accepted) and take home some amazing gifts!

We are extremely grateful to this year's sponsors (to-date) including: Gold: Kennedy & Company Wealth and Tax Management; Silver: Main Street Financial Group, LLC; Bronze: J. Peck Construction Service, Inc., United Auto Sales-Services, Inc., Waterbury Swiss Automatics, Naugatuck Valley Memorial Funeral Home, and Maureen Williams - in memory of Walter J. Williams.

Join us for a fabulous night of fellowship and fun in celebration of LIFE!

Your invitation and response card are inside ... turn to page 2 .



We would be honored by your presence

Carolyn's Place

Twenty-second Anniversary

Annual Dinner Celebration

Sunday, November 2, 2014 Four Thirty in the Evening

\$50.00 per person Reservations are necessary

La Bella Vista at Pontelandolfo Club

380 Farmwood Road Waterbury, CT

GUEST SPEAKER

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, S.T.D.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE & HONOR

Anne Marie Cullinan

Chief Academic Officer of the Waterbury Department of Education

Sr. Suzanne Gross, F.S.E.

Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist

Wesley Wensek

Carolyn's Place Volunteer

Silent Auction

Cash, Checks, Visa or MasterCard

Emcee Bill Dunn (writer of "The Merry Catholic")

Live Soft Jazz Music by Gomez & Sadlon

*If you cannot join us, you can still be part of this celebration;
contribute the cost of a ticket and your name will be added to our event recognition list.*

Kindly respond by October 23, 2014

Use enclosed response card (203) 597-9080 staff@carolynsplace.net

Help us make life a celebration!

Become a member today.



Tweens Take Charge participants

**We're About Life.
We're About Hope.
We're About Right Choices.**

We all love celebrations. At Carolyn's Place our goal is to enable our youth to celebrate - to feel good about their decisions that are based on self-respect, value for life and responsibility. Carolyn's Place is about holding every LIFE precious, about giving HOPE to young pregnant women in need, and about helping our youth to make the RIGHT CHOICES by having truthful information.

Please help us expand our reach to teenagers and young adults to enable them to understand and make the right choices. So when faced with difficult life decisions, our youth will have the knowledge to choose life vs. abortion, and take responsibility and say "yes" to healthy relationship choices. **Your support** and our work will save unborn babies and allow our youth to have more fulfilling lives to celebrate!



Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center

22 Years of making a difference for life!

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Carolyn's Place! I want to help you continue & do more!

Please return this slip in envelope provided

STEP 1: Please choose a membership level (circle).

Cornerstone Circle	Pillar	Protector	Patron	Guardian
(\$2,000+)	(\$1,000+)	(\$500+)	(\$100+)	(\$25+)

STEP 2: Provide donor information.

Please Circle: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Rev.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Check if wish to remain anonymous _____

STEP 3: Please indicate donation amount & select a payment method.

Amount \$ _____; Please circle: **Enclosing check** or **Donating online** (read online directions below).

To donate online: Go to web site www.carolynsplace.net; click on "Volunteer/Donate"; select "Donate Funds"; click "make a secure donation"; click "Quick Give here"; click "continue Quick Give"; click on "Membership" in the drop-down next to the word "Fund"; Complete information fields including \$ amount, credit card or bank acct; click "add" next to payment choice & enter information; enter code provided at bottom; click "next"; click "submit".

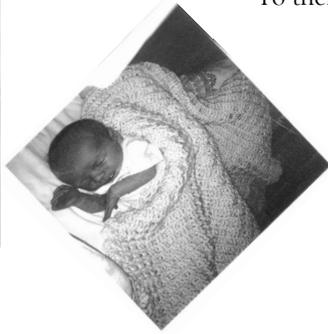
If you need further assistance with online giving, please call us at (203) 597-9080. or email staff@carolynsplace.net Thank you.



Many things can wait. Children cannot.
Right now their bones are being formed, their blood is being made,
and their senses are being developed.
To them we cannot answer, "Tomorrow".

Gabriela Mistral

Their name is Today.



From Ellen's Desk

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end."

These words, beautiful in their meaning, are written on our hearts. But how do we explain them and make them real to our brothers and sisters in 2014? Many of the people we serve have no experience of God in their lives. In fact, many of their lives would make TV reality shows seem tame!

