



# Helpers of God's Precious Infants

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

We would like to open this newsletter by giving you an update on the condition of Msgr. Reilly. He is resting comfortably where he is residing. He has access to EWTN on which he watches daily Mass, and he continues to pray his daily office. He is visited routinely by his family. Susan recently had a very nice visit with him on Thanksgiving Day. His spirits are good, and he wishes to thank all you have sent him cards and letters. He appreciates them very much. If anyone would like to send him a card or letter, please address it to Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Moore, 57-20 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Maspeth, New York 11378. We will be sure that Msgr. receives any correspondence sent to us.

## *Two Books*

We recently read two books recommended to us by Msgr. Reilly which in their own way describe key aspects of the abortion experience. The first is "Myriam ,, Why are you Crying? How Women Suffer After Abortion". This book, published in 1996 in Switzerland, is compilation of true stories of women who have suffered both physically and mentally from having an abortion performed on them. These stories are quite difficult to read. The pain that these women experienced is described in vivid detail. One woman, Nancy-Jo Mann describes the saline abortion she endured in 1974. Ms. Mann, after her husband had left her and with three children to look after, was advised by her own family to abort her daughter when she was 5 1/2 months pregnant. She consulted an abortionist and asked him what he would do to her. The doctor told her he would "take some fluid out and put some fluid in. You will have severe cramps and expel the fetus." Nancy-Jo was sent to the hospital where 60 cubic centimeters of amniotic fluid were extracted, and a saline solution was injected. She immediately began to have second thoughts, but it was too late to stop. During the following 1 1/2 hours she experienced her daughter lashing out violently while she was suffocating, burning, and being choked to death. After Ms. Mann felt one more desperate kick, but her daughter by then had no strength left. She then was given an injection to stimulate labor. She was in labor for 12 hours. After this ordeal Nancy-Jo brought her dead child into the world. Her now deceased daughter had hair on her head and her eyes were open. Ms. Mann was able to hold her dead child because the nurses were not there on time. When the nurses finally arrived, they took her daughter and threw her into a bed pan. Nancy-Jo Mann afterward experienced shame, remorse, and guilt. She subsequently went on to become the founder the organization, Women Exploited by Abortion, a vital support group for women who have had abortions. "Myriam ... Why are you Crying" is filled with stories such as Nancy-Jo's, and it is hard to believe that the horror of these stories has not reached a broader audience. As we said, this book was published in 1996 and we are not sure if it is still in print. The abortion industry, which never acknowledges any complications from abortion, will not tell any of their clients that anything could possibly go wrong during or after an abortion. In fact, this industry tells anyone who is willing to listen that having an abortion is no different than a tooth extraction or an appendectomy. Remember the story of Nancy-Jo Mann if you ever encounter anyone telling you that abortion is risk free. Complications from abortion arise all the time, and that is why the Helpers must remain at their stations in front of these chambers of death. We need to be there both before and after any possible abortion to assist these poor women so often exploited. Msgr. has always told us that there are two victims in an abortion, one victim dies and the other is wounded.

The second book we were referred to is "Black and Pro-Life In America". This book tells the story of Rev. Walter B. Hoye, an African American Baptist pastor in Oakland, California. Rev. Hoye, after meeting with some pro-life leaders in the Oakland area became concerned that the vast majority of the clients at a local abortion business, Family Planning Specialists (FPS), were African American. Two of the local pro-life leaders Rev. Hoye met with were Helpers. They had been praying and sidewalk counselling for years at that site, after Msgr. Reilly had come to speak with them and explain the Helpers approach in the 1990s. Rev. Hoye decided to become a sidewalk counselor himself, convinced that the black children who were being killed at FPS were victims of genocide. After the terrible way the

