



Helpers of God's Precious Infants

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To all Helpers both near and afar: Greetings from the Home Office in Brooklyn, New York,

I would like to begin this newsletter by quoting from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "[Evangellii Gaudium](#)" of November 2015. In this papal document he writes "The defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right." In his Encyclical Letter "[Laudato Si](#)", of May 2015 he writes "How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo?" In other words what Pope Francis is saying is that whatever issue may be facing mankind, whether it be global warming, the rising expense of health care, the terrible economic inequality among persons and nations, or any other problem, if we fail to protect the unborn these problems will become worse. Failure to respect life compounds these problems by cheapening the value of human life and the value of the environment. When human life becomes inconvenient and the solution is abortion on demand why should we try to protect anything else that becomes inconvenient, whether animal or plant life? The number one cause of death in the world today is not any illness or disease but the voluntary destruction of unborn children by abortion. Thank you for recognizing the value of all human life and being willing to go out to the streets and abortion facilities throughout the world to proclaim the "Gospel of Life" and to seek to help those caught up in the Culture of Death.

HELPERS GATHER IN BROOKLYN



On October 8, 2017 I hosted a gathering of Helpers from all over the world at the Monastery of the Precious Blood where I reside in Brooklyn. It has become increasingly difficult for me to travel long distances, so the Helpers came to me! Among the many who traveled long distances were Ditmar Fisher, Hersried Brandhuber, and Dr. Michael Tamchina from Austria, Wolfgang Herring from Germany, Mar Palos and Pedro West from Mexico, Sylvia Jimenez from Florida, Dr. Majlinda from Albania, Francesca and Tom Sperrazzo from North Carolina, and Elizabeth Hickson Frappier with her young daughter Gabriella from Connecticut. A large number of Helpers from the New York area were on hand as well. A wonderful time was had by all, and many shared their testimony on how they became involved with the Helpers. There were many moving tributes paid to me personally, but we all know that whatever good that has come from the Helpers organization has been due to the goodness of God. We are merely his "unprofitable servants". I would like to thank Craig and Wenqi Glantz from the Philadelphia area for coming up with this idea and contacting the Helpers from Europe and Mexico. I would also like to thank Susan and Kevin Moore, my Secretary and Treasurer for organizing this event and for making sure that everyone was fed and cared for.

SELLING OF FETAL BODY PARTS

Over the last two years David Daleiden, of the Center for Medical Progress, has documented with many videos how Planned Parenthood has developed a "side business" in the selling of the parts of aborted babies to companies

that in turn sell them to researchers. He has posed as an undercover employee of one such company and secretly recorded many leading figures of the Planned Parenthood organization discussing how much they charge, how they can procure the most wanted organs, and how they would allow employees of said company to come to their clinics to process their deliveries. These videos have led to a Congressional investigation, referrals to the FBI for criminal prosecution and calls for the complete defunding of Planned Parenthood. I have refrained from commenting on this issue previously because as many Helpers know this type of trafficking in “fetal tissue” has been going on since at least the early 1970s. In 1988 Suzanne M. Rini published “Beyond Abortion: A Chronicle of Fetal Experimentation” which told the story of this macabre business. Researchers fought to allow experimentation on babies who were destined for abortion with the justification that such experiments would be a boon for mankind. They were anything but for the child. Since experimenting on dead babies was thought not to be as advantageous, doctors began to induce labor with prostaglandin, which often produced live babies who were then dissected and frozen. Despite laws in many states at the time requiring doctors to come to the aid of any infant that was born alive during an abortion procedure, none lifted a finger to do so. In fact, some doctors went so far as to strangle the child as it was being delivered as some researchers preferred “freshly dead” babies. Drug companies and others touted the discovery of the rubella vaccine and amniocentesis as proof of the worth of these experiments, but these developments never needed human experimentation to be discovered. In fact, amniocentesis, which tests the health of the unborn child, is often used to discover if the child has any abnormalities such as Down's Syndrome and if so, the child is killed. Another supposed benefit was the improved cosmetics produced using fetal body parts, but at what price? Is younger looking skin worth the intentional destruction of unborn children? Sadly, many think so. Ms. Rini's book is thoroughly researched and provides documentation for all claims made. I highly recommend the reading of this book. It will open your eyes even more to the evil that is abortion. I am grateful that this issue is once again being raised and am hopeful that all abortion facilities that engage in this type of behavior will be called to account.

