



*Offering
Dignity, hope, and
sanctuary to women
in crisis pregnancies*

*Wishing you and
your loved ones a
blessed Christmas
and Happy New
Year!*

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An Angel To Guide Them

Our Lady of the Angels shelters homeless pregnant women

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Our Lady of the Angels has undergone several changes over the past few years, receiving many blessings from the community that include but is not limited to donations, community involvement, volunteers, encouragement, and support that is always appreciated and needed. Among the changes that Our Lady of the Angels has had, is the addition of the 3 Sisters of Sacred Sciences in July of 2007: Sister Bibiana, Sister Lincy, and Sister Sini.

Sister Bibiana was born in North India in the region known as Orissa, where she grew up with her parents and 6 other brothers and sisters. In 2000, she left North India and traveled to South India to join the religious community of Sisters of Sacred Sciences. Following a few years of formation she made her first commitment in 2004. Once she became a nun she was sent to Switzerland to study and take part in mission work with the visitation nuns. She was then sent to the United States in March of 2006 to carry out the mission work in San Marcos, Texas at St. John's Catholic Church. In addition, she worked in the front office as an assistant with responsibilities regarding database entry. At the end of June in 2007, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter was blessed to receive sister Bibiana as a new addition to the shelter where she started her work in July of 2007.

Sister Lincy was born in South India in a region known as Kerala where she lived with her parents and sister until the year of 1999. She undertook her high school studies and upon completion she decided to join the religious order of the Sisters of Sacred Sciences in the year of 1999. Following her completion of 4 years of formation, she made her first commitment in 2003. Once she became a nun she was sent to Switzerland to study and take part in mission work with the visitation nuns. While staying in Switzerland, Sister Lincy studied the German language, liturgy and music. In 2007, after a 4 year stay in Switzerland, she traveled to the United States in July to join Sister Bibiana and Sister Sini to begin the work at Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter where she has dramatically impacted the shelter with her services and guidance.

Sister Sini was also born in South India in the region known as Kerala. She is the 6th born child of the 7 children in her family. Upon completion of her high school studies she decided to join a religious community. She spoke to Father Antony Kolencherry regarding her desire to join a religious community. He informed her of an opportunity to further her studies at a spirituality center. In 1995, Sister Sini chose to take part in this spirituality center ran by Father Kolencherry where she resided for 2 years until the year of 1997 when she joined apart the order of Sisters of Sacred Sciences.

She completed her 4 years of formation and her first commitment in 1999 and chose to make

her final commitment in the year of 2004.

Sister Sini has an extensive background of education She holds a bachelor's degree in theology, a bachelor's degree in arts, and received her master's degree in theology in 2005. Sister Sini then traveled to the United States where she came to San Marcos, Texas to be the director of religious education at St. John's Catholic Church. While she was at St. John's, the former sisters of the shelter, Sisters Petra and Teresa came to her and asked if she would like to hold a position at Our Lady of Angels. The shelter was fortunate enough to be blessed with Sister Sini in July of 2007 where her services have been greatly appreciated.

The sisters have contributed greatly to the shelter by readily being available to assist the residents with a variety of needs. They have learned a great deal about the American way of life and our culture relating to cooking, house management, money management, and working with young girls to achieve independence. The shelter has been a new adventure for them in learning how to help women and children in crisis situations in order to provide them with support and spiritual guidance. Their desire rests in striving to provide them with a safe, loving environment where they can start their own life in a nurturing, caring atmosphere.

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HAIL AND FAREWELLS

Our Lady of the Angels would like to welcome its new administrator, Ms. Amalia (Molly) Flores. With extensive knowledge within the community, Molly comes to the shelter with experience from the Dept. of Human Services at the Temple Help Center, 6 years experience as a teacher, and a parent liaison at TISD. In addition, she holds a bachelor's degree in education from UMHB, is bilingual, and is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. OLAMS would like to bid farewell to its previous administrator, Dawn Erff, who will continue to provide services to the shelter as Social Service Asst.



OLAMS is a participating agency of the United Way of Central Texas. Thank you United Way!

Our Benefactors keep us going...and going

OLAMS appreciates all of the volunteers and donors who give so generously of their time, talent, and treasure to make this ministry possible. Here are just a few of the gifts OLAMS has received this year:

- Tim's Alarms-Service calls, testing alarm, new horn
- Altar Society St. Joseph's Catholic Church-Sausage, dressing
- Belton Locksmith-Service call to re-key locks
- Carol Marks-Bathroom items, canned goods
- Tom & Margaret Gibson-Frozen turkeys
- Louis & Ophie DeLaRosa-Our Lady of Guadalupe statue
- St. Mary's youth group-Canned goods
- Jerry Bruckbauer & others-Installing upstairs flooring
- Judy Bukosky-Rocking chair
- Karen Hinze from Christ the King-Maternity and baby items

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MATERNITY SHELTER

Fifth Annual Benefit Banquet featuring:

- Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Bishop of Austin
- Sisters of Sacred Sciences

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2008

BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER ASSEMBLY HALL

301 WEST LOOP 121 in BELTON

Social Hour begins at 6:30p.m. ~ Dinner at 7:15p.m

\$40 per person OR reserve a table for EIGHT for only \$300.00

Call St. Luke's Catholic Church for reservations (254) 773-1561

We Need Your Help!

Our Lady of the Angels continues to look for volunteer help. Please consider donating your time and energy in one of these ways:

- Organize Shed
- Resident Mentors
- Houseparents
- Local Food Bank Pick-up (2nd and 4th Weds)
- Clean Windows
- Gardening Help
- Hedge Trimming
- Change Light Bulbs and A/C Filters as needed

Please contact Our Lady of Angels Maternity Shelter at (254) 742-2340 to volunteer.

Thank You CAFB!

Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter

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If you receive more than one newsletter, please share with others, and call the shelter so we can update our records. *Thanks!*

This holiday season, please consider giving to those less fortunate. There are many "angels" who come to the shelter needing help. Your donations are greatly appreciated!!!

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Please make check payable and mail to: **Please Print:** **Amount enclosed:** _____

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Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter **ADDRESS** _____

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