How the Catholic Church *in Ohio* Supports Women *in Need*



By supporting pregnant women, families, and those affected by abortion:

<u>Walking with Moms in Need</u> - Offers material resources such as clothing, food, and baby supplies, and personal accompaniment to pregnant women

<u>Catholic Charities</u> - Sponsors educational programs for expecting mothers and fathers and accompanies families into parenting; Connects families with programs and community centers to meet families' needs for housing, food, and healthcare

<u>Project Rachel</u> - Provides confidential post-abortive healing to women and men affected by abortion

By advocating for a culture of life in Ohio public policy:

- Eliminating sales tax for baby products*
- Investing \$3 million in the Healthy Beginnings at Home program, stabilizing pregnant women's housing and support*
- Extending Ohio Works First cash assistance eligibility for all months of pregnancy*
- A new doula program to address infant and maternal mortality rates, especially in minority communities*
- Growing school choice access to the greatest number of families in Ohio history, especially low-income and middleclass families*
- Expanding Medicaid for pregnant women and children
- Reforming Ohio adoption law to support birth mothers and adopting families
- Expanding child tax credit to help Ohio families





^{*}The Catholic Conference of Ohio succeeded in advocating for these polices and continues to lobby for laws that express "radical solidarity" with pregnant women.