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St. Gianna/Marybeth Grundman

Mothers make sacrifices

St. Gianna Beretta Molla was born in Italy in 1922 to a large family, dedicated to the Catholic Faith. From an early age she desired to share the faith, and to make charitable contributions in her day-to-day life. She became a doctor, married, and bore four children. She lived an exemplary Christian witness as she daily persevered in prayer and lived out the Gospel message.

Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified on Mother's Day in 1994 and ten years later she was canonized on May 16, 2004 by Pope John Paul II with her husband and children in attendance. As a wife and mother, doctor and faithful Catholic, her life is presented to the Church as a model of virtue, holiness, motherhood, professionalism, and devotion.

Pope John Paul II conveyed this message during his homily at her canonization: "Following the example of Christ, who 'having loved his own... loved them to the end' (Jn 13:1), this holy mother of a family remained heroically faithful to the commitment she made

on the day of her marriage. The extreme sacrifice she sealed with her life testifies that only those who have the courage to give of themselves totally to God and to others are able to fulfill themselves." We know of a mother who reflects similar sentiments; Marybeth Grundman.



Marybeth Grundman

Marybeth Grundman, the youngest of five children, was six years old when her father was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base and the family settled in Nebraska. She eventually went away to college and met her husband. Together they raised two children on a farm southwest of Nebraska City.

She says, "I was a city girl that had been transplanted to the farm!" She has become very content with country living and prays her rosary out by the pond where it is so peaceful and quiet. Along with spending time on the farm, the couple work at Nebraska City Lourdes. Marybeth taught for many years; however, she currently works as a paraprofessional and her husband is the facilities/maintenance manager at the school.

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Women's
Homes
has provided
safety for
193
women
and
269 children

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Mothers make sacrifices (continued)

Marybeth had always admired and enjoyed reading about the saints. She explained that she became fascinated with the life of St. Gianna who made such an incredible sacrifice for life and she “just drew her in.” When St. Gianna Women’s Home (GWH) was being built, Marybeth recalled that she and her husband were eager to make a donation. That was ten years ago as GWH has been in operation since May of 2011.

Marybeth was drawn in again to want to do something for the women at GWH after reading a publication from Catholic Social Services. She wanted to help out but since she lives far away, she decided to do something small for the mothers on special occasions. Each lady has received a hand sanitizer and a pick-me-up note for May, a lemonade packet plus a cheery promise of prayers for summer, and a tea bag and clever saying for fall. These simple gestures of love are just a few examples of how Marybeth brings joy to the women at St. Gianna’s Home.

Marybeth thinks the name of St. Gianna Women’s Home is most appropriate as the women living here are making sacrifices for their own children as St. Gianna made so lovingly for hers. Both St. Gianna and Marybeth show the world that motherhood and holiness blend together so easily when one focuses on Christ. Thank you Marybeth for the sacrifices you make to brighten the lives of mothers who need a little support!

Hope in the Good Life

Give to Lincoln Day is May 25th but you can give now!

We’ve seen a generous outpouring of care for those impacted by the events of the past year. **But the need is ongoing, and every day new neighbors in need reach out to us for help.** They come to us because they do not know how they will even get through a day. With your help, we can assist

them with emergency cash assistance, food pantries, counseling, and even a free breakfast and sack lunch daily. Your Give to Lincoln Day tax-deductible gift will help us reach our goal of \$125,000

and increase our portion of the \$500,000 challenge match fund provided by Lincoln Community Foundation and their sponsors. Here’s how to help:

- **Donate online May 1st-25th at csshope.org/GLD**
- **Mail/deliver a check** (payable to Lincoln Community Foundation with “Catholic Social Services” in the memo field) to: CSS, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510.

Must be received by 4:00 PM on 5/25.

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