Pope Francis cuts through the fog and gives us the answer in one word, LOVE! We use the word in different contexts. We say, "I love pizza", "I love your outfit", "I love my dog". Obviously this is not the love Pope Francis speaks of.

The love that changes hearts is radical, unconditional and sacrificial. It's the love that Jesus poured out on the cross. It sometimes means giving up our agendas, giving up our judgments and opening ourselves to disappointment

We can't fix everything, we can't make people's choices for them. But we can be God's instruments and LOVE them. Then we stand back and watch God's grace at work, as He changes hearts.



From Nicole's Desk

This summer, I had the privilege of conducting an accelerated trial run of the *Theology of the Body for Teens* program for a small group of high school students at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Waterbury. This past winter, I began to study the program, but I did not want to market it to parishes until I had some teaching experience under my belt, and this trial run was the perfect opportunity to receive that. Although the group of students was small, and they were not all able to come to every class, they seemed to enjoy learning about God's plan for life and love. One student even walked up to 3 miles in the hot morning sun (on more than one occasion) just to make it to class!

For those who are unaware, "*Theology of the Body for Teens* is a dynamic faith formation program for teens and pre-teens in Catholic schools, parish youth ministries, Religious Education, Confirmation, and homeschool settings. Using a great mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and relevant references to the culture, it goes beyond traditional chastity programs by connecting the two hottest topics on the planet-God and sex. With Saint John Paul II's compelling vision for love and life, and a language they understand, *Theology of the Body for Teens* answers the questions teens and pre-teens have about their own bodies, issues on sexual morality, and how they are uniquely created for greatness."* Both programs have been granted the Imprimatur,** as well.

Aside from teaching a trial run of the program, I was also able to further my proficiency by attending the 2014 *International Theology of the Body Congress* in Philadelphia this July. I enjoyed workshops and keynote addresses by top *Theology of the Body* experts, and I had the opportunity to speak and network with others who are also teaching the same or similar programs. I learned some helpful tips and teaching strategies that I know will help me become a better teacher, and I am very grateful for this experience.

If you are interested in bringing the *Theology of the Body for Teens* program to your high school students, or you would just like to learn more, please contact me at nicole.carolynsplace@gmail.com or 203-695-3999.

* <http://thetheologyofthebody.com/book-resources/study-information/1853/teens-about-imprimatur>

**Imprimatur: an official license by the Roman Catholic Church to print an ecclesiastical or religious book.

Five ways you can help with our 22nd anniversary celebration:

More details available by calling Ginny at 203 597-9080 or staff@carolynsplace.net

You can be a part of our Annual Dinner/Silent Auction...

1. Plan on joining us on November 2nd for the big event. Invitation on page 2 and response card enclosed.
2. Join our Annual Dinner/Silent Auction planning committee.
3. Become a business/corporate/individual sponsor to help support the event and our ministry. Sponsorship levels are \$250, \$500, \$1000, and \$2000. Sponsors receive varied benefits such as dinner tickets and an ad in program booklet.
4. Purchase an ad in our dinner program booklet: 1/4 page \$50, 1/2 Page \$80, full page \$150
5. Donate an auction item for our silent auction. We are looking for: gift certificates, theme baskets, get-away vacation, paintings, gift cards, electronic or hi-tech items, business service, sports tickets or any of your own creative ideas.

Thank You Very Much!



Book Review

Their Name Is Today Reclaiming Childhood in a Hostile World

By Johann Christoph Arnold
189 Pages



There's hope for childhood. Despite a perfect storm of hostile forces that are robbing children of a healthy childhood, courageous parents and teachers who know what's best for children are turning the tide.

Johann Christoph Arnold, whose books on education, parenting, and relationships have helped more than a million readers through life's challenges, draws on the stories and voices of parents and educators on the ground, and a wealth of personal experience. He surveys the drastic changes in the lives of children, but also the groundswell of grassroots advocacy and action that he believes will lead to the triumph of common sense and time-tested wisdom.

