

July 7, 2007 *Helpers Newsletter*

Dear Friends of God's Precious Infants,

The Heart of the Helpers Spirituality

When the Hour had come for Jesus to complete the work given him by His Father, by enduring the agony of Gethsemane and the shedding of His Blood at Golgotha, He unveiled in his final words to his disciples, the ultimate reason why these things were going to happen to him and to them. He said: "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you...because they do not know the one who sent me...Whoever hates me also hates my Father... When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, He will testify to me and you will also testify. The hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or Me." (cf. Jn:15ff)

A Way Is Opened By Jesus

In the mysterious design of God, the same reason they killed Jesus is also the very reason why Jesus showed them Mercy. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And then via the very act of Jesus pouring out His Blood and dying for them, a way is opened by Jesus to enable those putting him to death to arrive at a belief in the love of the Father and the Son for them. It is important for us to remember not only that Christ before entering into Glory had to suffer and die, but also it required the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus before the conversions could begin and others could share in the Glory of the Risen Christ.

Without the Cross, No Conversions

The Risen Christ continues now the work of His Father, through us, the members of his Body, the Church. Namely, the passion of Christ continues in us as we make up in our bodies what St. Paul said is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ. There is no short cut. Too often, we want people to believe without ourselves first being witnesses of Christ, namely, martyrs, living the Passion. No number of gimmicks or Madison Avenue advertisements can replace this supernatural work. Without the Cross, no conversions! The Mass must be lived by the followers of Christ, so that those in the world will believe in the love of the Father and the Son for them.

For the Helpers There Are No Longer Two Sides

Those in the World today need to meet Christ, since He is the Answer. And where and how will they meet Christ? Well first, we ourselves must give Christ permission to live within us, so that in and through us, Christ is brought to a world that neither knows the love of the Father or the Son. Especially, the world needs to meet Christ; in Christians living the Mass and praying outside of the abortion mills, our modern day Golgothas. At the abortion sites, those who call themselves Christians must remove from their presence anything that would prevent the world from seeing the

Face and Love of Christ in those present there. For the Helpers then, it is no longer us versus them, but rather we are simply ambassadors of Christ, who are called to faithfully make present Christ's love. For us, there are no longer two sides, pro-life versus anti-life, but rather we are simply Christians who are the Salt of the Earth, the Light of the World, who are standing, praying at Calvary for the salvation of the souls of the abortionist, the staff, and the mothers and fathers involved in the abortion, namely all those who desperately need in their own lives to experience the love of the Father and the Son for them.

The Unborn Babies Should Not Die Alone

Finally, the unborn babies should not die abandoned and alone. Jesus Himself did not die abandoned and alone. When Jesus in his final hours looked down from the Cross, He was surrounded by the prayers, compassion and love of Mary, His Mother; of John, his beloved Priest; of Mary Magdalene, and the other women who shared in the Passion of Jesus. The unborn babies, even if they should have but a brief time here on earth, should not die alone and abandoned. There should be people outside the gates of these killing centers pleading for their earthly lives and sharing their passion: people present with prayer, compassion and love for the unborn in their final hours. I believe that when those same people die, and we all will, those same unborn babies will be at the Gates of Heaven pleading with Jesus to allow their friends who loved them on earth to enter into Eternal Life. And I am confident Jesus will lovingly listen to the pleas of His Precious Infants.

The Powerful Impact of Peaceful Prayer Vigils

Christopher Blunt, the founder of Overbrook Research, has indicated that public opinion in the U.S. in the past 15 years has made a dramatic change towards the pro-life position. In 1992 only 26 % admitted being strongly pro-life while 43% were strongly pro choice. In 2006 the turnaround among U.S. voters is nearly complete with only 30% identifying themselves as pro-choice while 41% are strongly pro-life. In trying to explain this change, Christopher Blunt says the partial birth abortion debate probably had some influence, but shifting the emphasis away from confrontational politics and blockades of abortion clinics to the peaceful prayer vigils and peaceful sidewalk counseling outside the abortion mills has clearly changed the minds of the voters about who are the abortion extremists.

