



The Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla International Center for Family and Life

Under the Patronage of the Three Hearts: the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Purest Heart of Joseph

TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



The Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Ponte Nuovo of Magenta, Milan, October 2008.

Gianna with Pietro, engaged, in the living room of their future spousal home, Ponte Nuovo of Magenta, June 1955.



The Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla International Center for Family and Life, under the patronage of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Purest Heart of Joseph, **is the major work of the Saint Gianna Beretta Molla and Pietro Molla Foundation**, more briefly referred to as “Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Foundation”. For God’s will, the Center will be established in the United States of America, instead of in Italy, in a location to be determined. The Architect of the holy project is Duncan G. Stroik.

“The International Center will promote the sanctity of life witnessed, as is completely appropriate, in the married life of Saint Gianna. Her holiness had everything to do with the sanctity of her husband. They were both, as every married couple should be, dedicated to work for the salvation of the spouse’s soul. This was so evident in the life of Saint Gianna and Pietro. So this Center will be named after both of them. In years to come, I think we will be reading more and more about Pietro and coming to understand the great beauty of the married vocation as it is exemplified by the life of this beautiful couple”, His Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, stated.

“The rationale of the Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla International Center for Family and Life”, His Eminence added, *“has been carefully articulated and responds thoroughly and profoundly to the great need of a new evangelization regarding the inviolability of innocent and defenseless human life, and the integrity of marriage and the family as the cradle of human life. **Saint Gianna and her saintly husband, Pietro, are contemporary heroes of the much-needed new evangelization.**”*

Mission of the International Center

“The mission of the International Center is to provide a place dedicated to the holiness of life of Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla, to which the faithful can come on pilgrimage. The International Center will help the faithful to come to know better Saint Gianna and Pietro and, with the help of their intercession, to imitate the holiness of their conjugal life”, Cardinal Burke said.

The mission of the International Center is humble service to the Universal Church as a holy pilgrimage site to help spread knowledge of and devotion to Saint Gianna’s and Pietro’s virtues and, thus, to promote the holiness of the family and respect for the sanctity of all human life.

With God’s help and blessing, the International Center will be a peaceful place of prayer, learning, study



Mariolina, garden of the house in Ponte Nuovo of Magenta, 1963.

Architecture of the International Center

The holy project comprises:

- A replica of the Spousal home of Saint Gianna and her saintly husband, Pietro, including the part of the home added in 1963, as it is in Ponte Nuovo of Magenta (Milan) - Italy
- The “Mariolina Garden”
- Shrine Church of Saint Gianna
- Rectory
- The “Engineer Pietro Molla Institute”
- Pilgrim Center; the “Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla School of Holiness”
- Pilgrim House
- A replica of the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel as it is in Ponte Nuovo of Magenta
- Site amenities, including: The Way of the Cross, The Way of the Rosary, outdoor services, parking and maintenance structures.

and spirituality for pilgrims; a place to prepare pilgrims to spread throughout the world Saint Gianna’s and Pietro’s example, testimony, and spirituality, for, by their lives, Saint Gianna and Pietro gave greater glory to Our Lord, and greater honor to Our Lady and to Saint Joseph; and **for the spiritual good, the hope, and the encouragement of many people, in particular for those who suffer or have various physical, emotional, or spiritual difficulties.**

“The Center is, as its name indicates, International. It will invite faithful from all parts of our nation and the world to come on pilgrimage. It will not have the characteristics of parish life or offer the services of a parish”, Cardinal Burke said.

The International Center wishes:

- **to honor Saint Gianna and Pietro** as holy spouses and parents, who truly lived the Sacrament of Marriage as a vocation and as a path towards holiness in their daily lives; their exemplary spousal and parental love, and family life, too; their witness of the sacredness of all human life from conception until the last breath;
- **to keep alive and perpetuate the memory** of Saint Gianna and Pietro, and of their daughter, Mariolina, as well;
- **to offer the possibility to pray** to Saint Gianna and Pietro, asking for their intercession for every need, in the presence of many of Saint Gianna’s Relics and Pietro’s mementos; some people also pray to Mariolina, asking for her intercession;
- **to offer the possibility to know and learn more** about the person, faith, and spirituality of Saint Gianna and Pietro to enrich our heart and soul, and, following their example, and through their intercession, to be able to grow: in love, in a spirit of service and of self-sacrifice, in holiness in our personal, family and professional life;
- **to help us to strengthen our faith**, above all when we are in sufferings and difficulties, and to increase our love and deepest gratitude to Our Lord Jesus Christ, offering the Celebration of the Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, the Sacrament of the sick, the Eucharistic Adoration, retreats and Spiritual Exercises focused on Saint Gianna and Pietro;
- **to give glory and honor to God** through devotion to Saint Gianna and her holy husband Pietro.