



Helpers of God's Precious Infants

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Greetings to All Helpers of God's Precious Infants Throughout the World,

We would first like to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter, we try to send it out before Easter Sunday, but we were not able to this time. Unfortunately, we both tested positive for COVID-19 in late March, and we were forced to quarantine for two weeks following. We did not feel up to doing much during this time, and we thus were delayed in writing this newsletter. We hope you accept our apologies and bear with us. As for Msgr. Reilly, he is resting comfortably where he now resides and is receiving the care that he needs. He receives Holy Communion every day and is watched over constantly should he need anything. Although Susan has not been able to visit with Msgr. for some time, he is being visited by Susan's sisters and brothers, and recently has been receiving regular visits from some seminarians now residing in Douglaston, New York, where Msgr. formerly resided. He very much enjoys these visits, and he requested that we send these seminarians a copy of "Pro-Life Champion: The Untold Story of Msgr. Philip Reilly and His Helpers of God's Precious Infants", by Frederick W. Marks, and copies of the Helpers Prayer Book which we were most happy to do. Recently Msgr. received a beautiful scrapbook compiled by Helper Pamela Manera, with contributions from Fr. Fidelis Moschinski, CFR, Mother Mary Agnes Donovan of the Sisters of Life, and many other Helpers from the New York City area. Msgr. was delighted with this wonderful gift which had many pictures of prayer vigils taken at various locations throughout New York. He is very pleased that the work of the Helpers is continuing although he can no longer take part. He wanted us to encourage all those reading this newsletter to continue to take part in both large and small vigils for life, as this is how we bring Jesus to the streets so that one day, please God, this country and all countries throughout the world will build a culture of life so desperately needed at this time.

"Throw Away Culture"

From almost the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has spoken out forcefully against what he calls the "throw away culture"; the dignity of each and every human person is not accorded the value it should be as a child of God. In a culture that values profit, power, prestige, and pleasure above all else, many people become victims of this culture from struggling immigrants to the working poor to the elderly and the physically challenged. This throw-away mindset also impacts the environment negatively which affects the poor most adversely. However, when an innocent human being's very existence, a moral absolute, is thrown away it is a sign that society has become truly disordered. Such is the plight of the unborn today in just about every "developed" country in the world and most of the undeveloped as well. In 2023, the United States will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision. Generations of Americans have now grown up not knowing what it is like to live in a country that values and protects the lives of the smallest, most defenseless, and vulnerable members of its society. Over 60,000,000 have been killed in this country alone since 1973, and it is estimated that over 50,000,000 lives are lost worldwide every year. Abortion not only kills the child, but also deeply wounds the mother as well. How often do we read or hear that a woman expresses her regret that she has made this tragic decision and felt she had no choice due to pressure from her partner, her employer, or even her own parents complicit in the death of their own grandchild. This exposes the lie of the "pro-choice" slogan. For supporters of abortion, every abortion is a "good" abortion, and we now see various abortion supporters urging women to "Shout Their Abortion" to supposedly take away the "stigma" of their horrific decision. Abortion

strikes at the very heart of human rights, without the right to life all other rights are meaningless. The Helpers know this at the very center of their being which is why they do what they do. Most often on Saturday mornings, but some more often, the Helpers are trying to bring the light of Christ to street of our cities and thus bring back the Culture of Life to a world that is often unaware that there is even a problem.

