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Dear Friends of God's Precious Infants and their Mothers,

A Source of Inspiration

In a recent newsletter, *Mark Crutcher*, the *President of Life Dynamics*, wisely warned pro-lifers to avoid slipping into the mentality of George Bailey in the Christmas movie "*It's a Wonderful Life*." As the movie begins, George, defining his life only by its failures, was in total despair; until *Clarence*, his *Guardian Angel*, made him aware of how many lives of people around him were blessed by his presence and his concern for them. As we begin the year 2013, what pro-lifer is unaware, that after forty years of legalized unjust killing of the babies in the United States and forty-three years in New York State, more than 55 million unborn babies have been unjustly killed here in America. What pro-lifers are unaware that the immoral legislation that allows this and *the negative example of our Country, has nurtured a culture of death to take roots in many other areas of the World*. However, like Clarence, may I remind you that as a result of millions of American pro-lifers, like yourself, *in the past twenty years we have gone, from over 2000 plus abortion clinics in America to less than 700*. On the other hand, we now have, in *America, more than four times as many Life Centers as Death Centers*. Moreover the latest polls show that **the majority of Americans are now pro-life**. Furthermore, may I assure you, from first-hand knowledge, that pro-lifers, in **Country after Country, around the World, look at the pro-life movement in the United States with admiration, encouragement and a source of inspiration**. From time to time, we need to be reminded of the positive effects of our pro-life efforts.

He Said: "I Thank You."

Indeed, may I share some recent personal experiences, as a further source of encouragement to the Helpers and other pro-lifers, who are in the front lines of this cultural war, namely, those who pray or counsel outside of abortion mills, on a monthly or weekly or even daily basis. *I am sure my experiences exemplifies, the effect of your own presence on people coming to today's Golgotha. At the last large Helpers' Prayer Vigil, a man came to thank me for having spoken to him fifteen years ago*. As a result of our brief conversation, **he kept his child**. Only a *couple of months* ago, a man driving a truck, while stopping for a red light, shouted to me to keep up the good work. I simply said: "Thank you." *He said: "I thank you. My daughter yesterday had her birthday because you spoke to me, when I came here for an abortion."* I said: "Beautiful and how old is your daughter?" **The truck driver said: "Yesterday was her twenty-first birthday"** *Very recently, a beautiful twenty-four year old woman, with her equally beautiful twenty-one year old sister, came to thank me. What was different in this*

case? The young women came with their mother, who also wanted to thank me. Twenty –five years ago outside the abortion mill called Choices, located in Queens, I spoke to the mother. *The mother kept the baby in her womb, which was now the beautiful twenty-four year old woman in front of me. The mother thanked me for speaking to her and the daughter thanked me for having spoken to her mother twenty-five years ago.* As many of you know, before the Helpers formally, started on Oct. 7th 1989, I was already outside the abortion mills. Trust me, your prayerful presence at the abortion sites, saves lives.

“Miracle On 43rd Street”

OB/GYN Pavilion at the Ambulatory Surgery Center of Brooklyn has been a Center for abortions since June of 1971. It was the oldest and largest abortion clinic in New York City, indeed in the United States, where more than a quarter of a million unborn children lost their lives. I use the verb was rather than is, since the abortion clinic was closed on Sept. 1st 2012. After so many years of good lay people, religious, priests and bishops praying and fasting outside of Ambulatory Abortion clinic, after so many years of dedicated lay people offering help by sidewalk counseling to the pregnant women entering the clinic, the Lord has granted a complete victory. In January 2013 the same building has reopened under the same ownership but as the New York Center for Specialty Surgery where only true healing takes place. In this building there will be no more abortions, abortifacient contraceptives, morning after pills, RU 486, etc. performed or distributed. The old owner’s change of heart is real and complete and all the new doctors are real doctors, who will not do an abortion procedure. People now can go for the services offered at the Center for Specialty Surgery, with peace of heart. During this past Christmas Season, the local Helpers viewed with delight their own: “Miracle On 43rd Street.”