THE UNBORN BABIES AND MOTHERS NEED YOUR PRAYERFUL PRESENCE AT THE UPCOMING HELPERS PRAYER VIGILS

DATE	LOCATION	CELEBRANT
Sat Sept 15, 2007	Saint Joan of Arc 82-00 35th Avenue Jackson Heights NY 11372 718-429-2333	Bishop DiMarzio
Sat Oct 20, 2007	St. Patrick's 39-38 29th St. Long Island City, NY 11101 718-729-6060	Bishop Caggiano

Sat Nov 17, 2007	Queen of Martyrs 110-06 Queens Blvd Queens, NY 11375 718-268-6251	Bishop Daily
Sat Dec 15, 2007	St. Michael's 42nd St and 4th Ave Brooklyn, NY 11232 718-768-6065	Bishop DiMarzio
Sat Jan 19, 2008	St Gerard Magella 188-16 91st Ave Hollis, Queens, NY 11423 718-468-6565	Bishop N/S
Sat Feb 16, 2008	St Peter-St Paul 234 Congress St, Brooklyn NY 11201 718-624-3425	Bishop N/S
Sat Mar 15, 2008	Blessed Sacrament 34-43 93rd St Jackson Hts, Queens, NY 11372 718-639-3888	Bishop N/S
Sat Apr 12, 2008	Saint Catherine of Genoa 520 Linden Blvd Brooklyn, NY 11203 718-282-7162	Bishop N/S

Recent Helpers Prayer Vigils in New York Area

We are grateful to God for the many blessings God continues to bestow on the Helpers Apostolate. On Saturday, January 19th, Wolfgang Hering, the President of the Helpers in Germany with some other dedicated pro lifers from Europe joined Bishop Ignatius Catanello and the other Helpers as the Bishop offered the Vigil Mass at St. Gerard Majella Church in Hollis Queens. The pastor, Father Edward Doran and the people of the parish as usual not only prayerfully participated in the Vigil but following the Vigil provided a beautiful breakfast for all the participants.

On Saturday February 12th Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio after being the main celebrant at the Vigil Mass at St. Peter and Paul Church on Court and Congress Streets led the Rosary procession to Planned Parenthood and Women's Medical abortion 'clinics' located at 42 Court Street. During the Vigil, five women choose life for their unborn children. Father Robert Powers the new Administrator welcomed all.

On Saturday March 24th Bishop Thomas Daily, after the Vigil Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church in Jackson Heights Queens, led the Helpers to A1 Abortion clinic located on the second floor on the corner of Roosevelt Ave, and 95th Street where the Helpers under the leadership of Jorge Bernal faithfully pray every Saturday of the year. This prayer group God has used to close three clinics on Roosevelt Ave and we expect God will use them again. The spiritual enthusiasm and dedication of the Pastor Raymond Kutner and his fellow priests at Blessed Sacrament in working with the people in the parish is inspiring. Almost five thousand Mexican immigrants attend the Sunday Masses.

On April 21st. after the Vigil Mass in St. Catherine of Genoa, Bishop Thomas Daily led the Helpers in prayer outside Building E at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, where five days a week they do late term saline abortions. On June 13th the Helpers in Rockland County under the leadership of Peggy Beirne held a Helpers Vigil in Monroe New York, starting from Sacred Heart Church in Monroe, New York. They will have another Vigil from their on July 11th. Father Juniper continues to organize the Helpers Vigil in Manhattan and the Bronx.

On Saturday June 16th while Bishop Thomas Daily was leading the Helpers Rosary procession, from St. John Vianney Church to Liberty Abortion mill in Flushing, at the same time Detective Steve McDonald led the Helpers who came for the Vigil scheduled originally at Our Lady of the Cenacle Church in Richmond Hill, in 20 decades of the Rosary. Thus the mistake in communication turned into an extra blessing for the unborn babies and their mothers.

