



Annunciation Maternity Home News Publication

The FIAT

"The ultimate gesture began in an act of profound love, in a humble woman who said 'yes' to the suffering of pregnancy and motherhood. Yes! Fiat!"

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The Spirituality of Unity

Their day begins a little differently from most teenagers; instead of awakening in their own beds at home to a wake-up call from mom or dad, the residents at AMH awaken to the sounds of hungry babies and the morning greeting from the Sister on duty. Sleepy-eyed, they make their way to the Chapel for morning devotions to give thanks to God for keeping them safe through the night. Then, as the clock continues to tick, the residents complete their morning chores....preparing bottles, packing the diaper bag, getting dressed, straightening their rooms, eating breakfast, brushing their teethbefore hurrying out the door to the daycare to deliver their babies and head to school. Life skills classes and medical appointments fill the afternoon until it is time to pick-up their babies from daycare. Their busy day culminates when everyone sits down together to share a family meal. After completing their evening chores, the residents enter the Chapel once again, and a quietness falls over the Home. This time they are fully awake, and their voices unite as they give thanks for the help they are receiving and for the family they have found at AMH. The Sister on duty smiles inside as she realizes the spirituality of unity God created, and the staff has worked so hard to instill, is indeed developing among these residents.

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*"When we try to love and this love becomes reciprocal,
Christ lives among two or more persons.
Then we can offer Jesus spiritually to the world
As Mary has given Jesus physically."*

- Chiara Lubich