



# Helpers of God's Precious Infants

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Dear Helpers of God's Precious Infants Throughout the World,

In late July of this year, Msgr. Philip Reilly fell and broke his hip while he was residing in the Bishop Mugarvero Residence in Douglaston, New York. He subsequently was operated on, and we are happy to say came thorough the operation and recovered without too much distress. After a time of recovery, he was moved to a rehab facility. Msgr. is now undergoing physical therapy at this facility but can no longer write this newsletter. He has asked us to write it for him and we have agreed to do so. We are honored to undertake this mission and promise to use all that he has taught us in producing this newsletter. By way of introduction, we are Susan and Kevin Moore. We were married in 2008 with Msgr. presiding. We were brought together by a love for Christ and His church, and we share a love for the unborn. Msgr. Reilly's apostolate attracted us both, Susan from a young age and Kevin in his mid-thirties. We met through the good offices of Msgr. Reilly, with an assist from Susan's mother Frances, a co-founder of the Helpers. Susan, besides being Msgr.'s niece, has served as the Secretary of the Helpers since 2013. She has assisted Msgr. with his correspondence and Helpers administrative duties for the last eight years. Kevin has served as the Treasurer since that same year. We have both met with Msgr. many, many times including retreats, large prayer vigils led by Msgr., and other Helpers functions hosted by Msgr. Susan has met with Msgr. on a weekly basis until his recent fall. We have paid very close attention to all that he has taught us, and we will be sure to have Msgr. read this newsletter before it is sent out. We will strive to keep this newsletter as close as possible to his previous writings and hope that you will bear with us as we begin this endeavor. We ask that all correspondence to Msgr. be addressed in care of Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Moore, 57-20 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Maspeth, New York 11378 as Msgr. has no way of receiving mail at his current residence.

## *What the Helpers Strive to Do and Why*

Every abortion facility is a Modern-Day Calvary. On Good Friday on a hill just outside of Jerusalem the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was shed for our salvation. Every day in abortion businesses throughout the world the blood of innocent children is being shed. When the Helpers go to pray at these places, we are in some way entering into the mystery of the Passion of Our Lord as He continues to suffer in the children who are being rejected and murdered. We remember His words: "whatever you do to least of my brethren, you do to me." The challenge we face, therefore, is not to be protestors but to be Sidewalk Contemplatives at Calvary. The challenge is to remove from our presence, while we are outside of the abortion centers, anything that would prevent those going to or working in the abortion 'clinics' from experiencing in us the unconditional merciful love of God for them. We are commissioned by God, to be faithful ambassadors of the merciful, unconditional, everlasting love of Christ for all those coming to the Modern-Day Calvary, which tragically is not far from where any one of us lives. Even more important than being at the abortion facilities, however, is the challenge of being there in the right way. The persons whose examples teach us best, how to be at our own Modern-Day Golgotha, remain of course, Mary, the virgin Mother of Jesus, John, the beloved disciple, and the

holy women who were at the foot of the Cross and, above all Jesus who hung on the Cross. They teach us that conversion is the fruit of sacrifice and prayer. They show us the power of solidarity and compassion. They did not cry out in anger at those who crucified Jesus. Rather, like Him, they offered forgiveness to their enemies and manifested confidence in God's Providence even in that dark hour. So too for us who pray and sidewalk counsel at Calvary – we must remove, as best we can, feelings of anger and condemnation and instead try to reflect to all the love of Christ. Considering all the evil found in today's world, particularly the utter disregard for the sanctity of life, it may seem useless or ineffective to pray at abortion facilities. It may seem that our prayers are not being heard, or that our pleas to the women we talk to are going unheeded. However, God already knows what we are asking for in prayer, and if it is His will our prayers will bring about a conversion of heart, perhaps without our knowledge. The women going into the 'clinic' may not even acknowledge us, but she will need our help after the abortion. If she finds it in her heart to accept that help, she will never come back to that facility again. Everything you do, do with love. Remember the centurion at the cross, who so overwhelmed by the love of Jesus, proclaimed to all present his newfound faith. We are seeking similar conversions of hearts using similar methods.

### ***Heartbeat Law Passed in Texas***

In August of this year the State of Texas passed a law banning abortions after an unborn child's heartbeat can be detected, usually around six weeks after conception. A few other states have passed heartbeat laws, but every law prior to this had been put on hold by a temporary injunction by the courts as in violation of the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade of 1973. However, no injunction was placed on the Texas law. Why and how did this law pass muster with the courts? The reason is the unique enforcement mechanism of the new law. The law strictly forbids any officer of the State of Texas from enforcing it. It instead relies on private individuals for enforcement, with awards of up to \$10,000 for any successful lawsuit against any abortion provider who is found in violation of this law. The courts could not block this law due to the private enforcement aspect. When the law went into effect on September 1 of this year, 98% of Texas abortion providers stopped performing abortions due to fear of lawsuits. Texas Right to Life estimates over 3,000 babies have been saved from certain death by the passage of this law. This state law continues to be challenged in the higher courts by Planned Parenthood and others but will continue to be enforced until it is completely litigated. This law was based in part of the laws of several Sanctuary Cities for the unborn, mostly in Texas, but in a few cities in other states as well. These laws seek to protect the unborn within their jurisdictions, also with the private enforcement mechanism. Abortion facilities have closed in some of these Sanctuary Cities rather than comply with the law. Interestingly the Supreme Court will hear the case of Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health this term and will decide on a Mississippi law banning abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. The State of Mississippi has asked the Court to overturn Roe vs. Wade, and we urge all to pray for this intention. If Roe is overturned, the legislative branches of the various states will decide their own abortion laws. Here in our home State of New York nothing will change. Abortion will continue be paid for with taxpayer monies for anyone who wishes one. However other states will be free to make their own laws of which some we pray will protect the unborn to the extent possible. The United States Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, fearing this outcome, has passed legislation codifying Roe vs. Wade and allowing abortions up to birth making abortion

on demand the law of the land. However, the United States Senate has yet to take up this legislation and is not likely to under its current configuration. These actions show the fallacy of the “pro-choice” argument. Abortion advocates are only for choice when the choice is for death of the unborn. Any choice for life must be opposed. This is also why such advocates deny the often very severe psychological effects on women who have had abortions. Every abortion is a “good” abortion to them.