Recent Pro-life Mission Endeavors

DENVER, COLORADO: Thanks to the efforts of David Nix, a seminarian at St. John Vianney Theological Regional Seminary, I received an invitation from Father Kent Drotar, the Vice Rector, to come on Friday Feb.2nd 2007 and share with the major seminarians how the Helpers Apostolate works. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. of the Archdiocese of Denver lives in a small house on the Seminary grounds. At 4:15 p.m. that afternoon I gave a general presentation to about fifty Seminarians. At 7:15 p.m. I gave another presentation to pro-life lay people who live in Denver who had come to the seminary that evening to learn about the Helpers. The next morning the lay people from Denver together with the seminarians and Father Michael Glenn, the Rector, took part in the 8:00 a.m. Vigil Mass offered in the Seminary Chapel. The Mass was followed by a Rosary procession to a local abortion mill where we sang hymns and prayed the rosary. After brunch at the seminary, a two- hour workshop on follow- up prayerful presence, exhibits for life and sidewalk counseling was held. Later that evening I had a pleasant dinner with some seminarians and Father Hellstrom, the Spiritual Director of the Seminary, who was very supportive of the seminarians involvement in the Helpers.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Encouraged by Julie McCreevy , the Direcor of the Chicago Helpers, Margie Manezko Breen, the Program Manager of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago invited me to be the Keynote Speaker on Saturday March 3rd at the Annual Pro-Life Conference that was held this year in the Auditorium of Gordon Technical High School in Chicago. On Friday evening Mitch Striedl of the Respect Life Office picked me up at the O'Hare Airport and brought me to the Residence at Holy Name Cathedral. Later that evening I had a good meal and conversation with Julie McCreevy at the Holy Name Residence. Mary Louise Kurey, the former Miss Wisconsin, now the Director of the Respect Life Office did an excellent job preparing, organizing and being the MC at the Life Conference. My presentation at 9:30 a.m. was enthusiastically received not only by the pro-lifers in Chicago but also by the members and Leadership of the International Organization, Couples For Christ,, whose membership is at least a million and a half. Hundreds of the members from around the country and other parts of the world attended this Conference, including Frank Padilla the International Director from Manila in the Philippines, who spoke on the role of Ecclesial Communities in Spreading the Culture of Life. Many of the members decided they would use the Helpers Approach to spread the Culture of Life, such as Michelle Reyes in Los Angels who a few weeks later took part with me in the Prayer Vigil in San Diego, California with the hope of re-energizing the Vigils in Los Angels. Hopefully Sonny Aguilin will re-energize the Helpers in the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. I met many other real zealous Christians like Peter Breen who does a great job in funding and helping to run the

Woman's Choices Services and Alan A. Eberhardt ,LTC USAR, Arlington Heights, Illinois, a past President of the Reserve Officers Association who constantly spreads information to help establish a Culture of Life. In the afternoon, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. the Archbishop of Chicago did an informative hour Q & A Session with the people. After the Cardinal spoke, needing to catch a flight, I left the Conference and had a very pleasant trip to O'Hare Airport since my driver was my ever faithful nephew Phil Moore who lives in Chicago with his wife and family.

BLOOMSBURG, NEW JERSEY: On Sunday March 18th at the invitation of Joan Fasanello, I was the guest speaker at a Fund Raiser Dinner held in the River View Banquet Hall in Bloomsburg, New Jersey for the Life Center in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania which Joan was instrumental in establishing.. At the end of the talk there was a standing ovation. I hope while they were standing that they reached into their pockets or pocketbooks and gave generously to the Center. As any sidewalk counselor knows the Life Centers are so essential to have as a backup help for many pregnant women in difficult circumstances who want to keep their baby.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN: On Friday evening March 30th I spoke to a wonderful, dedicated group of Helpers in Detroit, Michigan. On Saturday morning together with Dan Goodnow, the President of the Michigan Helpers, we drove to Ave Maria Law School in Ann Arbor where pro-life students from twenty-one colleges in Michigan had gathered to take part in the Students for Life Conference of America that was organized by Joanie Barrett and held at the Ave Maria Law School. At the end of the Workshop the students from all the colleges signed up for further information.