Dates for Helpers Prayer Vigils in 2013

Sat. Jan. 19th 7:30 a.m. Mass at Presentation 88-19 Parson Blvd. Jamaica, Queens 11432

Tues. Jan. 22nd 7:00 a.m. Mass St. Patrick’s Cathedral 5th Ave. and 51st St. Manhattan

Main Celebrant--- Timothy Cardinal Dolan

Sat. Feb. 16th 7:30 a.m. Mass St. James Cathedral 250 Cathedral Pl. Brooklyn 11201

Sat. Mar. 16th 7:30 a.m. Mass Queen of Martyrs 110-06 Queens Blvd. 11375

Main Celebrant --- Bishop Paul Sanchez

Sat. April 20th 7:30 a.m. Mass St. Catherine of Genoa, Linden Blvd. and Albany Ave, Brooklyn

Sat. May 18th 7:30 a.m. Mass Presentation 89-19 Parson Blvd. Jamaica Queens 11432

Sat. June 15th 7:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception 389 E. 150 St. Bronx 10455

July No large Helper’s Prayer Vigil in July

Sat. Aug. 31st 7:30 a.m. Mass Our Lady of Cenacle 136-08 87th Ave. Rich. Hill Queens 11418

Sat. Sept. 21st. 7:30 a.m. Mass St. Joan of Arc 8200 35th Ave. Jackson Heights

Sat. Oct. 19th 7:30 A.M. Mass at St. John Vianney 140-10 3th Ave. Flushing 11354

Sat. Nov.16th 7:30 a.m. Mass Queen of Martyrs 110-06 Queens Blvd.11375

Sat. Dec. 14th 7:30 a.m. St. Paul-St Agnes Congress and Court Streets, Brooklyn.

LOCAL HELPERS REFRESHED AND RENEWED

On Saturday August 25th 2012 the New York Helpers started their Fall season early, with a Prayer Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Cenacle. Following the Mass, the Helpers prayed outside the building in the Jamaica Hospital Complex where the so called abortion procedures are done Monday thru Friday. On the next day, Sunday August

26th the annual gathering of the local Helpers took place here at the Monastery of the Precious Blood from 1 to 6 p.m. The afternoon included refreshments, pleasant conversation and a Holy Hour in the Monastery's beautiful Church. Thanks to the generosity and organization of **Kevin and Susan Moore, Dorothy Doyle, and Mary Murray**, all the Helpers present were refreshed and renewed for another year of grace outside the local abortion mills.

HELPERS' WORKSHOP IN LAUREL, MARYLAND

September was a busy month. On Saturday afternoon *September 8th* I was in **Laurel, Maryland** doing a Helpers workshop with Helpers that came not only from **D.C. area** but from **Baltimore, Maryland, Arlington and Alexandria, Virginia**. Having received requests from each of these areas, all the pro-lifers agreed that everyone would come to **St. Mary of the Mills** parish in Laurel, Maryland. About a hundred people who pray and counsel each week or daily outside of abortion clinics, in the above areas were present for the 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. workshop. There was a slight problem. At 1:00 p.m. I had not yet arrived. My early Saturday flight to Washington D.C. kept being delayed in New York, until I realized I would never get there on time. And so to get to D.C. on time, I had to leave the Terminal I was in, to take a Flight on another Airline in another Terminal. In my hurry to book the flight, since there was only one open seat left, I failed to realize that the flight was going to an Airport in D.C. different from the Airport, where the people were waiting for me. I called to tell the people they had to drive to a different Airport. ***When I finished the call, suddenly recalling from past experiences how God reminds me who is in charge, I was confident the Workshop would be fine.*** All waited for me to 2:00 p.m. and at the end of the Workshop at 5:00 p.m. everyone said it was well worth the wait. ***God did it again.*** Thanks must be given to **Janice Oliver**, who lives in the D.C. area and organized the Workshop.