Their Name Is Today takes on technology, standardized testing, overstimulation, academic pressure, marketing to children, over-diagnosis and much more, calling on everyone who loves children to combat these threats to childhood and find creative ways to help children flourish. Every parent, teacher, and childcare provider has the power to make a difference, by giving children time to play, access to nature, and personal attention, and most of all, by defending their right to remain children. *Plough Publishing House*

"This book fills me with hope for the future of our children and our society. Like Pope Francis, Arnold counters the "child-free" mentality with refreshing glimpses of the joys and rewards that children bring." *Timothy Cardinal Dolan*

Thank

A DOZEN BOOMERANGS

It is because of the generous support of so many parishes and organizations that we are able to continue our ministry. Spring and summer was a very busy time for Boomerangs this year. We appreciate all of our supporters and extend a special thank you.

Noreen Pearsall and Sandra Hague again organized an extremely successful Boomerang event for us at **St. Thomas Becket Parish in Cheshire**. This successful event raised \$2,871.02. We are grateful for the extreme generosity of the parish and for the support of the pastor, Fr. John Gwozdz. THANK YOU!

St. Teresa Parish in Woodbury sponsored a Boomerang in the spring. During this time they raised an awesome \$4,531.16! We are grateful to all of the parishioners for their donations, the pastor, Fr. Robert Kwiatkowski and Wes Wensek who organized the fundraiser. THANKS SO MUCH!

We are extremely grateful to the parishioners of **St. John the Evangelist Parish in Watertown** for holding their first Boomerang, which raised \$5,334.10! Thank you to Fr. Richard Okiria for allowing your parish to participate. Thanks also to all those who assisted especially the Respect Life Committee, and the very generous parishioners. SUPER JOB!

St. Joseph Parish in Bristol has supported our ministry through the Boomerang for many years. Under the leadership of Tom Dwyer, with the blessing of the pastor, Fr. Joseph DiSciaccia, the parishioners raised \$2,871.00. Thank you so very much for this fabulous fundraising event!

This summer, **St. Anthony Parish in Prospect** once again conducted a successful BBB for us. This year they raised \$1,842.53 under the leadership of Lisa White. Thank you so much to Lisa, the pastor, Fr. Mark Suslenko, and so many faithful supporters.

IF YOUR PARISH OR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:

- Purchase, or borrow from us, a sufficient number of baby bottles for your parish or organization.
 - Distribute a baby bottle to anyone interested in participating.
 - Ask them to fill the bottle with spare change.
 - Have everyone return the filled bottle at the end of a specified time period. (Usually about 3 to 4 weeks.)
 - Total the donations, and send one check to Carolyn's Place, Inc.
 - Return borrowed bottles to Carolyn's Place, or save your purchased bottles and reuse for a future boomerang.
- For more information contact our BBB coordinator
Wes Wensek at (203) 266-4282 wwensek@att.net

Recently, **St. Aloysius Parish in Plantsville**, held their annual Boomerang. This generous parish raised a phenomenal \$4,128.84! We are truly grateful for the outstanding generosity and support from the parishioners, for the fantastic job done by the event coordinators, and the pastor, Fr. Kevin Dillon. Thank you very much!

Thank you to Deacon Roland Miller for organizing another Baby Bottle Boomerang at **St. Francis Xavier Parish in New Milford**. The parishioners of St. Francis Xavier have been sponsoring this event for years, and are always extremely generous. This year they raised \$6,248.55! We also thank the pastor, Fr. Larry Parent and all of the supportive parishioners.

We are sincerely grateful to the parishioners of **St. Michael's Parish in Beacon Falls** for holding a Boomerang also known as "Love and Loose Change" for us. Nancy Betkowski organized the event which raised \$1,775.56. Thank you to their pastor Fr. Leonard Kvedas, Nancy, and the extremely generous parishioners

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Naugatuck once again showed their support for our ministry by holding a BBB which raised \$1,557.00. Thank you to their pastor, Fr. John Kuzhikottayil, for allowing us to hold the Boomerang, to Joanne Dowling for her years of organizing the event, and for the unbelievably generous parishioners.

For the first time **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oxford** sponsored a Boomerang. This successful event is still underway. Many thanks to Liza Mendez for the outstanding job of coordinating this event, to Fr. Dominic Valla and to all of the parishioners for your generous support.