African American community has been treated in this country from the time of slavery to Jim Crow laws, to random lynchings, Hoye saw that although African Americans comprise only about 10% of the American population, over 30% of all abortions are performed on black women. Hoye knew that this was not a coincidence. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, had argued since the 1920s that the population of “undesirables” was far too high, and that contraception and abortion must be legalized to ensure only the “right” kind of people be born. By “undesirables” she meant the poor, the black, and the disabled. Hoye first went to the sidewalk in front of Family Planning Specialists in 2006 holding a sign that read “God Loves You and Your Baby. Let Us Help You”. He spoke with women on their way to the facility and handed out literature to them offering help. Rev. Hoye was quite successful in approaching these women. Many accepted his offer of help and drove away from FPS. This development spurred FPS to hire escorts to block Hoye from encountering women on the way in since business had declined since Hoye’s appearance on the sidewalk. The escorts did not deter Rev. Hoye and he continued to make contact in any way he could. Women continued to choose life, even with the escorts. FPS knew that Rev. Hoye had to go if they were going to protect their bottom line. Soon after they contacted some local politicians to introduce a “bubble law” to keep Hoye from the clinic. The law was duly passed in 2008 and in March of that year Rev. Walter Hoye was arrested, although he stayed within the confines of the new law. Escorts and others lied to the police to have him arrested. After a lengthy trial, even with video evidence that Hoye did not enter the bubble zone, Hoye was found guilty. Because he refused to submit to a request that he never go to the sidewalk again, he was remanded to jail. This was quite a frightening experience for both Hoye and his wife, but his faith in God carried him through. He even started a prayer group during his time in prison. After 19 days in prison, Hoye was released for good behavior. Hoye’s attorneys appeal the conviction, and it was overturned in 2011. Rev. Hoye continues to sidewalk counsel and uses his voice to defend the unborn in many areas of the country. “Black and Pro-Life In America” asks the question, why Walter Hoye? White sidewalk counselors and prayers had been at Family Planning Specialists for years before Rev. Hoye arrived in 2006. There had been women and babies saved from abortion during that time. The bubble zone law was passed only after his witness began. Why? Was it because his witness turned away more women from abortion, or could it be that having an African American man offering help to troubled women was something that should never happen? The justice system determined that Rev. Hoye’s arrest, prosecution, and incarceration were directly related to the content of his speech, but it very well might also be related to the color of his skin. We know that many of you are encountering stiff opposition in your efforts to protect life, but we urge you to persevere. Msgr. Reilly does not advocate anyone getting arrested, particularly by flouting laws on the books. His approach is to gently ask women to consider alternatives to abortion, surrounded by people praying for those women. Rev. Hoye’s case was unique, we have not seen the Helpers harassed to the point of arrest like he was.

### ***Disturbing Events***

In September of 2022, pro-life activist Mark Houck’s home was raided by over 20 FBI agents on a Friday morning while his wife and seven children were preparing for breakfast. The FBI pounded on the Houck’s door and when Houck answered the FBI was in full SWAT gear with guns drawn. You can imagine the fear that seized the Houck family, especially the children. What was the crime that drew such a large number of FBI officers? Murder? Rape? Conspiracy to assassinate the President of the USA? No, not one of these crimes was Mark Houck accused of. He was accused of violating the FACE (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances) Act passed in the 1990s. What was Houck’s crime? In October of 2021 Mr. Houck had a confrontation with a 72-year-old Planned Parenthood escort after the escort verbally harassed Houck’s 12-year-old son while Houck and his son were praying and sidewalk counselling outside the abortion business. The escort claimed that Houck pushed him, Houck claims that he was trying to separate the escort from his son. The police were called, but no charges were filed against Houck, and he was not arrested. The District Attorney also declined to prosecute the case. However trivial the case may appear, it was enough for the Department of Justice (DOJ) of the United States to swing into action. Houck’s attorneys were informed of the coming arrest, they offered for Houck to surrender voluntarily. The Department of Justice chose to send in the FBI. Houck now faces up to 11 years in prison and a \$350,000 fine. The very next month 11 pro-life activists were similarly arrested in Tennessee by the FBI and charged with again violating the FACE Act. The DOJ is claiming that the charged were attempting a

“rescue”: blocking the doors of the Carafem abortion facility. In fact, all 11 were praying, reading Scripture, and singing hymns (sound familiar?). Once again, one the activists, Paul Vaughn was dragged off by the FBI early in the morning in front of his wife and children. Add to these events the fact that over 80 pro-life crisis pregnancy centers and churches have been vandalized since Roe vs. Wade was overturned and not one arrest has been made, and it is hard not to conclude that pro-lifers everywhere are in danger of being persecuted, and no one, especially the Helpers should take these threats lightly. We have not heard of many cases of Helpers being overtly persecuted, but we cannot overlook the possibility. From the beginning the Helpers have strived to obey all laws pertaining to them. We know that in some areas it is illegal even to pray in public. If you have been persecuted in any way, remember that Our Blessed Lord was also persecuted, even to the point of crucifixion. We can expect no less than Our Savior, for He told us that anyone persecuted for the sake of His name will be greatly rewarded in heaven.

### ***Weaponized Rosary?***

In August of 2022, The Atlantic Magazine published an article by Daniel Panneton exploring the phenomenon of “radical-traditional” Catholics “weaponizing” the Holy Rosary for all types of nefarious purposes, all in opposition to Mr. Panneton’s expressed progressive wishes. We fear that Mr. Panneton is greatly misinformed. The Rosary has been used as a weapon against spiritual darkness since its first appearance. The rosary, according to traditional piety, was given to St. Dominic by Our Blessed Mother to fight the heresy of the Albigensians. St. Dominic preached the rosary to great effect, and the Albigensian heresy was eventually overcome. St. Louis Marie De Monfort also preached the rosary as a spiritual weapon against spiritual torpor and lukewarmness. In our own time Msgr. Reilly has proposed the rosary as a weapon against the Culture of Death that pervades our society today. In fact, we are reminded of the time when Msgr., having closed one abortion business in Brooklyn, had planned to move on to another one in the same borough. Before going to the new facility, Msgr. called the local police precinct and told the police captain that the facility would be calling them the next day complaining that a “terrorist” was in front of their building scaring their clients and harassing their workers. Msgr. explained that he was not a terrorist and that his only weapon was his rosary. Indeed, the police were called the next day, and saw Msgr. there with his rosary in hand and trying to talk with anyone who would listen. When one of the abortion workers asked that Msgr. be removed from the sidewalk, Msgr. asked the police to remove themselves from his sidewalk, as he was a taxpayer, and the sidewalk was paid for by his taxes. All the police could do was smile and walk away. Msgr. continued to pray and sidewalk counsel that that abortion business until he could no longer physically do so.