EVER FAITHFUL JORGE BERNAL

On Saturday Sept. 15th the Helpers' Vigil Mass was offered at **St Joan of Arc Church** in **Jackson Heights, Queens**. The NYC Police watched over the safety of the Helpers as the Rosary Procession made its way from the Church through the busy streets of Jackson Heights to the abortion clinic where **the ever-faithful Jorge Bernal** and the other Helpers were praying and counseling. Jorge and his faithful prayers are an exceptional witness of the power of public prayer outside of abortion mills. ***The Roosevelt Ave Helpers Prayer group are now praying for the closing of their fifth abortion mill in the Jackson Heights area.***

FAIRLAWN OHIO TO AKRON OHIO

On Friday September 21st, in **St. Hilary's Church** in **Fairlawn, Ohio**, after praying a pro-life Rosary and Eucharistic Benediction, I spoke about the Spirituality of the Helpers to all who attended the evening Service. I invited all present to take part in the Helpers Prayer Vigil scheduled for Saturday morning at St. Hilary's. I explained that after Mass we were going in prayer *to the infamous abortion mill located at 693 East Market St. Akron, Ohio*. The abortion mill is located near *Akron University* and is owned by **Dr. Martin Haskill**, the abortionist who started the partial birth procedure, at his clinic in **Cincinnati, Ohio**. There was a fine turnout on Saturday morning for the Vigil, including my **Sister, Susan Sullivan**, *who is the Ward or Councilwoman for Fairlawn*, her **good Husband Michael**, *and their very bright and articulate pro-life son, Michael*. After the Vigil we conducted a pro-life Workshop back at St. Hilary. **Thanks to Amy Zimmerman and others** who did a fine job organizing the pro-life weekend, all went well.

A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

On Saturday September 29th the Helpers were invited from around the Diocese to participate in an English/Spanish Mass of Thanksgiving at *St. Michael the Archangel's Church* in **Sunset Park, Brooklyn**. **Father Kevin Sweeney**, the Pastor of the Parish, was the Main Celebrant since the Ambulatory abortion clinic, that stopped doing abortions, was in Father Sweeney's Parish. Father played no small role in bringing about the conversion, by his own almost daily prayers outside the clinic, and his constant encouragement, especially of his Spanish parishioners, to go and pray outside the clinic. Indeed they were very faithful prayers. In my homily at the Mass, I thanked all who prayed but especially our merciful God and our merciful Mother, Mary, the Mother of the Born and Unborn and the Patron Saint of the Parish, St. Michael the Archangel.

WORLD CONGRESS FOR LIFE IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Charles Haunss obtained his Doctorate Degree from Columbia University by defending a pro-life thesis, which he deliberately chose. He also holds an Admiral's Rank in the Merchant Marines and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Helpers. But most important Charles prays and counsels every Saturday morning outside of All Women's Medical abortion clinic. When Charles informed me that he was able in October to accompany me on the **European Missionary trip for Life to Austria, Belgium and France**, I was delighted, for I knew it would be an enjoyable trip with such a companion.

We arrived early on Thursday morning, October 4th at the Airport in **Vienna, Austria** and went directly to the *Hotel Ibis*. Most of the people, from outside of Vienna, who were attending the 6th World Prayer Congress for Life, stayed at the Hotel, Ibis. The theme of the Congress was "*Ecce Mater Tua-Behold Your Mother.*" The opening Mass was celebrated at 5:00 p.m. by **Bishop Dr. Elmar Fischer** in the *Minorite Church* directly across from the Hotel Ibis. At the Mass there was a ceremonial welcoming of the **Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Queen/Patroness of Poland**. The Icon was on a pilgrimage "from Ocean to Ocean" namely, from Wladiwostok, **Russia** to *Fatima, Portugal* for the purpose of Life but made a sojourn at the World Prayer Congress for Life in Vienna. After Mass we took the underground train to the "**Palais Niederosterreich**" where the Congress was held.

