

Martha and Mary House

is an Orthodox Christian Maternity Home providing privacy and confidentiality, for pregnant women in crisis who choose life for their unborn child. We acknowledge the sanctity of life and welcome women of all ethnic, cultural, religious and social backgrounds. We are grateful that the expectant mom has chosen to give birth, and we believe that both she and her child are unique and precious, created in the image of God and loved by Him. We pray she will seek the best choices for her own future and for the future of the child God has entrusted to her.

We offer practical, emotional and spiritual support and pray that she may discover her God given personal resources and how to develop them. We teach about decision-making; choices and consequences, courtship, purity and abstinence before marriage, the sacrament and holiness of marriage, and God's design for the nurture of children in families with father and mother who belong to God, to one another and to their children. The pregnant mom carefully considers the best parenting choice for herself and her child. Birth mothers who choose a loving family for their child through open adoption are eligible for a Martha and Mary House scholarship to continue her education.



"Loving and Serving God in our Neighbor"

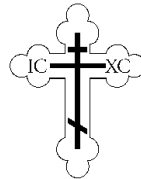
- Psalm 139: 13-14 -

*For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.
I will praise You, for I am fearfully
And wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works;
And that my soul knows very well.*



- Deuteronomy 30:19 -

*"I call heaven and earth to witness
this day ... that I have set before you
life and death, blessing and cursing.
Therefore, choose life,
that both you and your seed may live."*



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*Do you know
Someone
who is
Pregnant?*



*And thinking
Abortion
is her only choice?
Please tell her
She has
another option...*

No matter how it happened - a chance encounter - a date - a party - a rape - an 'accident' -

the test was positive and her hopes and plans for the future have crashed. She feels alone, trapped, afraid. She has no place to go. Wanting to hide her secret. She's a 'good girl' - what will her family, her friends, her church say? Perhaps some know already - and are putting pressure on. Abortion is legal - 'quick and easy' - making the problem go away for everyone ... but will the painful memory ever go away? Will a woman forget the child of her womb?

Her heart wants to choose life. She is looking for a way to continue her pregnancy, give her child a future - and choose the best for herself as well.

Please tell her there are real alternatives to abortion. Martha and Mary House is here to help her.

**Need Confidential Help?
Facing a Tough Decision?
Call (760) 741-7050**

Living at Martha and Mary House:

The expectant Mothers pursue a program of study or vocational training, are employed or seek employment. They share responsibility for housekeeping, live by the House Rules and participate in Martha and Mary House programs which include morning and evening prayer, Bible study and Sunday attendance in a church of their choice, prenatal and childbirth classes, career and adoption counseling. Working with local agencies and volunteers we help facilitate a healthy birth for the babies and a healthy spiritual re-birth for the mothers.

To protect her confidentiality and privacy, a pregnant woman choosing open-adoption may need to relocate temporarily to another area. Martha and Mary House will network with other maternity homes or host homes that can provide a safe, nurturing place to stay till her baby is born.



Expectant moms who have suffered pregnancy loss by choice, are provided post-abortion grief and reconciliation counseling in Abortion Survivors Anonymous; a 12 Step support group meeting at the house.

Our House - in a quiet, older residential neighborhood - has room for four pregnant women, live-in House Mother and assistant. The bedrooms are furnished by local friends of Martha and Mary House. An Abortion Survivors Anonymous group meets in our library - prayer room, named for Saint Mary. The kitchen - dining room is named for Saint Martha. The large back yard invites a vegetable garden and fruit trees and gives romping room to our two dogs and cats!

Martha and Mary House - is a non-profit religious institution in the Orthodox Church in America. Our Pan-Orthodox Board of Directors is headed by His Grace Bishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West with members from the Greek Orthodox, Antiochian Orthodox, Serbian Orthodox, and the OCA (Orthodox Church in America). We are funded primarily by contributions from individuals and churches. We do not receive government funding.



We seek to be a witness of the historic Orthodox Christian faith - in obedience to the command of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to worship God and to love and serve Him in our neighbor, according to the Holy Scriptures and the Tradition of the Holy Orthodox Church.