TAMPA, FLORIDA: On Friday April 13th Sabrina Burton, the Director of Life Ministry for the Diocese of St. Petersburg met me at the Tampa Airport and on the way to the home of a wonderful pro-life couple, Shawn and Patty Carson, where I was invited to stay, Sabrina graciously brought this long-time Yankee fan, past famous Legend Field. Shawn Carson being the Life Ministry Leader in the Parish assisted me not only the evening before at the Presentation on the Helpers Apostolate but at the Vigil Mass in the morning. After the morning Mass we drove to a Wal-Mart parking lot and then we prayed the Rosary and sang hymns as we processed to the abortion clinic on Fletcher Avenue. After Benediction back at the Church, we held, following brunch, a two-hour workshop before heading off to the Airport. With the assistance of Patty and Shawn Carson and others, Sabrina Burton did an excellent job.

JOLIET, ILLINOIS: I thought the air flight on Thursday April 26th from New York City to Chicago Midway Airport, where I was scheduled to land at 2 P.M., for a program that was to begin at 7 pm, would be brief and uneventful. Not so! The plane was unable to land at Midway due to a mini hurricane in Chicago and the control tower redirected us into Indiana where a tornado was threatening the area. We landed at Indianapolis Airport where we received more fuel and waited for hours before taking off again. Realizing God was reminding me once again, that He is in charge, I knew it was going to be a fruitful trip. I arrived at Holy Trinity Church in Westmont, Illinois shortly before 7:00 P.M. where Father William De Salvo the Pastor, graciously welcomed me. As usual, Frances Fortier, the Director of the Joliet Diocesan Life Office and the other Helpers organized a smoothly run program starting with the Adoration and Presentation the night before ; to the morning Vigil Mass with the Adults and young students from Holy Trinity School; to the rosary and hymns outside of Access Health abortion clinic; to finally the workshop in the Knights of Columbus Hall. I met many old and new friends like John and Jann Bray, Ann Brochmann, Jassmine Ren. My good nephew Phil Moore from Chicago arrived at 3:00 p.m. and drove me from Westmont to Mundelein International Theological Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, where Dave Gross the Co-President of the Gospel of Life Club met us. Unfortunately we were too late for dinner since the Refectory had closed