WE FOLLOWED THEIR REASONABLE REQUEST

On arriving at "*Palais Niederosterreich*", I was surprised to see the amount of police present to protect us until at 6:30 p.m. I saw a mob of hostile, vociferous, pro-abortion protestors arriving outside the building. The police did an excellent job protecting the safety of people at the Conference but they asked us not to go on Saturday morning to the abortion clinic since they did not have enough police to protect both places at the same time. We followed their reasonable request. **Dr. Theresa Burke**, who started *Rachel's Vineyard Retreats* was unaware that we had cancelled the Saturday Vigil. Thus Theresa on Saturday morning went with a half dozen brave young women to the abortion mill to pray the Rosary. It was Hell. But, of course, the Media did not report the Mob's behavior.

HEILGENKREUZ MONASTERY

On Thursday evening after a short testimony by **Mrs. Ewa Kowalewska**, the main coordinator of the Pro-Life Mission of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Bishop Fischer spoke on the topic of Mary, Mother of Life. After dinner we headed back to the Hotel Ibis. On Friday morning, at the Congress, I spoke on: "*The Meaning of Vicarious and Atoning Suffering.*" It was well received. Many of the talks I have given in Europe and elsewhere can be listened to or downloaded from *helperslibrary.info* as also the *Homilies* given at the Vigil Masses have been put

on YouTube by **John Foley**. After lunch we went by rented buses to **Heiligenkreuz Monastery**, namely Holy Cross Monastery, where everyone took part in the outdoor Way of the Cross that was concluded with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We then went inside the Monastery and participated in *Solemn Latin Mass of Atonement* with the **Main Celebrant being the Abbot, Gregor Henckel-Donnersmarck**. For my good friend Charles Haunss, the visit to the Monastery of the Holy Cross was for him the highlight of the Congress.

DIETMAR FISCHER AN EXCELLENT CONGRESS

On Saturday many fine talks were given such as **Professor Gertrud Wally's** talk on "*Guadalupe, Evangelizing with Mary*" or **Dr. Mark Miravalle's** "*The role of Mary in Salvation History*" or **Raymond de Souza** "Non Possumus," The Right of Catholics to Oppose Laws and Policies that Contradict God's Law. On Sunday Morning I spoke on the power of praying the Rosary outside abortion mills and then the Congress concluded with a Solemn High Mass with the Main Celebrant being Bishop Fischer. As usual **Dietmar Fischer and his dedicated staff organized an excellent Pro-Life World Congress.**

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM TO PARIS, FRANCE

Early Sunday evening Charles Haunss and myself flew to *Brussels, Belgium*. We were met at the Airport by **Dries Goethals** the Leader of the *Belgium Helpers and Pro-Life Action League*. Dries kept us busy until we left on Wednesday Morning. On Monday night he had me speak to *Pro-life leaders in Paris, France*, and on Tuesday morning to *pro-life leaders in Brussels, Belgium*. Besides Dries arranged meetings with **Msgr. Piotr Mazurkiewicz**, the General Secretary of the *Bishop Conference of the European Community*. We spoke with **Sophia Kuby**, the Executive Director of the *European Dignity Watch*; **Jean Goyard**, Director of Communication of *Droit de Naitre*, namely the *Right to be Born*; the **Secretary of the European Institute of Bio-ethics** and many other influential people such as **P. Bruno Meusburger**, **Hector Abdalla Buchaul**, and **Paul Herzog von Oldenburg**, the Director of the *Brussels Office of the Federation Pro-Europa Christiana*. The time flew by and suddenly Charles and myself, were flying back to the United States after completing a very full schedule in Europe.

