



Helpers of God's Precious Infants

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Greetings to all Helpers of God's Precious Infants throughout the world,

We would like to begin this newsletter by reporting on the condition of Msgr. Philip Reilly, our founder, and Executive Director. His condition has not changed much since our last newsletter. He is receiving excellent care at his place of residence. He continues his prayers for all Helpers, he is able to watch Mass on EWTN and receives Holy Communion every day. He is visited by his family very often. Susan had a very good visit with him the day before this newsletter was written. His spirits are good, although he wishes he could still be out on the sidewalks praying and counselling. He would like to thank all that have sent him cards and letters. If anyone would like to send him a card or letter, please address it to Msgr. Philip Reilly c/o Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Moore, 57-20 63rd Street, Maspeth, New York 11378. We will be sure he receives any correspondence sent to us.

The Abortion Industry Shows Its True Colors

In the wake of the overturning of Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973 in June of last year, the abortion industry has significantly expanded efforts to keep abortions happening even in states that are pro-life and have laws protecting the unborn. With the active support of the current Presidential Administration, Planned Parenthood and others have sent abortion pills to those states to anyone who asks for them. The pills will be sent to boyfriends or husbands who may not want a child, while the girlfriend or wife may. The potential for maliciousness is overwhelming. These pills are quite harmful to any woman who takes them after the child in her womb has gestated for over 10 weeks. Many women have suffered greatly, and some have died as a result of taking these pills after the recommended time period. This concerns the abortion industry not one wit. Some pro-abortion states have stockpiled these pills in case there is an adverse decision in a court case currently being litigated. This is not the only way abortion supporters have sought to promote abortion. Pro-abortion forces in pro-life states have proposed amendments to state constitutions in some pro-life states to make the right to abortion part of those states' constitutions. Unfortunately, by deceptive language and overwhelming financial support, these amendments have succeeded, most recently in Ohio. These activities show that the abortion industry was never about choice or the "empowerment" of women. It has always been about the killing of children to protect profits. Planned Parenthood is a multi-million-dollar corporation. Merle Hoffman, an independent abortion businesswoman here in New York City is a multimillionaire. Warren Hern, a late term abortionist in Colorado is a multimillionaire. Abortion supporters take some of their profits and donate them to politicians who are abortion supporters and to state amendment efforts. If we look to history, we see striking parallels between the pro-abortionists of today and the pro-slavers of yesteryear. When chattel slavery

was legal slave owners insisted that due to unique conditions in their area, slavery was essential to the economy. Pro-slavery forces attempted to extend slavery to territories that were not yet states, and even passed the Fugitive Slave Act that mandated that any slave that had escaped to a free state had to be returned to his or her slave owner. Slavery was good for everyone, even the slave. In today's abortion debate, those supporting abortion feel that abortion is the only choice. Abortion is good for women and even for the unborn child particularly if the child is diagnosed with medical complications. Since the unborn child cannot speak for himself, and in its earliest stages of life cannot even be seen except via ultrasound, it makes it that much harder for the pro-life movement to defend them. The vast majority of the media and influential people are pro-abortion. It has been an uphill fight from the beginning, something Msgr. Reilly recognized when he first began his involvement with the pro-life movement in 1967. Msgr. foresaw the evil that would arise with the legalized killing of children and sought to do something about it. His answer is the Helpers of God's Precious Infants. Many other pro-life organizations have developed as well over the years, including thousands of Crisis Pregnancy Centers and political organizations dedicated to the right to life. After all, if the right to life is denied then all other rights become meaningless.

Where Do We Go From Here?

It can be very discouraging going out to abortion facilities week after week (sometimes day after day) and seeing little or no results from our prayers and sidewalk counselling efforts. We encourage you to not to give up. God can and does use those prayers and efforts in ways that we will never know this side of heaven. Your presence at these businesses is more needed than ever. Even if your state or country does not allow you to get within 150 feet of the facility, we urge you to get as close as the laws allow to it. Good things are still happening as Msgr. Reilly always reminds us. Westchester County in upstate New York passed a law after the reversal of Roe vs. Wade establishing a 100 foot "buffer zone" making it illegal to approach anyone on their way to an abortion business without consent. Debra Vitagliano, a sidewalk counselor in Westchester County has asked the Supreme Court to overturn this law. This case could put an end to buffer zones everywhere in the United States. Please pray for a favorable outcome to this case. 40 Days for Life recently concluded its fall campaign and over 500 babies were saved during that period. 40 Days for Life once again had the largest number of cities participating in its activities of prayer, fasting and outreach. Several abortion facilities have closed, and an even larger number of abortion workers have quit during these campaigns. An increasing number of cities have signed on for 365-day campaigns. 40 Days for Life has established an Institute for Law and Justice, enabling it to defend prayers and sidewalk counselors from overzealous police departments and politicians. Mark Houck, whom we mentioned in previous newsletters, is suing the Department of Justice for violating his rights with the help of the Institute. We recently attended a fundraiser for Bridge to Life, a local crisis pregnancy center, where we heard the story of a young woman with three children. When she became pregnant with her fourth, her husband had her removed from the house they lived in. She had had an abortion in the past

and could not go through that experience again. She was desperate until she found Bridge to Life on the internet. She was helped with new baby clothes, a stroller, a new crib, and she was even able to find new housing with the pregnancy center’s help. She was overwhelmed with gratitude and began to tear up while telling her story. We know that great stories like this are happening all over the United States and indeed the world.