Perseverance in Prayer

We heard from many different Helpers groups in both the United States, in Europe, and Australia of their continuing difficulties in carrying out the mission of the Helpers. In some locations public witness is banned from anywhere close to the abortion facility, and in some localities, it is not legal for the Helpers to gather at all. These difficulties make it almost impossible to approach the women entering these facilities to offer them help. We know that this situation is frustrating, but we urge you to pray and offer counsel as best as you can. We know that God hears all prayers and can use these prayers even when it seems very unlikely to help in any way. We have heard of women who rejected abortion even when not approached by any sidewalk counselors, and we believe that God has used the prayers of Helpers no matter where they physically are to come to the aid of His most precious infants. The laws that prevent the Helpers from gathering close to the abortion business show the weakness of the abortion industry. If abortion was as wonderful as its proponents say it is there would be no need to prevent anyone from merely talking to women considering abortion. Death to the child is the only choice, and once the decision has been made there should be no turning back. We have seen this most prominently in the denigration of the Abortion Pill Reversal Protocol, in which doctors trained in this procedure are able to save the life of the unborn child if the mother has taken only the first step in a chemical abortion. There are thousand of children alive today due to this protocol, but you would never hear this from those promoting chemical abortions. It is possible to save the life of the child if the mother changes her mind, but the abortionists will never admit this or refer a woman to the Abortion Pill Reversal Network if she has second thoughts. When chemical abortions by pill were first approved by the Clinton Administration in the 1990s, the thinking of the abortion industry was that this would finally put an end to the pro-life movement as these pills could be prescribed in any doctor's office. Fortunately, most doctors will have nothing to do with this nefarious business, and most of the pills are distributed by doctors already performing surgical abortions. It is still a problem for the Helpers as the Biden Administration has allowed these pills to be sold via mail without the women ever being examined. This is extremely dangerous; if these pills are taken after 8 to 10 weeks of pregnancy, it can lead to injuries and even death. Many women have died after taking the abortion pill, but one would be hard pressed to learn of this from the mainstream media or the abortion industry. This demonstrates the callousness of abortion supporters as these hugely profitable pills are promoted relentlessly, and in some cases used to circumvent pro-life laws that are on the books in some states and countries. It reminds us of the utter effrontery of Planned Parenthood of Greater New York offering free abortions to any woman whose husband or boyfriend was killed on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center. Offering an already grieving woman a free abortion to erase any memory of her partner is the very opposite of compassion. The Helpers worked overtime in the days following 9/11 to help any woman who was struggling at this time.

Warren Hern, Humanitarian

Recently there appeared a story in the Los Angeles Times by Molly Hennessy-Fiske on Warren Hern, a late-term abortionist. This story appeared on March 10, the "National Day of Appreciation for Abortion Providers". Hern has aborted over 20,000 babies and we learn from the story that he is a "pioneering abortion doctor". We also learn that Hern was inspired in his younger years by reading the biography of none other than

Albert Schweitzer. Schweitzer was a Nobel laureate, famous for his compassion for and willingness to help those most in need, particularly in Africa. He was the very definition of a humanitarian. Later in the story Hern describes the first abortion he performed on a girl of 17. He was “terrified and so was she”. She cried afterwards and so did he. What lesson did he take from this? “I felt I had found a new definition of the idea of medicine as an act of compassion and love for one’s fellow human beings, an idea that I gained from learning about Albert Schweitzer.” Hern went on to pioneer new approaches to late term abortions, being among the first to use laminaria to dilate cervixes and performing dilation and excavation (D & E) abortions. In this procedure he first injects digoxin into the child’s heart, which stops it. The cervix is then dilated. After three or four days he releases the amniotic fluid and then uses two drugs misoprostol and oxytocin to make the uterus contract. He then removes the dead baby. Although some of his staff have had serious emotional reactions, Hern himself has never doubted what he is doing is right and just. In fact, he considers what he does foundational to democracy. “There is no room for compromise. A fetus is never a baby, a pregnant woman is not a mother, and abortion at any stage should never be illegal and anyone who disagrees is simply wrong.” Hern sees his own facility as an “abortion intensive care unit” as he will not see any woman unless she is at least 20 weeks pregnant. We note that the later an abortion is performed, the more expensive it is to the client. Dr. Hern has become a millionaire from his abortion practice. “Humanitarians” like Dr. Hern are the antithesis of Dr. Schweitzer was. Schweitzer was trying to help the people he ministered to by bringing modern medical methods to places that had not seen them before, not kill them. Schweitzer considered his greatest contribution to mankind was the idea of reverence for life. He believed that Western Civilization was decaying because it had abandoned the affirmation of life as its ethical foundation. In the years following Schweitzer’s death, the reverence for life would come under even greater attack, with abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide becoming all too prominent in our day. The Helpers were founded by Msgr. Reilly to combat such “humanitarianism”.

