



# ARCHDIOCESE *of* MIAMI

Walking with  
*Moms* in Need  

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a year of service





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**A SPECIAL MESSAGE  
FROM  
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# EVANGELIUM VITAE

- With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the **culture of life** today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses.
- With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order **to serve life** in all its truth.

(Saint John Paul II, EV 95)



## USCCB DATA

- We know the challenges can be immense for women in difficult pregnancies, especially women in poverty.
- According to 2014 statistics from abortion providers, women who chose abortion were poor, young, and unmarried
  - (75% were low income, 60% were in their 20's, and 86% were unmarried).
- They came from all cultures and backgrounds (39% were white, 28% were black, 25% were Hispanic, and 6% were Asian or a Pacific Islander).
- And, many of the women who turned to abortion reported a religious affiliation,
  - including a staggering 24% who identified themselves as Catholic (17% were mainline Protestant, 13% were evangelical Protestant, and 8% identified with some other religion).



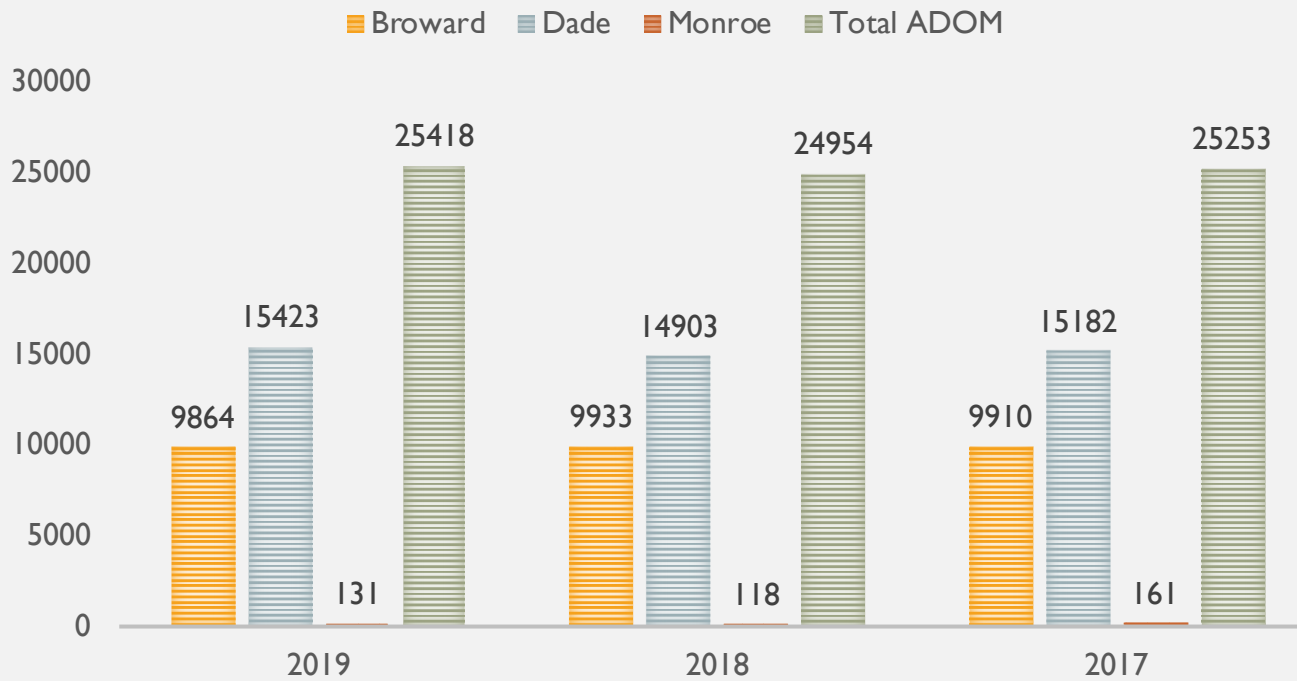


# FLORIDA STATISTICS

Reason	Total	1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
Elective Abortion	53784	51211	2573	0
Abortion Performed due to Social or Economic Reasons	15069	14116	953	0
Abortion Performed due to Emotional/Psychological Health of the Mother	1056	971	85	0
Abortion Performed due to Physical Health of Mother that is not Life Endangering	1004	904	100	0
Abortion Performed due to a Life Endangering Physical Condition	163	125	38	0
Abortion Performed due to Serious Fetal Genetic Defect, Deformity or Abnormality	708	257	450	1
Abortion Performed due to Incest	10	7	3	0
Abortion Performed due to Rape	119	95	24	0
<b>Florida Totals:</b>	<b>71913</b>	<b>67686</b>	<b>4226</b>	<b>1</b>



# LOCAL DATA



# UNIQUELY POSITIONED

- Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods, but in desperation, they are turning to other places for help.
- **Moms in need are often best reached at the local level.** With well over 17,000 parishes in the United States, the Church is uniquely positioned to encourage a collaboration of resources at the local level and to increase awareness of help available to mothers and families in need.
- Each parish is best able to identify the local pregnancy help resources that are currently available and to identify potential gaps that need to be addressed.
- The 25th anniversary year of *Evangelium Vitae* provides a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need.

