



YOU CAN BE AN ANGEL

AND YOUR PARISH CAN BE A HOST OF ANGELS

**A CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO
IN COOPERATION WITH ALL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIOCESES**

**Please join us at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street at Geary - San Francisco - St. Francis Hall**

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM - Program Starts at 9:30 AM

Buffet Lunch at 11:45 AM - Program Concludes at 2:30 PM

COST \$20 (Scholarships Available)

The Gabriel Project

A Revitalized Program for Volunteers & Pastors

Learn practical techniques for a parish-wide assistance ministry for pregnant women, helping them eliminate the very thought of the word "crisis" when becoming the mother of an unplanned child.

Cathy McConn, *Founder of the Gabriel Project in Houston*, will train us in every aspect of this important ministry & instruct us on how to best implement it in our parishes based on her vast experience.

Gabriel Project parishes embrace each pregnant woman who comes to them as their daughter, sister, friend. Using signs, pamphlets, bumper stickers and a toll free hotline, we make it known that help is available. When a woman calls for help, the phone-line volunteer contacts the Gabriel Project Coordinator, who is a parishioner of the Church closest to where she lives. A trained mentor, one of the parish's Gabriel Angels, is assigned responsibility for ongoing contact with the mother throughout her pregnancy and somewhat beyond. The parish community assists with unconditional love. Through them, mothers receive the spiritual, material and emotional support needed during pregnancy.

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT VICKI EVANS, RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM,
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OR evansv@sfarchdiocese.org. PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 8TH.**