

A Note from Marianna Uribe (Marianna is a postulant for the Sisters of Life, a religious order of women dedicated to the promotion of the dignity of every human person). Marianna is a member of our parish, the daughter of Francisco Uribe and Cheryl Wampler. Her sister, Eva, is studying at Yale University.

Dear Friends,

Recently, we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation. The Annunciation is our “Patronal” Feast day, so it’s our biggest day of celebration for the year, and what we commemorate on this day (Mary’s “Yes” to the angel who asks her to be the mother of Christ and the Incarnation of Christ in her womb, “beneath her heart”) is *defining* for our community and our charism. We recognize that Christ’s work of salvation begins with the very first moment of his human life, and thus from the moment that the Holy Spirit came upon Mary and he was conceived in her womb. And, similarly, each unborn child (as well as each mother and every person), is a reflection of Christ, the Son of God, who experienced all aspects (and all stages of development of human life) except sin. On this day we celebrate the cooperation with God and with His work of salvation which is abundantly evident in the life of Mary and we also remember the other “yeses” in which we all participate in this work: the “yes” of our founder in starting the Sisters of Life, the “yes” of each Sister to follow the Lord’s call to the religious consecration, and all of the small “yeses” that we make every ordinary day. We celebrated the Annunciation as a Triduum, so three days of celebration, with the first day, March 24th, as a day of witness (we went to pray in front of an Abortion clinic in the South Bronx), the second day as a day of community celebration (the whole community gathered at Villa Maria for a beautiful Mass, fun community time, and a delicious dinner in the middle-eastern style), and the third day as a day of prayer.

Your Sister in Christ,
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