



## ***Redemptorists create 'prayer list' for Mother's Day***

*To invoke St. Gerard Majella, Redemptorist patron saint of expectant mothers*

DENVER, CO, April 21, 2010...If you know of a woman who is experiencing physical and/or emotional difficulties related to her pregnancy, you can now add her name to a prayer list created by the Redemptorists of the Denver Province for Mother's Day.

The names on that list will be offered up in prayer to St. Gerard Majella, the 18<sup>th</sup> century Redemptorist brother and patron saint of expectant mothers, between now and Mother's Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you know of someone you would like to add to this prayer list, please go to [www.redemptoristsdenver.org](http://www.redemptoristsdenver.org) and click on the Mother's Day banner on our home page. And please feel free to enter the name of any mother for whom you would like us to pray.

St. Gerard Majella was born in Muro, Italy, in 1726 and joined the Redemptorists at the age of 23. He served as sacristan, gardener, porter, and tailor. However, because of his great piety, extraordinary wisdom, and his gift of reading consciences, he was permitted to counsel communities of religious women.

This humble servant of God also had the faculties of levitation and bi-location associated with certain mystics. His charity, obedience, and selfless service as well as his ceaseless mortification for Christ, made him the perfect model of lay brothers. He was afflicted with tuberculosis and died in 1755 at the age of twenty-nine.

This great saint is invoked as a patron of expectant mothers as a result of a miracle performed through his prayers for a woman in labor.

Go to <http://www.redemptoristsdenver.org/p/our-other-saints> to view a video on the life and ministry of St. Gerard Majella.

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