SONOMA CALIFORNIA

After being back in the United States for one day, on Friday Oct. 12th I was on a plane to *St. Leo's Church in Sonoma, California* where I was greeted by **Fr. JoJo Puthussery**, the Pastor. On Saturday Oct. 13th I officiated at the Church Wedding of my sister Ann's son, **Edward Celentano**, to a beautiful Orthodox Catholic woman from Bulgaria, **Maria Karaivanova**. The Wedding Ceremony received only positive comments. The traveling for this trip was easy since my good nephew, who is an Executive in Boeing, gave me first class round trip tickets rather than my usual economy seat.

CHOICES IN JAMAICA, Queens

On Saturday October 20th 2012 the Helpers Vigil took place at the *Church of Presentation in South Jamaica, Queens*. After the 7:30 A.M. Mass, we prayed the Rosary outside of **Choices**, the recently relocated abortion mill. The owner **Merle Hoffman** declared, she would do 10,000 abortions a year at this new site. *This is awful, but it is actually an improvement.* In October 1989, the Helpers were praying outside of Choices in **Rego Park** in the *Lefrak Center Building* located at 97-77 Queens Boulevard. At that time, it was reported that Choices was doing 20,000 abortions a year. About 1999, the Lefrak Real Estate Owner, informed Merle Hoffman, the Director of Choices, that her lease would not be renewed. **Hoffman said it was political; Lefrak said it was monetary.** Lefrak said he was losing too much money since tenants in the building *were not renewing their lease because*

Choices' Killing Center was on the second floor and people were constantly praying outside on Queens Boulevard. It took a year for Choices to relocate in **Long Island City, Queens**, and the number of abortions went down to 15,000 a year. At the new location in Long Island City, the Helpers continued to pray outside the mill. In 2009 again Merle Hoffman was told her lease would not be renewed. Choices was now down to 10,000 abortions a year. In September 2012 Choices relocated to Jamaica, with the Helpers still praying outside the Mill. Our prayerful hope is that Choices soon will have to relocate again, with the number of abortions again cut in half. With the closing of Ob/Gyn on 43rd Street, Choices is clearly the largest abortion mill in New York City. Therefore be assured to save babies the Helpers need your prayers at this site.

KIRKWOOD MISSOURI

On Saturday morning Oct. 27th I took a Delta Flight from LaGuardia Airport to *St. Louis, Missouri*. **Msgr. Gregory Schmidt** drove me from the St. Louis Airport to the *Rectory of St. Peter's Parish* in **Kirkwood, Missouri**. I was scheduled to fly back to New York on Sunday evening Oct. 28th after the Mass and Convention. The *Storm Sandy* on the East Coast prevented my Flight back to New York so I left the Airport and took a taxi back to St. Peter's Rectory where I stayed until I got a flight back to New York on Thursday Nov. 1st. The **Pastor, Msgr. Jack Costello**, his assistant **Father Mike Esswein** and **Msgr. Schmidt** *could not have been more gracious and accommodating* during my extended stay at St. Peter's.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS MISSOURI

Madeleine Appelbaum organized for me a Sidewalk Counseling Session from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Boland Hall, which is part of the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica complex. Not only was there a fine group of pro-lifers from St. Louis but a wonderful group of counselors, such as **Kathy Forck, Amy Lansman, Mary Hoffmeyer, Rhonda Porter, Bonnie Lee Ivett McLaughin** drove in from **Columbia, Missouri** for the session. After the session **Madeleine and her Husband, Dan**, drove me to a nearby Italian restaurant, where I had dinner with them and other pro-lifers. Early the next morning Msgr. Schmidt drove me to the Convention Center. *The Sunday Mass was offered in the Grand Ballroom where close to 800 people gathered. I preached the Homily at the Mass and delivered the Keynote speech after the Luncheon.* Both the Homily and the Keynote talk were more than well received. You can download or listen to both on *helperslibrary.info*. At the end of my talk, **Professor William Brennan**, professor at St. Louis University gave me a copy of his excellent book entitled *"Confronting the Language Empowering the Culture of Death"*. It is an in-depth analysis of the thoughts of John Paul II. A positive effect of the hurricane Sandy was I read Professor's Brennan book, before I left St. Louis. It's worth reading.