Schedule of Vigil Masses from May 2022 to December 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Abortion Site</i>
May 28, 2022 8:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows 104-11 37 th Avenue, Queens	Women’s Health Care 8922 Roosevelt Ave, Queens
June 25, 2022 7:30 AM Mass	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 88-19 Parsons Boulevard, Queens	Choices 147-32 Jamaica Avenue
July 2022	No Vigil	
August 27, 2022 8:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows 104-11 37 th Avenue, Queens	Women’s Health Care 8922 Roosevelt Ave, Queens
September 17, 2022 7:30 AM Mass	St. Joan of Arc Jackson Heights, Queens	Women’s Care
October 29, 2022 7:30 AM Mass	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 88-19 Parsons Boulevard, Queens	Choices 147-32 Jamaica Avenue
November 19, 2022 7:30 AM Mass	St. Mary’s LIC, 10-08 49 th Avenue, Queens	Planned Parenthood 21-41 45 th Road, Queens
December 17, 2022 7:30 AM Mass	Saint James Cathedral 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn	Brooklyn Abortion Clinic 14 DeKalb Avenue

News and Notes

40 Days for Life just recently concluded its latest campaign with more cities participating than ever before. Over 450 babies were confirmed saved from this campaign which is a wonderful thing. We know many of you are involved with 40 Days for Life and go beyond the 40 Days and do the work of the Helpers as often as you can. As mentioned in previous newsletters 40 Days for Life is going 365 Days for Life in many locations, and we congratulate them for making this commitment. There was a great story from New Mexico in which the 40 Days for Life participants met a young man who had just returned from a military deployment to find that his wife was carrying another man's child. After talking to a sidewalk counselor, the man realized that he did not want his wife to go through the pain of abortion, and the situation was not the baby's fault. He went into the abortion facility, talked to his wife after which they decided for life. The man would raise the child as his own. In typical fashion, the staffers of the abortion business were not happy. They denied the couple a refund for the monies that had already paid and called the police on the husband for supposedly "harassing" his wife. In other news pro-lifers recently uncovered the remains of over hundred babies killed at the Washington, DC Surgi-Clinic. These babies had been put in a box labeled "medical waste" and were set to be delivered to a medical waste plant in Maryland. When a group of pro-lifers asked for the boxes, they discovered the remains. 5 of the babies were very late term abortions, one of which appears to have been left to die as pictures showed the child in a very late stage of development. Four of the others appeared to have suffered from partial birth abortion which is illegal. The pro-lifers proceeded to arrange for the proper burial for all but the five late term aborted babies and turned in the five late term children to the authorities for investigation. Although DC law allows for legal abortion up until birth, it does not allow partial birth abortions or babies being left to die without care. No investigation has started yet, but several Congressmen and Senators are demanding one. Situations like this was the reason that Msgr. Reilly always gave a blessing to the "medical waste" trucks that would pull up to any abortion facility he was praying and counselling at. Please pray for these children and all those involved in this horror. Madeleine Santangelo-Palumbo recently received the pro-life award from the Queens Village Republican Club. Madeleine is a Helper of long standing, praying and sidewalk counselling at All Women's Medical Pavilion in Kew Gardens, New York for many, many years. She is also involved with Rachel's Helpers, a pro-life group seeking to help women heal after they have aborted a child. Many years ago, she invited Msgr. Reilly to speak at Bishop Kearney High School, where she was a teacher and moderator of the pro-life club. The school administration was not very pleased by this invitation, but Madeleine stuck by her convictions and Msgr. was very much welcomed by the students. Madeleine has also traveled to Washington almost every year for the March for Life since the 1970s. Congratulations, Madeleine. Msgr. Reilly asked us to let everyone know how grateful he is for all the cards and letters he has received, especially the recent Easter cards and Masses. He also very much appreciates all the prayers that are being offered for him. In closing we would like to wish you many blessings for the Easter season, and please know that you all remain in Msgr. Reilly's and our prayers.

Yours for Life,

Susan and Kevin Moore