

# Father Taaffe Homes

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



Sophie & Andre with Fr. Taaffe  
2003

Reverend Monsignor Charles Taaffe opened St. Brigid Home on St. Patrick's Day in March, 1975 in a rented house in Keizer, Oregon. That very night, one of the girls went into labor and the first Fr. Taaffe baby was born.

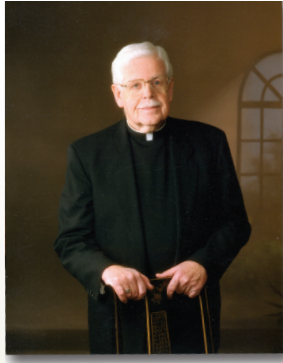
St. Brigid Home could accommodate four or five young women while awaiting the birth of their children. They usually stayed for about six months during their pregnancy and moved after they had their babies. At that time most of the girls chose adoption, but as social conditions changed, so did the needs of young mothers.

By 1990 Father Taaffe realized that many more teenage mothers were keeping their babies. They needed a safe place to live and time to bond with their babies, finish high school, and learn parenting skills.

In 1991 with the help of generous supporters, Fr. Taaffe opened St. Monica Home and, in 1998, St. Teresa Home. He worked tirelessly to raise funds to support the young moms and the homes for the rest of his life. During an illness prior to his death in 2008, Fr. Taaffe requested that Catholic Community Services take over his foundation and continue his work.

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Reverend Monsignor Charles Taaffe

In this 40th year of service and with the continuing support of faithful donors, the Fr. Taaffe Program expanded to include neighborhood outreach, increasing the number of young mothers served each year from an average of 15 to nearly 60. Plans call for the program to continue to grow in 2016 with the opening of the new St. Monica's Apartments.



**Father Taaffe Homes**  
and Pregnancy Support Services

We believe that Fr. Taaffe would be proud to see the fruits of his work continuing to grow—40 years later. On behalf of the hundreds of courageous young women who made the choice to say YES to life and those who will do so in the future: thank you for your support and your prayers.

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