but early enough for the presentation to the major seminarians scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Later that evening, we found a drive through Burger King where we were able to get something before Phil Moore drove back to Chicago and I returned to the Seminary. After a 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Theology House Chapel I led a Helpers Payer Vigil with a group of Mundelein Seminarians to American Women's Medical Center in Chicago. What was important was that the Seminarians were from different Dioceses, like Scott Wallisch and Jared Rottingham from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas; Michael Bobdan of Notre Dame, Indiana; Stephen Thompson and David Hammond from Mundelein; Chris Luther from Archdiocese of Chicago; Joseph Liu, from Detroit and David Gross from Grand Rapids, Michigan. After lunch at the Seminary and a brief follow-up session, David drove me to the Midway Airport in Chicago.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: On Friday May 4th Joseph Horejs, a well organized Christian gentleman of the Office of Social Ministry of the Diocese of San Diego, California met me at the San Diego Airport and drove me to wonderful accommodations at the St. Francis Residency Center. Joseph Horejs the Assistant to Kent Peters the Director of the Office of Social Ministry was urged to invite me by Sue Lopez who had already started a Helpers group in San Diego. Together they did an excellent job of bringing together a large group of people including Michelle Reyes, a Leader of Couples for Christ in Los Angeles who wants to be involved in the Los Angeles area. The attendance at the Adoration and the Presentation at the Diocesan Pastoral Chapel Center on Friday evening and at the Vigil Mass celebrated at the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Procession following the Mass to the abortion mill at 2850 Sixth Ave was very good. After the afternoon Helpers workshop, Joseph Horejs, Sue Lopez, Luis and Tricia Mendoza and myself had a very pleasant dinner and conversation with Dr. Delgado and the Directors and Staff of the Culture of Life Family Services. I met a number of other good people like Rosemary Benefield who is involved in the Post abortion Healing Program called Rachel's Hope; Chris Morales who helps with the Goretti Group that stresses "Purity at all Cost" and Raquel Lopez who is a director in the young adult ministry for the Diocese of San Diego and wants to be involved in establishing the Helpers in Mexico. After the Sunday Mass at the Italian National Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, at which I spoke to the parents and their children who were involved in a May Crowning Ceremony, I had the pleasure of sharing breakfast at the home of Sue Lopez, and her Husband, Roger and their wonderful children, Marie, Laura, Johnny and David, who were my fine altar boys at all the liturgical events. After a very blessed weekend for life, Roger drove me to the Airport.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: On Friday May 11th I was met at the Louisville Airport by Kathy Kusch, and Abrea Mitchell, members of the Young Adults of Generation JP II who did an excellent job hosting and running the Weekend For Life in Louisville, Kentucky. I had the opportunity of visiting the famous Churchill Downs Race Track, where the previous weekend the Queen of England attended the running of the Kentucky Derby. I had originally requested the previous weekend for my Life Visit but fortunately the young people convinced me I would not win with that competition. The Adoration and Presentation on Friday evening and the 8:00 A.M. Vigil Mass, Benediction, Brunch and afternoon workshop on Saturday May 12th were all at Our Mother of Sorrows Church on Harrison Ave. in Louisville. After the Mass we drove to a parking Lot on S.5th St. and W. Liberty St. and with a very accommodating Police Escort, we walked in Prayerful Procession to the abortion mill, EMW Women's Surgical Center where practically during the whole time that we prayed a disturbed woman shouted at us but the people like true Christians kept praying. Eventually the woman became quiet and left. I reminded the people that Our Lord said "Blessed are you when they say all kinds of evil things against you for my sake." Patricia Horton has already greatly increased the amount of Spiritual Prayer Supporters. Indeed, on Saturday July 7th the Helpers in Louisville already held another large Prayer Vigil, using the walkie-talkies generously donated to them by big John Paduano, a Helper here in Brooklyn who himself counsels

on the sidewalk at least four times a week outside of Planned Parenthood. Theo Stearns, T.O.P. who runs the Catholics United for Life in New Hope, Kentucky and who attended the Helpers' Vigil and Workshop, called me recently to let me know the good news that Bishop Joseph Kurtz of Knoxville Tennessee who wanted me to come to Knoxville to set up the Helpers, was the newly appointed Archbishop of Louisville. The people are blessed to have a strong, active pro-life Bishop to lead them

Around the United States

Massachusetts: On Saturday June 16th under the leadership of Charles Coudert of Sherborn, the people marked the completion of five years of Prayer Vigil outside of Framingham Union Hospital of Sherborn to end the Hospital abortions. God Bless them for their perseverance. Since 1990 the Boston Helpers have been organizing their monthly Large Prayer Vigils.

Illinois: Sister Jo and Don, plus Karen Guth who has been faithfully counseling for years outside the abortion mill in the area of Peoria are about to receive help. Christine Dennis has informed me they are about to open a Pregnancy Center next to the mill. Keep them in your prayers.

Texas: Bob and Sharon Christiansen continue to organize the Helpers Vigils in Austin. For example on Saturday June 16th after a 7:00 A.M. Mass in St. Theresa's Church, some were left in the Church to do adoration as the larger group went to Planned Parenthood where they prayed the Rosary before returning to the Church for Benediction. In Houston the monthly Vigils continue under the leadership of Vicki and Dr. Colbert.. In Bryan, the sidewalk counseling and praying continues under the leadership of Laura Spanel -Weber and in Dallas with the leadership of Carol Seward, Maria Graham, Fonda Lash and others.