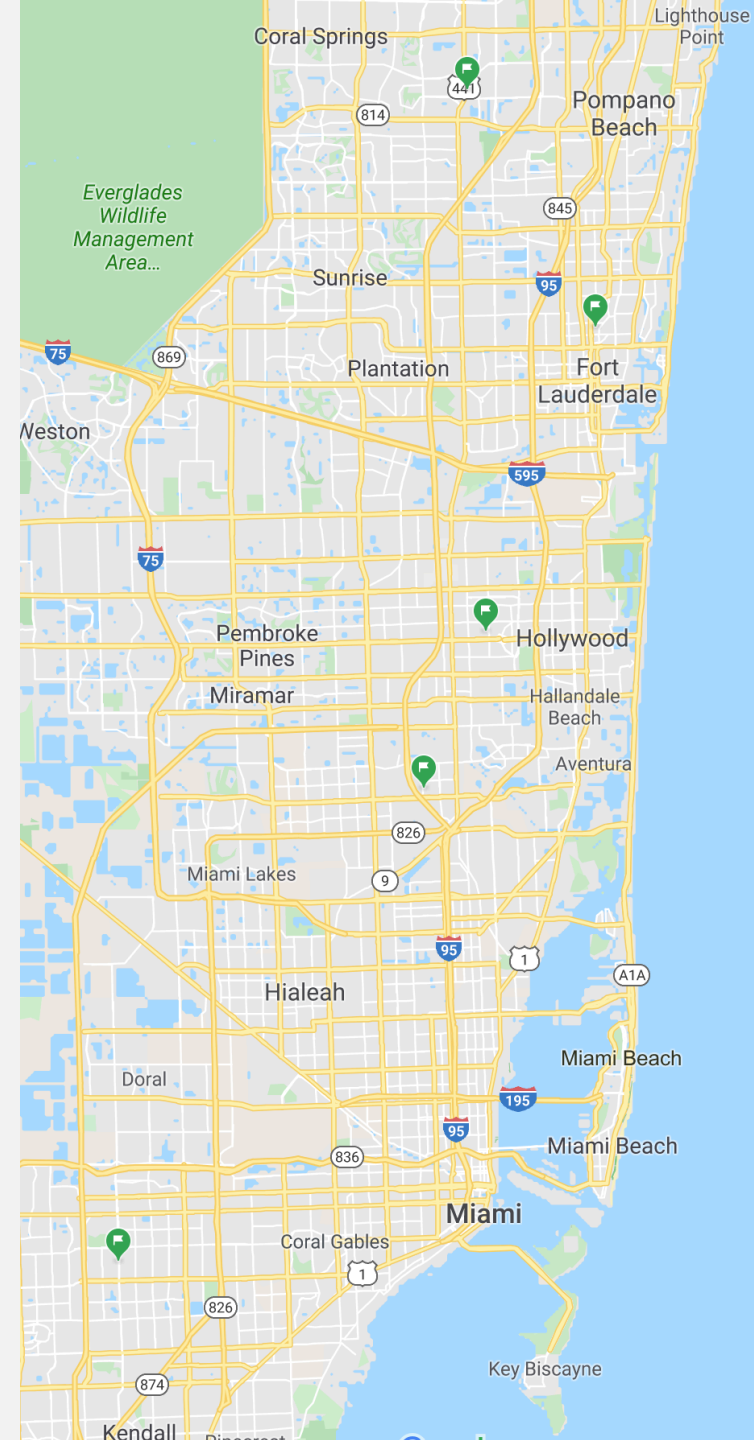


# RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS

- North Broward
- Central Broward
- South Broward
- North Dade
- South Dade

[RespectLifeMiami.org](http://RespectLifeMiami.org)

[PregnancyHelpSFL.org](http://PregnancyHelpSFL.org)



# FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES



OPTIONS  
COUNSELING



PREGNANCY  
TESTING



ULTRASOUND  
EXAMS



EDUCATIONAL  
CLASSES



MATERIAL  
ASSISTANCE



PEER-TO-PEER  
MENTORING



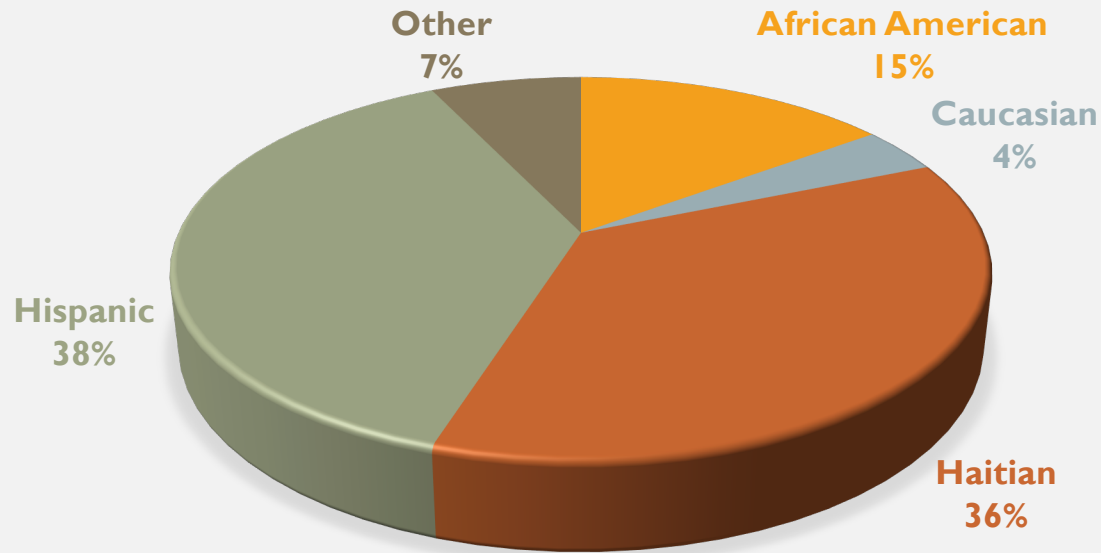
GROUPS FOR  
FATHERS



POST-ABORTION  
HEALING



# CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS\*

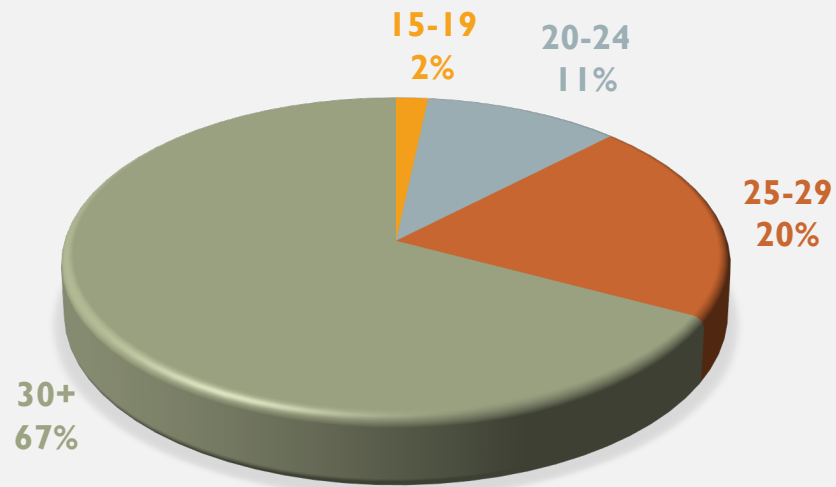


