

Welcome Genevieve (and Saint Katharina)

by Arnold Lezcano

The newest member of our Caritas Family is the eldest of 6, Connecticut raised, homeschooled through high school, and recent alumna of Thomas Aquinas College in Southern California. After graduating in 2017, Genevieve Morlino worked in development for Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, where **she was motivated to learn fundraising for Non-Profits.**



She met her fiancé Phil in College, whose family hails from Milwaukee, which brings Gen here to begin their married life together in August! **Gen feels especially drawn to CARITAS for Children because of “the intimate bond created between child and sponsor, and being able to assist in a mission that combines the corporal works of mercy with the spiritual.”** She is looking forward to helping CARITAS as a new member of our Mission and Development team.

An amazing fact about Gen is that **her great-grandmother’s great-great-aunt is a Saint!**

Her whole family was present for the canonization of St. Maria Katharina Kasper in Rome in October, 2018. **It’s not every day you meet a person with a Saint in their ancestry!** When we found this out, we welcomed Saint Katharina along with Gen to our Caritas family, knowing that she will be praying for us and our mission.

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Although not yet a well known saint, Katharina Kasper founded the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ with four other women in Germany during the 1850's. Their mission was and still is to minister to the sick and needy, especially children, and they are known for their love of simplicity.



The love of Jesus in the poor and the ill, the care of children, and the close connection with Gen, will surely make St. Katharina a patron saint of CARITAS for Children.

We ask St. Katharina to pray for our sponsors and children, and we thank Gen for her desire to continue in the footsteps of her saintly relative in serving the poor children of the world.



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