Nebraska: Again this summer Gretchen Moylan continues to spread the Helpers Apostolate with 16 major seminarians that have come, from the Priestly Formation Institute, to pray outside the infamous Carhart partial birth abortion mill in Omaha, Nebraska

In Other States

Requests for VHS videos or DVD's on the Helpers large Prayer Vigils or the Seminar on Sidewalk Counseling or Guideline Booklets on Sidewalk Counseling, the Helpers Prayer Books, Spiritual Support cards etc .never seems to stop. But thanks to the hidden, selfless volunteer efforts of people like Dorothy Doyle, Mary Murray and Mike Reddy all the requests are usually quickly fulfilled. For example, we have recently sent materials to Janine Rezabek, Largo, Florida; Wynette Sills and Jan England in Sacramento, California; Yolando Castro, Rio Rancho, New Mexico; Nicole Cooper M.D.in Dallas, Texas; Shawn Carson, Tampa, Florida; Paula Reichert-McKiban, Clayton, Ohio; Arline Saiki, Edmeston, New York; Erick Bell, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Eva Radel in Fredericksburg, Virginia. If you live near any of these good people, join them in their pro-life work; if not, pray for them.

Around the World

INDIA : On Sunday June 3rd Father Joy Thottankara from Kerala, India, spent the afternoon here at the Monastery to learn about the Helpers Apostolate. Father Joy has been freed up by his Bishop to do pro-life work full time. Abortion is legal in India and is becoming more and more a problem. He has named his Pro Life ministry, First Tabernacle, since for Father Joy, the Womb of Mary carrying Jesus was the First Tabernacle. So each mother's womb is the first tabernacle for her child. Father was happy to learn that much of his ministry's spirituality is similar to the Spirituality of the Helpers. We will try to stay in contact.

MEXICO: Raquel Lopez from San Diego, California wants to help in any outreach program of the Helpers in Mexico. Fonda Lash and Maria Graham of Texas and Barbara Spencer of Lo Paz, Mexico would be important contact persons since they too are interested in establishing the Helpers Apostolate in Mexico.

UNITED KINGDOM: Kevin Gilfoyle, Father Fidelis, Rose and Michael Doherty, 4 local priests and 150 other people held a prayer Vigil outside the Center in Newcastle in North East England where research is being done in the area of cloning, genetics and stem cell research. To be pro-life is to protect and recognize the existence of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

PUERTO RICO: Deyanira Aponte was recently trained in the Helpers method and spirituality here at the Monastery and together with members of her family and the local Vicar hopes to start the Helpers Apostolate in Puerto Rico.

GUAM Jon Calvo living in Hogatna, Guam is a young man who last year was trained in the Helpers approach here at the Brooklyn Monastery. The Archdiocese in Guam wants Jon to start a Helpers group in Guam, a territory recaptured by the United States in 1944, lying at the southern end of the Northern Mariana Islands in the Pacific. Guam's population being mostly Roman Catholic should be helpful to him in this endeavor. Jon has already called and e-mailed me for guidance and help. We will do so.

POLAND: It does make a difference if abortion is outlawed or severely restricted as it is in Poland. Dr. Andrzej A. Tomczak my pro-life friend in, Warszawa, Poland has informed me that according to the 2005 official Statistics there was a total of 225 abortion in all of Poland; 54 due to threat to health and life of mother, 3 because of Rape and 168 for serious and irreversible defects of the unborn child. The Country still has a major population problem since the outflow migration of the Country is much greater than the inflow.