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON TEXAS

On Friday morning Nov. 2nd at the request of **Vicky Whynott** the leader of the Helpers in the **Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**, I left LaGuardia Airport on a 11:00A.M. flight that arrived at 4:35 p.m. at Hobby Airport by way of *Dallas Fort Worth*. Vicky met me at the Airport and drove me to *Holy Ghost parish* where the **Redemptorist Father John Gouger**, the parochial-vicar welcomed us. On Friday evening, to the people gathered in the parish Hall, I explained the Spirituality and motivation of those who would participate in the next morning's Helpers Prayer Vigil. On Saturday Nov. 3rd *after the 8:00 A.M. Mass at Holy Ghost parish we went praying the rosary to a nearby Planned Parenthood abortion clinic.* After the procession, we returned to Holy Ghost for lunch and the second half of the Helpers Workshop. Everyone stayed for the Workshop. On the way to the Airport, *we went to pray outside Planned Parenthood's largest clinic in the United States.* It was recently built thanks to the

450 to 500 million dollars a year gift of taxpayer monies to this deadly organization. *It is absolutely necessary to defund Planned Parenthood.* I got back to Precious Blood Monastery in Brooklyn at midnight.

HELPERS VIGILS IN NEW YORK

On Saturday Nov. 17th after the Helpers Vigil in *St. John Vianney Church*, we went in prayer to **Liberty abortion mill in Flushing**. As usual **Father Antonius Ho, CSJB**, the *new Pastor* and the people in the parish could not be more welcoming and cooperative. On Dec. 15th the Helpers Prayer Vigil was from *St. Paul's in Brooklyn* to Planned Parenthood on Court Street; on Dec. 28th from Holy Innocents Church in **Manhattan** to Parkmed abortion mill. On Saturday January 19th, the Vigil was from Presentation Church in **Queens** to Choices abortion mill in South Jamaica and *on Tuesday Jan. 22nd the Fortieth Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision* that legalized abortion in the United States through the nine months of pregnancy. The Vigil was from **St. Patrick's Cathedral on 5th Avenue in Manhattan** at 7:00 A.M.. **Cardinal Dolan was the Main Celebrant**. Twenty-five priests concelebrated the Mass. More than 400 of the 800 people who attended the Mass walked on the streets of Manhattan praying the Rosary on the way to the abortion mill on Second Ave. and 42nd Street. *It was a powerful witness to see all the Sisters of Life, the Friars of the Renewal and many other religious and priests praying with almost 400 lay people praying outside Parkmed abortion mill on second Avenue.*

ASK NOT FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

On Jan. 22nd as usual we ended the Helpers Vigil with the Helpers' normal one minute of absolute silence, during which time, all present while genuflecting or kneeling silently plea with God to grant us Mercy, Mercy. On this infamous day we wanted to bring clearly to the attention of the general public why we were there. *And so before the minute of silence, I said: "When you hear Church bells tolling you normally say: "Who died?" I said that today in memory of more than fifty million unborn children who have unjustly died by abortion here in the United States since the Roe vs. Wade Decision, we would ring a large bell fifty times. I indicated that before each toll of the bell I would say the Divine Mercy refrain: "For the sake of His Sorrowful passion" and then the people should say: "have mercy on us and the whole world." To everyone present outside the abortion mill, I said: "If we do not stop this American Genocide, then eventually we will ask not for whom the bell tolls, for it will toll, for you and for me."*