The small parishes of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help/St. Patrick in Washington** once again held a Boomerang which raised an amazing \$1,281.36! We extend our sincere thanks to their pastor, Fr. Matthew Kappalumakkel, the BBB organizer, Deacon George Streib, and all of the parishioners who so kindly contributed. We are truly grateful.

Thanks to the leadership of Stefanie Bartoli, the **St. Vincent College SSA Nursing Students** held a successful Boomerang in late spring. This small group raised \$502! We are truly grateful to all those who participated in supporting our ministry. Great job!

YOU

ADOPT-A-WINDOW BLIND A SUCCESS

We are sincerely grateful to all of our supporters who donated towards our window blind collection. We raised enough money to purchase all 21 blinds. Thank you to Mr. Jean Luc Fortin for undertaking the daunting task of installing all of these blinds. It is so nice to easily open and close the blinds and esthetically pleasing to have them all match.



Thank you to: Catherine Capuano, Anne Esposito, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gagain, Patricia Goggin, Linda Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jassil, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kozlowski, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawlor, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malik, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Marottolo, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mascoli, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Solomita, Robert Wade, Carol Williams, Marlene Yeomans and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merenda.

Sharing their Gifts and Talents...

There is nothing more special than wrapping your newborn in a handmade blanket, or clothing them in a knitted hat and sweater. We try to give each of our moms a special "made with love" item. Many thanks to all those who share these items with us. Some of our recent creative donors are:



Dolores Lemay and Deborah Rogers (mother and daughter) used their time and talents over the past months to knit and crochet over 60 baby hats. These warm, cute hats are all different sizes, styles, colors and patterns. Thank you so much for your hours

and hours of thoughtfulness.

Marcia Feldon who crafted warm handmade baby blankets.

Judie Chalfant who made beautiful baby blankets, sweaters and hats.

Linda DelBene who made snugly baby quilts.

Ann Harmon who knitted baby blankets for us.

Jennifer Ciuccoli who donated handmade baby blankets.

Dress Down Dollars

At the end of the school year, the Student Council at **Sts. Peter and Paul School in Waterbury**, sponsored a "Dress Down" day which raised \$80 for Carolyn's Place. The students would bring in a dollar in exchange for a day of not wearing their uniform. Thank you so much for your generosity, and God bless you as you begin your new school year.

A Regular Donor

Many thanks to **Dan Whitman** for once again providing us with baby items. Dan brought us baby food, formula, socks of every size, baby wash and items for nursing mothers. Thanks for always thinking of us.

Computer Skills

Thank you to **Sandra Barriault** for updating our personal needs signs. As a project towards receiving a scholarship grant for some college funds, Sandra used her computer skills to create new signs to hang on our many boxes that sort our clothes and baby items. Thanks so much and good luck with your scholarship.



K OF C COLLECTS

In June, the **Knights of Columbus St. Michael the Archangel Council #12080 in Waterbury**, took up a large collection of baby items for us. They donated both new and gently used items such as car seats, a high chair, blankets, diapers, wipes, clothes, shampoo, and much, much more. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

One Rose-One Life

We are grateful to the **Knights of Columbus Ojeda Council #33** for holding their "One Rose, One Life" fundraiser for Carolyn's Place. This special event raised \$267. Thank you for your years of faithful support.

Fashion for Our Moms

Thank you to **Marian Campbell** for the donation of many fashionable maternity clothes. Several moms in our parenting class were able to use them and are extremely grateful.

FALL 2014 WISH LIST

If you can help with any of these items, new or used, please contact us at (203) 597-9080 or staff@carolynsplace.net

ITEMS NEEDED: Boppy pillows for nursing moms, cases of bottled water, diapers-size 4, 5 & 6 ONLY please, Auction items (see page 5)

WISH LIST THANK YOU: We are grateful to the following people for donating items from our Wish List. Kathy Arnauckas for size 5 diapers; Marylou Iannone for size 4 & 5 diapers

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**Join Carolyn's Place on November 2
for Our 22nd Anniversary
Annual Dinner Celebration**

Guest Speaker: Archbishop Leonard P. Blair S.T.D.

**Honorees: Anne Marie Cullinan, Sr. Suzanne Gross F.S.E.
Wesley Wensek**

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