Can We Be “Too Pro-Life”?

Recently after election defeats, particularly after the amendment losses, certain politicians and political commentators have tried to convince everyone that most Americans are not pro-life, and that many compromises must be made in order to advance the cause of life. Americans are not ready for abortion bans and anyone advocating such is “too pro-life”. This is where the insight of Msgr. Reilly comes in. Msgr. has repeatedly told us that our mission as Helpers is to save souls and not only babies. Msgr.’s key idea is that if we are able convert the hearts of these young women and men we meet on the sidewalks, even if an abortion has been performed: First, that they will never come back to the killing center, and Second, they will be open to life the next time. Yes, we should try to pass the most protective legislation we can in the political realm, but our focus should be the conversion of hearts. If we can convert the hearts of those we meet to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the politics will take care of itself. We must proclaim to all we meet that as the Catholic philosopher Joseph Pieper said: “Love says that it is good that you exist”. If enough people come to realize the inherent dignity of every human person, born and unborn, abortion will become unthinkable.

Schedule of Vigil Masses from Jan 2024 to June 2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Abortion Site</i>
Jan 27, 2024 8:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows 104-11 37 th Avenue, Queens	Women’s Health Care 8922 Roosevelt Ave, Queens
February 24, 2024 7:30 AM Mass	Saint Catherine of Genoa 520 Linden Blvd, Brooklyn	Kings County Hospital 451 Clarkson Ave
March 16, 2024 7:30 AM Mass	Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs 110-06 Queens Blvd, Queens	All Women’s Medical 120-34 Queens Blvd.
April 27, 2024 8:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows 104-11 37 th Avenue, Queens	Women’s Health Care 8922 Roosevelt Ave, Queens
May 25, 2024 8:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows 104-11 37 th Avenue, Queens	Women’s Health Care 8922 Roosevelt Ave, Queens
June 29, 2024 7:30 AM Mass	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 88-19 Parsons Boulevard, Queens	Choices 147-32 Jamaica Avenue

News and Notes

We mistakenly wrote in our last newsletter that George Cardinal Pell had helped establish a Helpers group in Melbourne, Australia when he was bishop there and he had personally led prayer vigils. We were informed by Tanya O’Brien of the Melbourne Helpers that this is not the case. Cardinal Pell was a strong advocate for life but did not participate in the Helpers ministry as we had written. Our apologies, and thanks to Tanya O’Brien for correcting us. Fr. Peter Hesse, the priest who expanded the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants

apostolate to Ghana in Africa, has informed us that he has three more young women under his care, and his operation is expanding. He is considering a trade school for the young women in his charge, so they will be able support both themselves and their children. He is pursuing fundraising options right now and will open his school when he secures the funds for its operation. In our last newsletter we informed you of the Texas law case involving the FDA's overly hasty approval of the drug misoprostol, one of the drugs prescribed for home abortions. The judge in that case ruled that the FDA had indeed not followed protocol, and thus the drug should be removed from the marketplace. Unfortunately, in a similar case heard in Washington State a judge there ruled that misoprostol was completely safe and the FDA had not overstepped its bounds. Since two federal judges in two separate cases filed opinions with completely different holdings, the appellate courts will need to decide, and the case may finally wind up before the Supreme Court. Please pray for a favorable outcome for this case. A judge in a separate case ruled that the abortion pill, of which misoprostol is part, could no longer be sent through the mail. The current Administration immediately filed an appeal, as it was this Administration that proposed the mailing of abortion pills in the first place. Again, abortion supporters feel that nothing or no one should interfere with the destruction of the child in the womb. Indeed, for some abortion supporters, even if the child is born, if the woman or her partner do not want the child, it should be neglected and left to die or be killed. Dr. Kermit Gosnell, an abortionist from Philadelphia, routinely killed children who had been born alive. He was finally put behind bars only after a police investigation of his other business of selling opioids illegally turned up evidence of his snipping the spines of babies born alive resulting in their deaths. Dr. Gosnell's "practice" was never investigated in the 25 years prior to his conviction although at least three women died under his "care". States and localities routinely schedule inspections of hospitals and health care facilities, but rarely, if ever, inspect abortionists or their premises. Why? We are very happy to report that Margaret Driscoll, a long-time sidewalk counselor and as an attorney a great defender of life, has seen a shrinkage in her tumors and has experienced some healing. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for her complete healing. On November 22, 2023, the pro-life movement in general and New York City in particular lost a great champion for life with the passing of Christopher Slattery. Chris had saved over 43,000 babies in his 40 years as co-founder and President of EMC Frontline. He set up crisis pregnancy centers in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens. He pioneered the use of ultrasound technology and mobile pregnancy help. He was a regular at Msgr. Reilly's pro-life vigils and gatherings. We ask that you pray for the repose of his soul and for his widow, Eileen, and their four daughters. In closing, Msgr. Reilly and we would like to wish you many blessings in this Christmas season, and please know that Msgr. includes all the Helpers in his prayers.

Yours for Life,

Kevin and Susan Moore