We provide services in three languages: English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

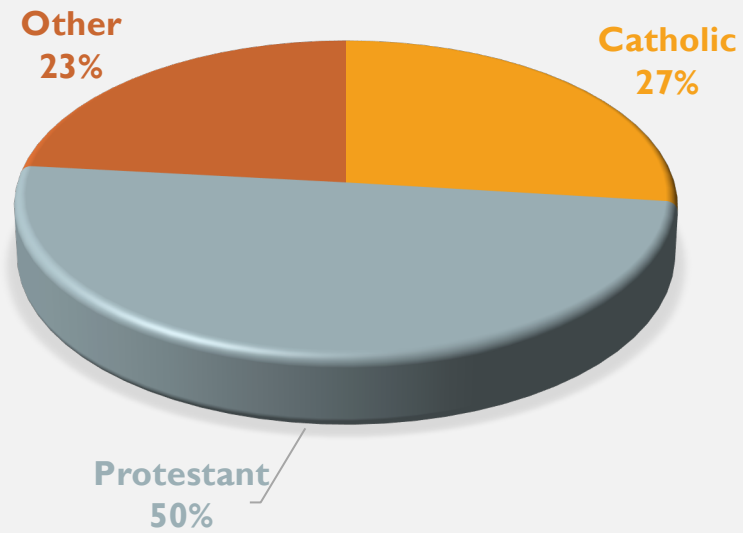
\* FY 2018-2019 Client Visit data for all five Archdiocesan Pregnancy Help Centers



# CLIENTS BY AGE



# CLIENTS BY RELIGION





# POPE FRANCIS

“...Our parishes  
are called to be  
*‘islands of mercy*  
in the midst of a sea of  
indifference’.”