AFRICA: The Helpers in Cote Divoire have been established now for seven years under the leadership of its President, Charles Zadi in this French speaking West African Country. Congratulations are due but also a strong word of caution about Togo and Ghana its neighboring Countries. Togo recently became the second Country in Africa to legalize abortion. Even before abortion was legalized in Togo, Leo Adjewoda Kodjo, the President of Pro life Togo whom I met at the World Pro-Life Prayer Conference in Fatima, Portugal, had already asked me to come to Togo to assist them. The culture of death has already moved across the border of Togo into Ghana with the opening of a Marie Stopes clinic. Marie Stopes runs the abortion clinic in Cape Town South Africa, where the Helpers under the leadership of Sally Hall pray and have Prayer Vigils. Sally Hall recently informed me that about five hundred young people took part in a Prayer Vigil

in Johannesburg, South Africa. Sophia Ankrah presently in London has already sent to Fr. Michael Mensah the Chancellor/Secretary to the Archbishop Gabriel Palmer-Buckle of Accra, the CD produced by the Helpers in South Africa. Let us pray that Sally Hall and the others in Cape Town can be helpful to them in preventing the legalization of abortion in Ghana.

Students from Across the USA Come to Brooklyn

STUDENTS FROM CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE: From Saturday March 4th to Wednesday March 7th students from Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia enjoyed a pro-life retreat here at the Monastery thanks especially to the efforts of Sharon Hickson, their Teacher at Christendom and her daughter, Elizabeth. Although the young students came from many different places such as Ellen from Pennsylvania; Rachel, New York; Mairin, Matthew and Mawa from Virginia; Nicole from Alaska; Rebecca, California; Marykate, Texas; John from Maryland; Jessica, Minnesota; and Bernadette even from Canada yet they all shared a common Faith, goodness and prayerfulness that made it a joy for me to direct the pro-life retreat. From their individual thank you notes to me, it would seem that the retreat was also an enriching experience for each of them.

STUDENTS FROM FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY: From Sunday March 11th to Wednesday March 14th, a new group of students came to the Monastery for an intensive pro-life retreat, but this time they were from the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Mike Riordan from Nebraska, the President of the Students for Life, organized the trip. Again, the students were from different States: Daniel from Illinois; Zachary and Rebecca, from Texas; Alison from Connecticut; Clare from New Hampshire; Christopher from Virginia; Sean from Pennsylvania; and Daniel from Ohio. In Des Moines, Iowa, Christina Valentine of Franciscan University is setting up Helpers Prayer Vigils outside of Planned Parenthood. Michelle Raczka, a graduate of Cornell University, is helping to establish the Helpers approach outside abortion clinics in Rochester, New York.

STAFF OF STUDENTS FOR LIFE OF AMERICA: From Wednesday May 16th through Saturday May 20th, the Staff of the Students for Life of America based in Arlington, Virginia came to the Monastery for an intensive training program on the Helpers approach. Liz Forest, Ben Wetmore, Michael Barrett, Kristan Hawkins of Virginia, and Erin Raiche of Arizona were joined by Dejanira Aponte from Puerto Rico and Elizabeth and Bernadette Bosse from Massachusetts. Not only did they pray for hours outside the local abortion mill but took an active part in the Large Helpers Prayer Vigil on Saturday May 19th at Queen of Martyrs Church in Forest Hills, Queens. On Thursday evening May 24th in Manhattan, due to the efforts of John Lutri, a Helper who counsels with John Foley's group outside of Choices mill in LIC, I spoke on the topic of Establishing a Culture of Life in the midst of a Culture of Death, to the St. Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group. Many present wanted to become actively involved.

STUDENTS OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE EUCHARIST: Under the leadership of Patrick Yungwirth on Tuesday June 4th a group of college students, Maeve O'Doherty, Leslee Simms, Lacy Howard, Ren Franko, Eric Forrest, Martino Choi, David Sao, Joshua Guenther, members of the Missionaries of the Eucharist and Life came to the Monastery for training. They left on Wednesday morning for Vermont where from June 10th to August 12th they hope to complete a walk to witness the sacredness of life from Lewiston, Maine to Washington D.C. This group also hopes to join with the young people who will be traveling under the

leadership of Father Lawrence of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from Philadelphia to Washington DC from August 3rd to 11th preaching the Gospel of Life to all whom they encounter. I am scheduled to speak to both of them in Philadelphia on the evening of Saturday Aug. 4th. By the way, congratulations and prayers to Patrick Yungwirth who this Summer will be entering the Dominicans.