WHY THE HELPERS DO WHAT WE DO

In the 16th Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus speaks to Simon, son of Jonah: “And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.” Later he adds “and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Most people think that this means that the powers of hell would come after the Church and the Church would always be able to withstand the attack. In reality, the figure of speech employed by Jesus is meant to suggest something very different. In the ancient world and up to practically modern times an invading army would attack a walled city at its most vulnerable point, namely the gates. Therefore, to state that the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against the Church is to imply that the community of Jesus Christ is the aggressor. Jesus is not saying that we will always prevail against their attack; he is saying that they will never prevail against our attack. The Helpers never fight with the weapons of violence, our only “weapon” is the rosary. We are not trembling waiting for the abortionists and their proponents to come after us (although they sometimes do), we go to the streets of our cities and pray for the conversion of hearts. We know that love will conquer hate, compassion will conquer cruelty, and non-violence will conquer violence. Shortly after Ambulatory Surgery, the facility I had been praying and counselling at for over 20 years closed in 2012, I began to pray at the abortion business located at 81 Willoughby Street in Brooklyn. Before I went there, I called the local police precinct. I told them that the next day they would be receiving a call from the abortion business that a terrorist was menacing them and their “clients”. I also told the police that I would indeed be there, but my only weapon was a rosary. I am not sure the police believed me when I told them this, but sure enough the next day, a call was placed to the precinct requesting that I be removed from the sidewalk, as I was terrorizing their patients. When the police arrived, I explained to them that, as a taxpayer, the sidewalk was paid for by me. I requested that the officer remove himself from my sidewalk. The officer, seeing that I had only a rosary in my hand, laughed and complied with my request. My rights to free speech were vindicated and I was able to continue talking to the women and the few men entering that facility. The Helpers approach of bringing Christ to the streets has overcome all obstacles in not only New York but in over 40 countries throughout the world. How many times have the pro-aborts tried to silence us through the police and the courts, but it has never worked, at least in countries that have freedom of speech. How many children are alive today that would not be otherwise if not for the Helpers?

SIDEWALK COUNSELLING

Recently a number of people have asked me about how to sidewalk counsel. I will take this opportunity to explain my technique. First, I have a sign made up which lies on the sidewalk in such a way that it is visible to anyone walking up the street. The sign is not graphic, it contains information on the utter destructiveness of abortion for both the mother and child, and has encouraging words for any mother who decides to bring her child to term. I usually have 20 to 30 seconds to make contact with any potential turn around. I hold a rosary in my hand along with a "How to pray the rosary" prayer card in the other hand. I begin by saying "Hello, Mom", because this woman is already a mother, only that her child has yet to be born. I also hold in my hand one of my pamphlets on where to get help in crisis pregnancy situations. If the woman is receptive to my greeting I talk with her about her baby, how he is developing in her womb and how each child is unique and precious to God. If she accepts the rosary I offer her, I ask her to pray on it. If she is having second thoughts or tells me she wants to leave I direct her to one of the Crisis Pregnancy Centers listed on the brochure. If not, I am there to talk with her after the abortion, I tell her that God still loves her, and provide her with a pamphlet from the Rachel's Helpers organization which helps post-abortion women. There have also been times where I have been able to reach the partner, usually a boyfriend or husband, and beg them to get the woman out of the abortion facility. I recall that once, a few years ago, that a young man went into the clinic with his girlfriend and later came out for a cigarette. He had been very hostile to me on the way in, even threatening me when I attempted to hand his girlfriend a brochure. As he lit up his cigarette I began talking with him. He told me to get away from him, although not in those words. I did not go away, and soon the young man began to listen. About 5 minutes later he told he was going to go in to get his girlfriend out. This young man, who had been so hostile and threatening, had a complete conversion of heart. Not all sidewalk counsellors use the same techniques, each has to find what works for them. This technique has been very effective for me. I would say, though, that it is extremely important for the sidewalk counselor to be there for the woman and any partner if she goes ahead with the abortion. These women are very vulnerable and most if not all realize that they have destroyed their child. They need to be reminded that God never stops loving them and He will help them heal if they allow Him to come into their lives. Even if the mother has an abortion, if she comes to let God into her life, she will never come back to that place again. Remember, that these abortion businesses rely on repeat business. With enough turnarounds and women not coming back for another abortion, soon the business will close.

HUGH M. HEFNER, R. I. P.