# FRIENDLY REMINDER

## THE YEAR OF SERVICE IS FIRST AND FOREMOST A PASTORAL INITIATIVE.

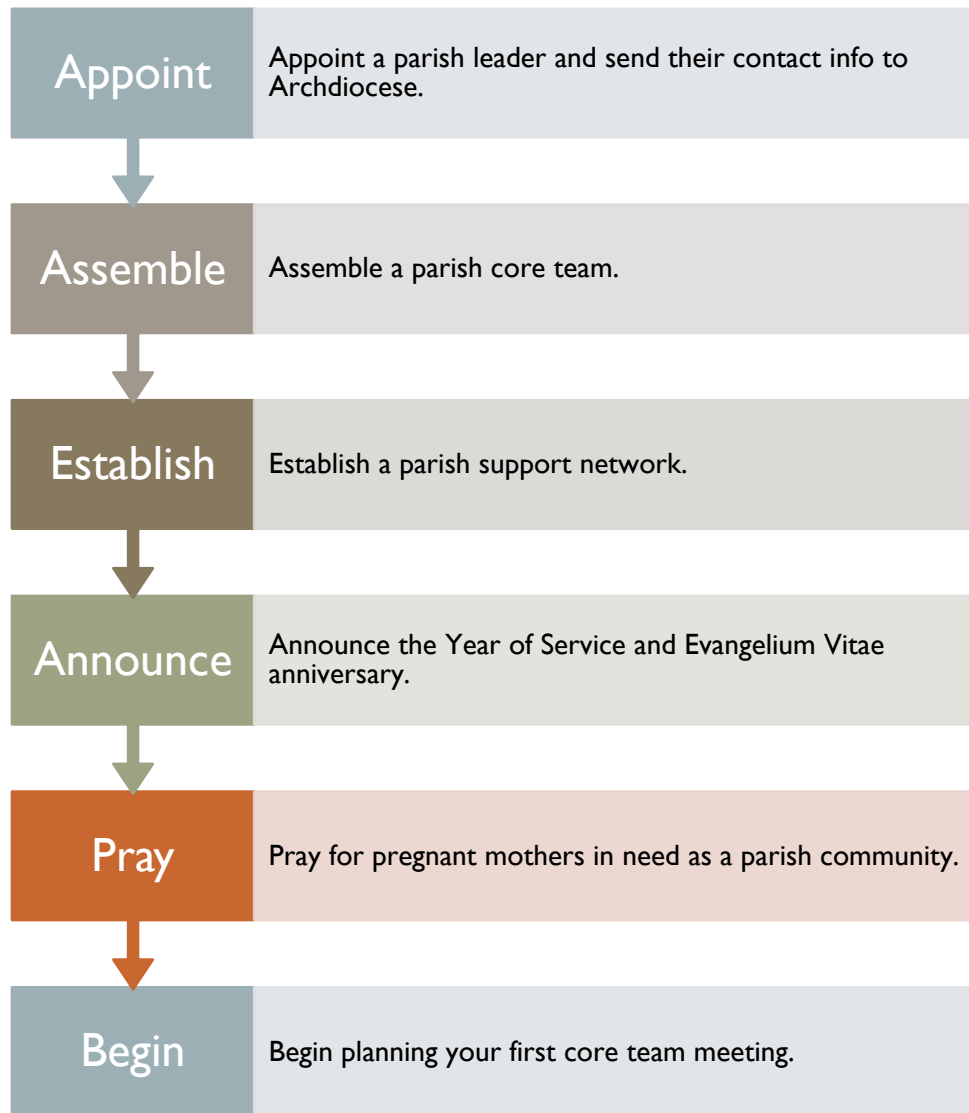
- The goal of the **Year of Service** is focused on providing real, tangible support to pregnant women in need. Part of the vision for this initiative is to move the conversation from what sometimes seems like a partisan divide into pastoral unity.
- If the goal is to better reach out to mothers in need, partisan messages can prevent women in need from hearing the most important message of the Year of Service - that **the Church is there for them and desires to support them and walk with them during this challenging time.**



