

Magnificat Prayer Meal to be June 21

Guest Speaker from new Marian Mantle Group Apostolate

LINCOLN (SNR) - The next event for Magnificat of Lincoln is a June 21 prayer meal, held in the commons area at Pius X High School, 6000 A St., Lincoln, at 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. start is a new time.

MaryAnn Gardner, from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan., will be the guest speaker. MaryAnn and her husband are the founders of the *Marian Mantle Group*, a small but growing apostolate which brings Catholic parents together under the mantle of the Lord's mother.

"Our goal," MaryAnn said, "is to work and pray together in the hope that all Catholic parents may someday see the return of their children to Holy Mother Church."

The group has members in 39 states and seven foreign countries. Their concern for the issues of prodigal, or fallen-away Catholics, prompted them to found this ministry.

MaryAnn is a published



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writer and experienced public speaker, and a former high school teacher who has spent the past 14 years as a corporate communications professional. She is a member of the Catholic Writers Association, the National Catholic Family Life Ministries, the National Catholic Education Association and is a Marian Catechist.

Mrs. Gardner is a wife and mother, married since 1970 to

Robert. They have been members of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Olathe, Kan. for 19 years.

To register for the luncheon, send a check for \$15.00 to Barb Bechtolt, 5500 'L' St., Lincoln, NE 68510. The student price is \$10.00.

All are encouraged to attend and to invite a friend to the event. The deadline to register is June 18. No walk-ins, please.

Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women which began in New Orleans in 1981 and now has more than 70 chapters worldwide. Magnificat is based on the scriptural scene in which our Blessed Lady reached out to her cousin Elizabeth and shared Jesus with her in her time of need.

The Lincoln chapter began in 1996 and has ministered to more than 800 women since it began. Magnificat welcomes women of all faiths to the quarterly prayer meal. For information call Mary at 402-476-1880.