



# Father Taaffe Homes

and Pregnancy Support Services

2026 Newsletter

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*“Every baby resembles God ... of all the things that God made, that little baby just conceived is of more value to God than anything else.”*

-Father Taaffe



## Father Taaffe’s Legacy of Life and Love Turns Fifty

In 2025, Fr. Taaffe’s legacy of life and love reached a remarkable milestone — fifty years of helping brave young mothers say yes to life. To honor this golden anniversary, Catholic Community Services (CCS) hosted a special celebration in March at Queen of Peace Parish in Salem, Oregon, fittingly timed with Fr. Taaffe’s favorite holiday, St. Patrick’s Day. The gathering was a joyful tribute to five decades of unwavering support for mothers and babies, carried forward in the enduring tradition and living legacy of Fr. Taaffe.



## CCS Honors Community Champions

In January, Richard Kreitzberg (pictured left) was presented with the Legacy of Life Award for his steadfast support of Child, Youth, and Family Services programs at CCS. Kreitzberg provides annual matching grants to Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services and to the St. Joseph Family Shelter programs. He is also a lead donor and champion for the Queen of Angels Monastery Endowment. CCS is deeply grateful for this unwavering generosity.

Additionally, CCS would like to thank and recognize Kelley and Janet Hamilton for their recent major gift in support of Father Taaffe Homes. Their generous support has made a big impact in supporting the transition of the Father Taaffe program to the monastery.



At the Annual Father Taaffe Homes Dinner in Gervais, Oregon, Brian and Sandi Belleque (pictured right) were presented with the Legacy of Life Award for their outstanding volunteerism. Thank you, Brian and Sandi! We are truly grateful for your dedication.

## Program Successfully Transitions to Peaceful Monastery Campus

In October, Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services transitioned to Queen of Angels Monastery, where the newly-renovated second floor now houses the St. Gertrude Suite — a safe and nurturing home for pregnant girls under eighteen. Designed to serve up to eight girls, the space includes private bedrooms, a shared kitchen and living areas, as well as 24/7 staffing to provide stability, supervision, and reassurance during a life-changing season.

Named for St. Gertrude the Great, known for her deep compassion and spiritual motherhood, the suite reflects her nurturing love, offering young mothers refuge, encouragement, and the support they need to move forward with hope.

Also located on the monastery campus are the St. Brigid and St. Teresa Homes. These newly-renovated houses provide young mothers, ages 18-26, a safe and supportive space to nurture their children while working toward self-sufficiency. Through structured guidance and a curriculum that includes prenatal and postpartum care, parenting skills, academic planning, and emotional wellness — supported by our Community Health Workers (CHWs) — the homes lay a strong foundation for independence and long-term stability, empowering mothers to build secure futures for themselves and their families.



Newly-renovated spaces at Queen of Angels Monastery



Josh Graves and Jill Sorensen accept a generous donation from the Oregon Catholic Daughters of the Americas diaper drive

## Thank You, Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of the Americas

With profound gratitude, we thank the many Knights of Columbus councils throughout the state of Oregon for the tremendous outreach, volunteerism, and financial support of Father Taaffe Homes. Your leadership, generosity, and strength offered to these young women are transformative. Additional heartfelt thanks to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Oregon Courts for their steadfast support, including several baby showers and diaper drives. Your help preserves Fr. Taaffe's incredible legacy of protecting and nurturing young pregnant mothers as they bring their babies into the world.

**Thank you for your partnership in continuing this life-affirming ministry!**



Queen of Peace Council #9263 presents check to Josh Graves at 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## Share Your Blessings With Future Generations

The Appeal of Angels is an opportunity to consider legacy gifts that will preserve Queen of Angels Monastery, the new location of Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services, as a place of hope and healing in perpetuity.

For more information, visit [ccswv.org/appeal-of-angels](https://ccswv.org/appeal-of-angels) or contact Major Gifts and Grants Officer Mona Hayes at [Mhayes@ccswv.org](mailto:Mhayes@ccswv.org).

# 50 Years of History

1975

On March 17, 1975, Fr. Taaffe opened St. Brigid Home, the first Father Taaffe Home. That very night, the first Father Taaffe Homes (FTH) baby was born.



1985

St. Brigid Home was moved twice before a long-term home was finally purchased.



1991

As a response to the rising need of homes for pregnant and newly-parenting girls, the second Father Taaffe Home, St. Monica, was opened.



1998

The St. Brigid and St. Monica Homes had waiting lists for quite some time. In 1998, a third home was opened: St. Teresa.

*"I named it St. Teresa in honor of Mother Teresa. I knew she wasn't a Saint yet, but I was sure she would be."*

- Fr. Taaffe



2008

Over three decades after the opening of the first home, Fr. Taaffe entrusted Catholic Community Services with the care and continuation of the FTH program.

**Beloved Fr. Taaffe passed away on July 5, 2008.**



2018

Both the St. Teresa and St. Monica Homes were sold in 2018. The new Father Taaffe Homes St. Monica Apartments opened.



2023

This year marked the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Father Taaffe Homes fundraising dinner in Gervais, Oregon. Additionally, the Fostering Hope Initiative began a partnership with FTH to train and provide birth doulas to assist in prenatal care, birth and postpartum care of FTH moms and babies.

2025

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Father Taaffe Homes celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of helping young moms say YES to life!

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## Save the Dates

### Father Taaffe Oktoberfest Booth

September 17 - 20, 2026  
*Mt. Angel Festhalle*

### CCS Annual Fundraising Luncheon

September 22, 2026  
*Salem Convention Center*

### Father Taaffe Homes Annual Dinner

October 25, 2026  
*Sacred Heart Parish Gym, Gervais*

### Merriment at the Monastery

December 5, 2026  
*Queen of Angels Monastery*

*For updates on all CCS events, visit:  
[ccswv.org/all-events](https://ccswv.org/all-events)*



*Learn More*

## Father Taaffe Homes Wish List for Young Moms and Babies

Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services relies on the generosity of donors. Donations are critical to providing comfort and care to moms seeking help from Father Taaffe Homes. Our most-needed items include:



**Diapers (in all sizes) | Wipes | Formula | Swaddles | Bottles  
Infant Toiletries | Onesies | Strollers | New Car Seats**

If you have any questions about an item you would like to donate, please reach out to [Communications@ccswv.org](mailto:Communications@ccswv.org).

### Sponsor a Mommy and Baby Basket

Baskets are given to all new Father Taaffe Homes moms and include both essential and comfort items for them and their babies. You can sponsor a basket by visiting [ccswv.org/fth-baby-baskets](https://ccswv.org/fth-baby-baskets).

### Volunteer

To volunteer with Father Taaffe Homes, reach out to Volunteer Services Coordinator Heidi Frederick at [Hfrederick@ccswv.org](mailto:Hfrederick@ccswv.org).