# PARISH ACTION TIMELINE



# PHASE ONE

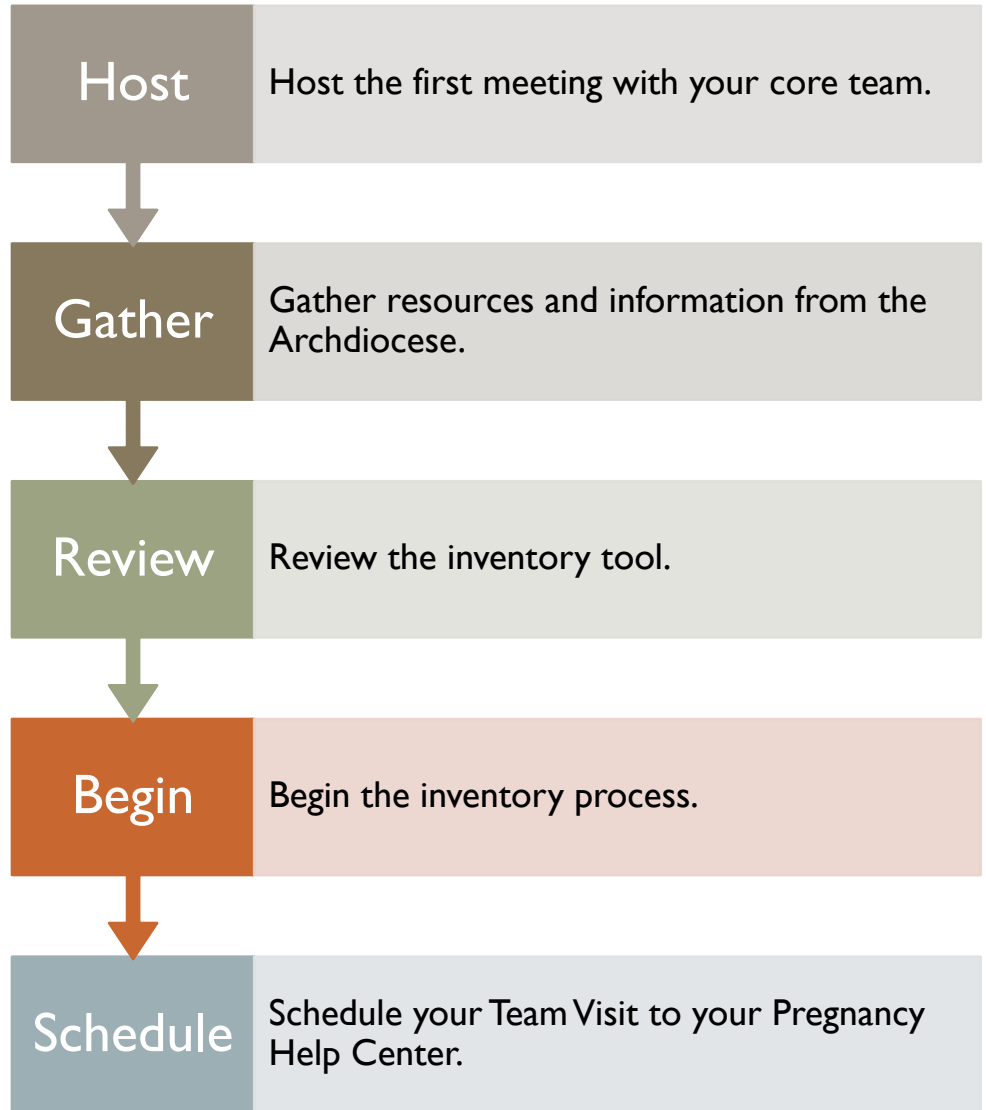


## PHASE ONE TIPS

- **The Pastor selects the Parish Leader and Parish Core Team.**
  - Pray
  - Think Outside the Box
  - Consider the Future
- **Selecting the Parish Core Team**
  - Size
  - Diversity
  - Variety of Skills
  - Discernment
  - Personal Invitation
- **Creating the Parish-wide Support Network**
  - Contact List
  - Regular Updates
  - Sign-up Sunday
- **Contact the Pregnancy Help Center assigned to your Parish**



# PHASE TWO





# PHASE TWO TIPS

- **Hosting a Meeting**
  - Scheduling
  - Communications
  - Preparation
  - Hospitality
  - Prayer
- **The ADOM Parish Inventory Tool**
  - Archdiocesan Respect Life Office
  - Review the goal, tool, and process with Core Team
- **The Inventory Process**
  - Visit Your Pregnancy Help Center
  - Research and Compile Data
  - Determine Needs and How the Parish can Help
  - Share Results
- **Homily Helps for Clergy**
- **Sample Bulletin Announcements**
- **Monthly Training Webinars**



## ACTION ITEMS

1. PRAY
2. Connect with your pastor.
3. Connect with us!





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# PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS



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## A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.\* Amen.



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