### ***New Helpers Chapter in Ghana***

Fr. Peter Rocky Hesse, a priest from Ghana, came to the Diocese of Brooklyn for the summer to help at one of the parishes in Queens. Fr. Peter met Don Magnotta, a Helper, and a sidewalk counselor at All Women’s Medical Pavilion in Kew Gardens. Don and Fr. Peter had many conversations, as Don is also helping to build a hospital in Fr. Peter’s Diocese in Ghana. Fr. Peter informed Don that although abortion is illegal in Ghana, it is widely accepted and performed. After talking with Don, Fr. Peter became convinced that something must be done to save unborn life and give the women of his town material help so that they would be spared from a lifetime of regret. Fr. Peter came to All Women’s to see how the Helpers operate, visited a crisis pregnancy center in Nassau County, and witnessed the outreach of the Pro-Bikers for Life, also in Nassau County. He has begun to raise funds and even enlisted some volunteers to sidewalk counsel and pray at the local hospital that performs abortions. He has written a proposal to his Archbishop and is hopeful for some additional funding from his Diocese. One of his counselors has already saved a child by talking to a young woman who went to a pharmacy for the abortion pill. Fr. Peter has spoken two other women seeking abortions and convinced them to choose life. Fr. Peter is off to a great start, and we wish him all the best as he begins his ministry. We ask that you keep Fr. Peter in your prayers. May he become the Msgr. Reilly of Ghana!!!

### ***Schedule of Vigil Masses from December 2021 to June 2022***

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Church</b></i>	<i><b>Abortion Site</b></i>
December 18, 2021 7:30 AM Mass	Saint James Cathedral 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn	Brooklyn Abortion Clinic 14 DeKalb Avenue
January 22, 2022 8:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows 104-11 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Queens	Women’s Health Care 8922 Roosevelt Ave, Queens
February 19, 2022 7:30 AM Mass	Saint Catherine of Genoa 520 Linden Blvd, Brooklyn	Kings County Hospital 451 Clarkson Ave
March 19, 2022 7:30 AM Mass	Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs 110-06 Queens Blvd, Queens	All Women’s Medical 120-34 Queens Blvd.
April 9, 2022 7:30 AM Mass	Saint James Cathedral 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn	Brooklyn Abortion Clinic 14 DeKalb Avenue
May 28, 2022 8:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows 104-11 37 <sup>th</sup> 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

## *News and Notes*

The fall 40 Days for Life campaign has begun, and there are campaigns in over 1000 cities in 64 countries. 40 Days for Life has saved over 250 babies thus far that they know of. There is a new campaign in Brooklyn at 44 Court Street headed by Denise Sucich, a Helper who also has coordinated large monthly prayer vigils from St. Paul and St. Agnes Church led by Fr. Fidelis Moschinski, a Helper of long standing. The large vigils had to be shut down due to security concerns, but it is encouraging to see the Helpers still at this site despite opposition. Msgr. Reilly and the Helpers of the Brooklyn Diocese wish to welcome and thank Fr. Frank Mann, who has offered Mass for us at two recent large vigils. Fr. Mann has offered us moving homilies which have encouraged us greatly as we go to pray at the local abortion facilities. We are sure many of you are facing opposition in your own towns by private citizens and even by local governments. We encourage you to persevere. As we read in the Book of Sirach: "My child, if you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself to be tried. Set your heart right and be firm." Opposition is a sure sign that you are on the right track. There has been opposition to the Helpers since Day 1. If we were not making a difference, no one would be against us. We regret that due to Msgr. Reilly's recent fall he can no longer participate in the weekly Sunday Zoom calls. These calls were a great help to Msgr., and he wishes to thank everyone who took time out of their Sundays to be a part of it. He would like to thank his nephew Philip especially for his contributions to this effort. We were very saddened by the news of the passing of Anthony Mickalauskas, CEO of Maspeth Press. Maspeth Press has been the Helpers loyal printer since the Helpers inception in 1989. Mr. Mickalauskas was very helpful to us and to Msgr. in the designing and printing this newsletter over the years. May he rest in peace. Msgr. Reilly recently received a Proclamation from the State of Michigan thanking him for his contributions to the cause of life for over 50 years. This Proclamation was signed by the Speaker of the House of the Michigan legislature and two others state legislators. Msgr. was very pleased to receive this Proclamation and wants to thank Mr. Ben Wetmore, a legislative aide to a Michigan legislator who was instrumental in the granting of this Proclamation. Msgr. has also received many, many get well cards and Mass offerings since his fall and wishes to thank all who have sent them to him. We hope that you have enjoyed reading this newsletter and please let us know if you have any ideas to improve it. Msgr. Reilly and we ourselves wish you all the blessings of the Christmas season.

Yours for Life,

Kevin and Susan Moore