

# Objectives

To provide:

A safe haven and tangible support services allowing women to embrace God's calling to motherhood: giving life to her child.

Individualized residential and professional support services to nurture women seeking assistance as a result of crisis pregnancy.

An opportunity to learn parenting skills (e.g. breast feeding, normative stages of child development such as expected behaviours).

Continuing education for future economic independence.



*"The Lord called me before I was born,  
From my mother's womb he pronounced my name."  
(Isaiah 49:1)*

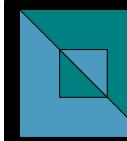


*"It was you who created my inmost self,  
And put me together in my mother's womb...  
You know me through and through,  
From having watched my bones take shape  
When I was being formed in secret,  
Knitted together in the...womb."  
(Psalm 139:13 & 15)*

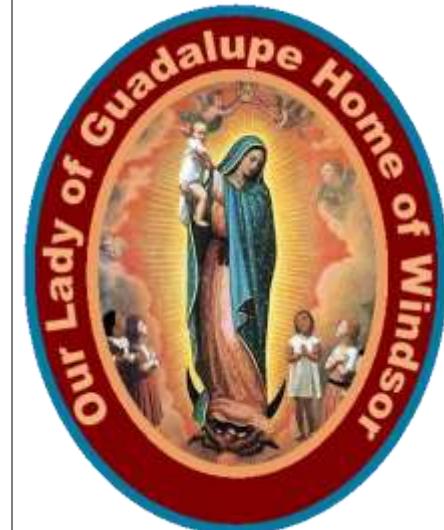


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## What's in a Name? “Our Lady of Guadalupe”



In the 15th and 16th Centuries in present-day Mexico, **human sacrifice** was part of the Aztec religion. Scholars estimate the numbers sacrificed range from 20,000 a year up to 250,000 a year.

The early Mexican historian Ixtlilxochitl estimated that one of every five children in Mexico was sacrificed to one of many gods, but especially to the serpent god Huitzil and to Tezcatlipoca. When Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego in 1531, she appeared as a pregnant woman, and told him that she was "the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God who gives life and maintains its existence." She told him to "call me and call my image Santa Maria Coatlaxopeuh", in the Aztec language one who treads on serpents, which the Spanish pronounced Santa Maria Guadalupe. Her image miraculously appeared on Juan's tilma (poncho made of woven cactus) and has survived intact to the present, despite damage from smoke, floods and a bombing. In 1999 Pope John Paul II entrusted the cause of life to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born. And so we named our home for women in crisis pregnancy:

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Non-Profit Home of Windsor.

## Why Our Lady of Guadalupe Non-Profit Home of Windsor / Essex County

Bill C 510, aka Roxanne's Law was inspired by Roxanne Fernando, who was brutally murdered for refusing to have an abortion. The bill was proposed in July, 2010, but Canadian lawmakers failed to pass this legislation which was proposed to protect women from being coerced into abortion. Because it is not illegal to pressure or even to coerce a woman to have an abortion in Canada, many pregnant teens and women who would otherwise choose to have their babies are under such pressure to abort that they feel there is no other choice than to abort.

The pressure to abort may come from a boyfriend who is shocked that birth control has failed (as it does 10% of the time), and does not want to take responsibility for caring for or paying for a child for 18 years or more. Sometimes parents pressure teens to abort. They think a teenager is too young to mother, or they don't want a baby around the house, or, some (especially immigrants) may feel shamed that their unmarried daughter is pregnant. Sometimes a husband will pressure his wife to abort, either because he doesn't want the added financial burden or he simply doesn't want to be "bothered" with another child. The saddest scenario of all is when a man impregnates a young girl (incest or pedophilia) and wants the "evidence" to "disappear".

A friend of mine who is a nurse and has had 2 abortions herself has this to say about coercion of women to have abortions: Medical professionals also coerce the woman to abort. I have counseled some who - when they went to the health care system - and they expressed their desire NOT to abort (believing these people would help them) they were counseled to carry on and abort. Girls and women in crisis pregnancy get the clear message: abort or get out and have the baby on their own. Worse than

that, some even fear for their lives should they choose to carry their baby to term, as evidenced by Roxanne Fernando, who was brutally murdered for refusing to have an abortion. At a time in their lives when women feel most vulnerable, needing love and support, many feel rejected instead. Overwhelmed by the daunting task of carrying a child to term while trying to find food and shelter, or even to avoid the threat of violence, many cave in to pressure, and decide to have an abortion.

I've spoken to many women who have had abortions. Almost every single one of them says, "I felt I had no choice." How ironic. Most of them feel lifelong shame after the abortion - frequently turning to alcohol or drugs to mask their pain, sometimes even attempting suicide.

The Lord, who says "I AM the Life" has inspired our group to open a home for pregnant teens and women who are carrying children created by God (in the image and likeness of God), and need a safe place to live and nurture their babies. In pregnancy, God's choice has already been made: as soon as the egg and sperm united, the dynamic miracle that is human life began.

It is our duty to provide whatever support is needed to cooperate in God's plan for all pregnant women, especially the most vulnerable, and the children God chose to create. That is why we are working to open Our Lady of Guadalupe Non-Profit Home of Winsor as a place of refuge and safety for women in crisis pregnancy and their babies.

At present, the closest Canadian homes for women in crisis pregnancy are located in the London / St. Thomas area. Our Lady of Guadalupe Non-Profit Home of Windsor would be opened in the Windsor / Essex County area of Ontario.

### Present Needs

- \* Volunteers to help us get started
- \* Someone with experience to volunteer to direct major fund-raising effort
- \* Donations (Registered Charity)
- \* Make cheque payable to:  
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