Upcoming Missionary Journeys for Life in August

As I previously mentioned on Saturday evening August 4th 2007 at the request of Father Lawrence Joseph, CFR, I will be speaking to all the young people who have come to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to take part in a Pilgrimage for Life ending in Washington D.C. From Aug 10th to the 13th I will be given a number of talks in a Pro-Life Conference taking place at the Greek-Catholic Episcopal Residence in Lugo, Romania. On August 14th or 15th hopefully I will be speaking to some of the 5000 young people the Bishops of Austria have invited to Mariazell, Austria for Youth Day. The Czech Bishops' Conference has organized a nationwide meeting of about 5000 young people at a Pilgrimage Place in South Bohemia. I have been invited to speak to those young people about Life on Friday August 17th On Friday evening, Aug 24th I will be leading a Helpers Rosary Procession following the 7:00 P.M. Vigil Mass at St. Mathew's Church in Wilmington, Delaware. On Saturday morning August 25th I will be the main celebrant at the 7:15 A.M. Helpers Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Cenacle Church, Richmond Hill, Queens, New York. The requests for me to come to Phoenix, Arizona by Sheila Riley, to Tucson by Dr. Ada Ryan and to Corpus Christi, Texas by Roseann Norma, I will hopefully fulfill in the fall.

My Talks at the World Prayer Conference for Life at Fatima

My gracious friends from the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Vienna Austria, were kind enough to record several of the talks I delivered at the World Prayer Conference for Life, at Fatima, Portugal, last October. I've posted three of them here for your edification. Just click on any talk below:

Thursday, October 5, 2006 ["Humanae Vitae, Donum Vitae"](#)

Thursday, October 5, 2006 ["Evangelium Vitae"](#)

Friday, October 6, 2006 ["Golgotha Today - Standing with Mary and John at the Foot of the Cross"](#)

If you have a dialup connection and are having difficulty listening to the talk, or if you would simply like to save the talk to your hard disk, right click on the talk. In the drop down menu click "Save Target As...". You will then be prompted to choose a download directory. Once the file is saved, simply double-click on the file name to open it in your default media player.

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Vatican Desires Precious Blood Witness to Continue in Brooklyn

Recently the Vatican indicated that it was important that the Charism of Mother Catherine Aurelie, the Foundress of the Pontifical Congregation of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, should continue at this Brooklyn Monastery, which was started here by Mother Catherine, over a hundred years ago as the first Precious Blood Monastery in the United States. And so they asked the Sisters Adorers Federation to send younger Sisters here, who will run the Monastery, while making serious efforts to recruit new Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood for the Brooklyn Monastery.

For me this decision of the Vatican is especially providential for the pro-life cause for so much innocent unborn blood has been unjustly shed in this City since abortion was made legal in 1970. It is fitting and right that there be people in this City who would be constantly making reparation for the 3.7 million unborn babies lives that have already been unjustly taken in this City.

Besides, the late Pope John Paul II stressed in section #25 of *Evangelium Vitae* that it is from the Blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. For the Blood of Christ is the most powerful source of hope that in God's plan, life will be victorious. The shedding of the infinite Blood of Jesus, not only makes just reparation to God for sinners and teaches us how priceless each person is in God's eyes but also fills sinners with hope in God's Mercy for us and reminds us that the original vocation to love is fulfilled when we use our freedom to give ourselves totally to the other.

If you know anyone who would like to make their contribution to the cause of Life as a Contemplative Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood, encourage them to contact me here at the Monastery. Here in Brooklyn we recently lost two outstanding pro-lifers: Bob Whelan, a humble, holy, generous, multi talented, layman and Sister Mary John, a hidden, holy, dedicated contemplative, of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood. Keep them in your prayers. We need people to replace not only the saintly Bob Whelans in the World but also the Sister Mary Johns in the Monastery.

Until We Meet in Prayer at Calvary,

Msgr. Philip J. Reilly