



# RELIGIOUS ED

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## Summer with the Saints: St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Born in Italy, Gianna was the tenth of thirteen children. She loved to ski and mountain climb and was an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Gianna was a diligent student when it came to her faith and her academic studies. She earned a degree in medicine and surgery, specializing in pediatrics and went on to open a clinic. It was through this clinic that she met Pietro Molla, who would become her husband.

While pregnant with her last child, doctors discovered a tumor. Gianna allowed them to remove the tumor but made it known that she did not want her baby to be harmed. In April 1962, Gianna had a beautiful baby girl named Gianna Emanuela. Unfortunately, Gianna had an infection after the birth of her daughter and she passed away at home the week after the birth of her daughter.

In 2004, St. John Paul II canonized Gianna Beretta Molla. Present were her husband and children making this the first time a husband witnessed the canonization of his wife. Their daughter Gianna Emanuela followed in her mother's footsteps and became a doctor herself.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla is the patron saint of mothers, physicians and unborn children.

## Register today!

Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 Religious Education Program for students in 1st-8th grades. Take advantage of the **Early Bird Discount** by submitting the registration form and payment by **August 31st!** Scan the QR Code to complete the registration form.



Pick up a Catholic Kids Bulletin each week on your way in or out of church. They are on the table inside the front doors.

Looking for a way to get involved? We are looking for volunteers to serve as catechists in the RE Program as well as leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Contact Kathleen Driscoll, [kadriscoll@archchicago.org](mailto:kadriscoll@archchicago.org), if you would like to volunteer.

*All volunteers must fulfill the volunteer requirements of the Archdiocese of Chicago.*