Helpers Upcoming Pro-Life Retreats

A group of *young adults and some married couples from the greater Metropolitan New York area* came on a Helpers Retreat here at the Monastery from Friday January 18th to the morning of the 22nd. Besides praying and studying here at the Monastery, the group participated in the Helpers Vigils outside of abortion clinics, Choices, in Queens on Jan. 19th and Parkmed clinic in **Manhattan on Jan. 22nd**. **Some major seminarians from St. John's Seminary in the Archdiocese of Boston** and the New York Metropolitan area will be here on a Helpers Retreat from Friday February the 15th to the 18th. Members of **Generation for Life** hope to participate in the 15th to 17th March Retreat. In April the **students from Catholic University of American** in Washington D.C., with the permission of the administration, have asked me to come to the University from Thursday 25th thru Saturday 27th to conduct a Helpers Retreat and lead a Helpers Prayer Vigil. The purpose is to enable more students to participate. *In June more than 30 young adults from Australia will be coming here to the Monastery for an extended Helpers' Pro- Life Retreat.*

Some Upcoming Pro Life Trips and Presentations

On Feb. 8th and 9th I will be in **Chicago, Illinois**; on March 8th and 9th in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Dates for the upcoming missionary Life trips to **London, England; Kiev, Ukraine, Mexico City, Mexico** have not yet been finalized. On Feb. 9th I am scheduled to give the keynote address at the Life Banquet in **Niles, Illinois**. I have been invited by the Life Team to give on Monday Feb. 11th a presentation at an **Ecumenical Seminar for Clergy at the Kennedy Center in Harlem, N.Y.** On Tuesday March 5th at 7:00 p.m., I have been invited to speak to the Youth and Young Adults at **St. Catherine's Church in Franklin Square, L.I.**

The Struggle for Life Around the World

Dr. Zoya Serebrovska of Kiev, Ukraine had invited **Dr. Antun Lisic** of Croatia and myself to participate in a Helpers Prayer Vigil on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12th. In spite of the heavy snowfall **Fr. Oleg Sartakov**, the vice-rector of the Seminary led the seminarians and lay people to the abortion clinic in **Vorsel**. However due to the snow Dr. Lisic arrived the day following the Vigil. I did not get there. Dr. Zoya, besides being a Doctor of Physiology has obtained a Doctorate of Bioethics from the University of the Sacred Heart in Rome. She still wants me to come. I hope to go in May. **Dr. Majlinda of Albania** said that the Government wants all abortions done only in Hospitals and a Bill is being introduced to try and stop all abortions. **Please pray for the Church in the Philippines.** *The "Responsible Parenthood and reproductive Health Act of 2012" that for years has been vigorously opposed by the Bishops has been passed and signed into Law on December 21st by President Benigno Aquino III.* The Law will vigorously promote contraception, sexual education and family planning programs. **Archbishop Cruz and the other Bishops in the Philippines have stated the purpose of the Bill is for population control and will be shortly followed by a divorce Bill and a same sex marriage Bill.**

VISITS AND VISITORS

On Dec 6th 2012, **Lumina**, that wonderful Organization started by **Theresa Bonopartis** to bring a ray of Light to those living in darkness and depression after an abortion, presented to me the Lumina Award at their Advent Dinner Banquet held **at the Mansion in White Plains**. I am grateful for the Award. At the request of **Silvia Portilla** I spoke to a group of young Spanish pro-lifers who hopefully will help run the Helpers Vigil in the Bronx this June. .At request of **Fr. Ignatius M.M.**, I drove to **N. Windham, CT.** *and there taped two shows for their Face of Pro Life, TV Station. Know that people continue to come or request to come to the Monastery; such as Kevin Murphy, from Ontario, Canada; Mar Palos, from Mexico; Br. Agustin, Franciscan Friars, of the Immaculate from Upstate New York, Nia Hunt, from Colorado, etc. May God bless all those who recently sent donations to the Helpers Apostolate. Know that we already used it all for the pregnant mothers and their children. Know that these days, their needs are great. May God bless all the Helpers that are sick and have mercy on those who recently died. And let us continue to pray for one another,*

Until We Meet In Prayer at Calvary.

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