### ***Schedule of Vigil Masses from Jan2023 to June2023***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Abortion Site</i>
January 28,2023 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 18, 2023 7:30 AM Mass	Saint Catherine of Genoa 520 Linden Blvd, Brooklyn	Kings County Hospital 451 Clarkson Ave
March 18, 2023 7:30 AM Mass	Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs 110-06 Queens Blvd, Queens	All Women’s Medical 120-34 Queens Blvd.
April 22, 2023 7:30 AM Mass	Saint James Cathedral 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn	Brooklyn Abortion Clinic 14 DeKalb Avenue
May 27, 2023 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 29, 2023 7:30 AM Mass	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 88-19 Parsons Boulevard, Queens	Choices 147-32 Jamaica Avenue

## *News and Notes*

In July, Fr. Peter Hesse, a priest from Ghana whom we had previously written about, came to America on summer assignment to a parish in Astoria, New York. While here, through the good offices of Philip Moore and Dan Magnotta, Fr. Peter was able to meet with Msgr. Reilly. Fr. Peter was able to tell Msgr. of the great work that has been accomplished in Ghana. Fr. has built a maternity ward in one of the three hospitals he is overseeing and is taking care of 19 women who have chosen life for their children. Msgr. was delighted to meet with Fr. Hesse and hear of the wonderful things that are happening in Ghana. In the recently concluded 40 Days for Life campaign, 310 babies were saved from certain death in the largest in terms of cities 40 days campaign to date. Also, during the campaign, it was reported that 12 abortion businesses had closed. In a story of particular interest to Helpers everywhere, Helpers in Cherry Hill, New Jersey encountered a young woman during the campaign from Florida who was determined to be 19 weeks pregnant. Florida had recently passed a law banning abortion after 15 weeks, so she booked a flight to New Jersey (where there are no restrictions) to abort her child. After having received drugs to numb her, she began to have second thoughts. Two Helpers talked with her and convinced her to choose life. One problem remained; the woman needed a way to get home. The Helpers rose to the occasion, buying plane tickets. Upon landing, the woman texted the Helpers that she and her baby were safely home. What a beautiful story. This is how the Helpers have been operating since 1989. With several states outright banning or severely restricting abortion, many lives have been saved. Some have estimated that there have been 10% fewer abortions since June of this year. As LifeNews.com recently reported, Maison Des Champs, a 22-year-old college student at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, and an aspiring stunt man climbed to the top of the Los Angeles Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Also known as the “Pro-Life Spiderman”, Maison climbed this skyscraper to raise money support a pregnant woman considering abortion. The woman has three other children, her boyfriend wanted nothing to do with the child, and she had recently lost her job. If that was not enough, she had fallen behind in her rent and was facing eviction, and her car broke down. She is starting a new job in December, but she needed transportation. The pro-life group Let Them Live agreed to provide the help this woman needs both financially and emotionally. This is what the pro-life community does when someone comes for help. We are not there to shame or harm anyone. We reach out with love and support as Msgr. Reilly has taught us over these last many years. We are not asking you to climb tall buildings like Maison Des Champs, but we are asking you to pray and support troubled women whenever you can. Recently we attended the Annual Gala of the Bridge to Life, a crisis pregnancy center in College Point, New York. Msgr. Reilly was one of the honorees. We had a wonderful time, and we were able to meet the new bishop of Brooklyn, Robert J. Brennan. We gave him a copy of “Pro-Life Champion: The Untold Story of Msgr. Philip Reilly and the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants”. Bishop Brennan seemed greatly interested in the book and told us that he had recently visited Msgr. in the facility in which he is residing. We note with sadness the passing of Vincent P. Tabone, husband of Patricia Tabone, a long-time prayer and sidewalk counselor at Choices when it was located in Long Island City. Vincent was a great supporter of the Helpers driving Patricia to Choices on Saturday mornings. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep Patricia and her family in your prayers as well. We also ask you to pray for the repose of the soul of Luigi Coppolo, a prayer from All Women’s Medical Pavilion in Kew Gardens, New York, he died of cancer. We ask for prayers for John Foley, a long time Helper who has not been feeling well lately. We also ask you to pray for Sister Eileen Bruton, a nun of the Most Precious Blood Monastery who continually prays and offers up her sufferings for the unborn and all of those who are out at the sites. Thank you. In closing Msgr. Reilly and we would like to wish you many blessings this Christmas season and please know that you all remain in Msgr.’s prayers.

Yours for life,

Kevin & Susan Moore