I am sure that all who are reading this newsletter know who Hugh M. Hefner was. He was perhaps the most important and influential pornographer in the United States beginning in the 1950s with his "men's magazine" Playboy. He began publishing nude pictures of women way before subsequent Supreme Court decisions upheld his right to do so. From this small beginning pornography has metastasized into a multi-billion dollar industry which not only degrades everyone who is in any way involved with it, but has proved very harmful to the women in particular who are featured in the magazines and movies. Of course, Hefner was all for abortion on demand, what easier way to avoid any consequence of any man's illicit actions. Why should any man have to support the offspring of the "Playboy Lifestyle" when they can demand the woman have an abortion or termination of the relationship will result. How often have we read of women being physically harmed or even killed by boyfriends or husbands when they refuse to abort their child. Upon his death a few months ago, there came from many of his former Cover Girls and "Playmates" stirring tributes to Mr. Hefner, thanking him for being so very helpful to their careers. This is akin to slaves being grateful to their masters. The person most responsible for their exploitation is being thanked for exploiting them! This reminds me of the pro-abortion women we see on television and read about in newspapers telling us all how wonderful abortion is. They cannot see the forest from the trees. Abortion is never wonderful for anyone, especially the child. If in the minds of some it is a relief from what they feel is an impossible situation that is about the best that can be made of a terrible situation. Even then, sooner or later the woman will have to come to grips with what she has done. As Frederica Matthews-Green has written, a woman wants an abortion like a bear want to chew off his ankle when he is caught in a bear trap.

FACING HARRASSMENT

I am aware of the problems many of you are having at particular abortion facilities with harassment from escorts and passersby. There have been cases of pro-lifers being pushed or having literature being knocked out of their hands. As sidewalk counselors we must be resolved to be non-violent in every circumstance. Trust in God, and be not afraid. Keep your focus on the clients when they are arriving, not on the escorts or passersby. Remain in the spirit of prayer. It is very good to pray before you begin your tour of duty, attend Mass beforehand if possible. This will help you when the going gets tough on the sidewalk. Remember the words of Jesus: "Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of Me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven."

SCHEDULE OF VIGIL MASSES FROM DECEMBER 2017 TO JUN 2018

DATE	CHURCH	ABORTION SITE
December 16, 2017	St. James Cathedral Downtown Brooklyn	14 DeKalb Avenue
January 20, 2018	St. Catherine of Genoa Brooklyn	Kings County Hospital
February 17, 2018	St. Paul/St. Agnes Downtown Brooklyn	Planned Parenthood
March 10, 2018	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Forest Hills, Queens	All Women's Medical
April 21, 2018	St. Marys Church LIC, Queens	Planned Parenthood
May, 2018	No Large Vigil – Please go to your own clinics and pray.	
June 16, 2018	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jamaica, Queens	Choices

NEWS AND NOTES

Over the Labor Day weekend, accompanied by Fr. Peter Pilsner, I flew to Mexico City to give talks at a pro-life conference there. I was very impressed by the ardor of all involved with this conference and I was once again able to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn. I would like to thank Mar Palos and Fr. Pilsner for making it possible for me to attend. I am pleased to report that requests for copies of "Pro-Life Champion" have been coming in at a steady pace and Susan Moore has sent out several already. Remember you can receive a copy for a donation of \$100.00 or order it yourselves on Amazon.com. I would like to ask any rosary makers receiving this newsletter if they would be able to send some to the Monastery. We have given away so many rosaries lately and we are down to a precious few. Thank you in advance for anyone who can help. In my last newsletter, I informed you about a pending case being brought by the attorney general of New York State against some pro-lifers from the Rock Church for harassment of potential clients of Choices abortion facility in Jamaica, New York. Also named in the suit were some people using the Helpers approach of peaceful, prayerful, witness. I am very happy to report that the case against these pro-lifers was thrown out of court. The Helpers' way has been vindicated once again. I would like to remind everyone who reads this newsletter that they can support the Helpers by using smileamazon.com when ordering from Amazon. Just sign onto smileamazon.com, click Support, search on "Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Inc." Brooklyn, NY will show up to the right. Each time you use smileamazon.com the Helpers will receive 0.05% of your order. Thank you to those who already signed up. I would also like to announce that there are numerous positions available as sidewalk counselors with the Helpers of God's Precious Infants. The pay is zero, but the benefits are out of this world! We will be happy to train any volunteer. There is nothing like saving a child from an almost certain death. Finally, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Until we meet at Calvary,
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