



#### Dear Friends:

January is a time for new beginnings — and we have several new beginnings here at Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN this month. Tepeyac OB/GYN begins a new relationship with StoneSprings Hospital Center and welcomes the return of midwife Risa Rispoli to our staff. At Divine Mercy Care, Derek Hall begins his work as our new Development Coordinator. Read more about him below.

As you know, in January thousands of people come to Washington D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life. While I didn't get downtown to march in person last week, I was so pleased we had an opportunity to host a wonderful group of Dominican Sisters, chaperones and students from Knoxville Catholic High School who visited Tepeyac OB/GYN as part of their pilgrimage weekend. One of our Tepeyac OB/GYN patients graciously allowed the students to witness a live ultrasound. The couple were excited to find out the gender of their baby in the process — it's a boy! Students and chaperones made cards for the baby baskets Divine Mercy Care prepares for mothers in need. I am so inspired by these young people, their thoughtful questions and their interest in our work. This is the kind of educational program I intend Divine Mercy Care to do MUCH more of as we work together to grow the next generation of pro-life medicine!

Finally, I wanted to note as we begin this year that 2024 marks 30 years since the founding of Tepeyac OB/GYN! All of at Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN continue to be grateful for your witness, your generosity and your faithful commitment to life.

John T. Brukalalim



When I attended the Tepeyac OBGYN clinic with a couple of my fellow classmates I was moved with compassion for their movement. I entered into that clinic and felt the presence of God within all the people around me. The work that they do there is truly a miraculous thing. They work with mothers and provide them and their child with a respite during the mother's term, helping with the pro-life movement. I had the pleasure of seeing a live ultrasound which filled me with love for a child's life and reminded me that every life is a precious gift from God. The work that they do at Tepeyac reminded me that there are many people in this fight for the sanctity of life, and that we are truly making a difference.

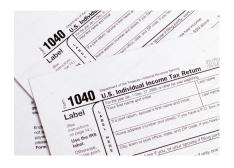
- Skyler, Knoxville Catholic High School



Visiting Tepeyac was such an incredible experience. We got to make cards for mothers, watch a live ultrasound, and talk to Dr. B. Watching the ultrasound was truly a beautiful experience and I think everyone pro-life or not should experience something like this. Talking to Dr. B and hearing his testimony was beautiful and one day, I hope to work for Tepeyac! I will always be grateful and blessed I got to experience this wonderful place!

-Aida, Knoxville Catholic High School

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### New Year, New Beginnings for Tepeyac OB/GYN

Beginning January 15, 2024, Tepeyac OB/GYN has transitioned from Fair Oaks Hospital to StoneSprings Hospital Center for our deliveries.

This new affiliation marks a significant milestone in our continuing commitment to providing the highest quality pro-life medical care. With the addition of a third midwife Tepeyac OB/GYN is excited to offer an expanded midwifery service that will continue in close collaboration with our physicians. Tepeyac's dedicated team of skilled midwives will provide personalized, holistic, and womancentered care.



# Divine Mercy Care Welcomes Derek Hall as Development Coordinator

I loved playing sports growing up, but I was never a star player. Instead, I tried to find a niche that I could specialize in. At the University of Dayton, I

found that niche as a punter. I also started a friendship there with Clare, a math major with a heart pulling her toward medicine. Her parents were doctors who took the family to Kenya when she was young. I told her she should listen to that call, and someday, she'd meet a guy who would adventure with her to Africa and support her dreams of serving the marginalized. All these years later I am lucky to be that guy! Clare and I have been married for 8 years.

In 2022 Clare joined Tepeyac OB/GYN as a midwife and we moved to Northern Virginia from Michigan. In search of a new niche for myself, I enrolled in an MBA program focused on Catholic Philanthropy (which wraps up this spring) and found myself drawn to the support role I could play to serve the mission of life-affirming medicine alongside Clare. I am honored and humbled to start in the position of Development Coordinator for Divine Mercy Care in this new year. In that role I look forward to connecting with you and learning more about your passion for pro-life medicine.

## Our Sunday Visitor Features Tepeyac's Kristen Anderson Perinatal Hospice Program

At Tepeyac OB/GYN's hospice program, Bruchalski said that they help a mother use her womb as a hospice, in a sense. "We want to walk with you through ... the physical, the psychological, and the spiritual realities of the diagnosis," he said, "as well as the treatment or the accompaniment where you just love on this child for as long as it's alive."



Perinatal hospice and palliative care offers alternative to abortion, experts say

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