

# Helpers of God's Precious Infants

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## Guidelines for Helpers' Prayer Vigil for Life

1. Bishop and priests usually go to the Sacristy of the Church to vest for Mass. The procession starts from the back of church down the center aisle into the sanctuary. Any overflow of priests use the first few pews. The pastor and parish priests are usually the main concelebrants.
2. Bishop usually says the Mass of the day with its readings. The bishop will give the homily. Communion is normally under one form. If there is not a particular feast in the order for that day, the bishop usually says a Mass in honor of Mary. The parish usually provides an organist, a lector and leader of song.
3. The Helpers distribute to the people entering the Church a hymn sheet that will be used at the abortion site. For the Mass the organist can select special hymns or select three from the Helpers' hymn sheet that the people received on the way into Church. There is a Procession, Offertory and Communion hymn. No closing hymn at Mass.
4. At the end of Mass the Bishop briefly gives direction to the community on basic rules of prayer procession. A parish priest then exposes the Blessed Sacrament. The bishop incenses the Blessed Sacrament while the hymn O Salutaris is sung. After a brief period of silence the bishop with the concelebrants returns directly to the sacristy.
5. After the bishop, priests and deacons have removed their vestments, the Bishop alone returns, kneels and begins to recite the rosary in the sanctuary while the other priests mix among the people. As the bishop begins the first Joyful Mystery, he stands and then goes down the middle aisle with the people following behind him, starting with the front pews. A few will remain in adoration in the church during the vigil.
6. The Helpers have obtained a parade permit. The police will meet the bishop at the doors of the church and escort the procession to the site of the abortion clinic. After completing the hymns and prayers at the site, the bishop will lead the people back in prayer to the Church for closing Benediction. The bishop and the pastor vest for Benediction. The bishop recites the Litany of the Sacred Heart before the singing of the Tantum Ergo. After the Divine Praises the bishop puts on the humeral veil and then makes the sign of the cross with the monstrance. The parish priest transfers the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reservation. Then before the final hymn (Holy God) the bishop makes some remarks to the people. The Bishop exits down the main aisle and greets the people at the doors of the church. (3 hours from beginning to end.)