

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants

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Dear Friends of God's Precious Infants and their Mothers,

We Must Not Forget

The Helpers' Apostolate is now doubly blessed to have the support of the prayers not only of the *Precious Blood Contemplatives* but also the *Contemplatives of the Servants of the Lord* and the *Virgin of Matara* who, since Christmas 2011, are living here and sharing the Monastery with Precious Blood Nuns. Why are the prayers of these good nuns and the prayers of those who pray and fast monthly at the Helpers Vigils for Life or weekly or even daily at the abortion sites so important? We must not forget that the Late Pope John Paul II in section 100 of the Encyclical the Gospel of Life reminded each of us that Jesus Himself has shown us by His own example that prayer and fasting are the most effective weapons against the forces of evil. The Pope then challenged each of us when he said that "a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world that God will use to break down the walls of lies and deceit that conceal from the sight of so many, the evil of the laws and practices which are hostile to life." Be not afraid to fulfill this challenging mission by going in prayer and fasting into the Public Square.

God Will Provide

Recently, the Helpers' Board of Directors told me that the Organization has a money problem. I said how could that be since here in New York no Helper is paid a salary, including myself. The organization has no credit cards. Whenever I travel I go economy; I pay for my own transportation, especially if the people inviting me are unable to do so. Wherever I go I try to stay in priests' rectories. I don't ask for an honorarium and if they give a donation, I ask them to give it to the Helpers Organization. So how is there a problem? The Board said: "Msgr. the problem is each year you keep giving to the pregnant moms and their children more money than is coming into the Organization by way of donations. The Helpers' reserve will be depleted within a year." I said that the times are financially difficult for the women, and City and Federal Agencies are cutting back on monies to help them. The Board members said: "Msgr., we understand but, in 2011, to help cover food, clothing, rent, utilities, furnishings and schooling for the women and their children, you gave them \$143,860 and the printing, postage and other supplies cost \$28,175 for a total expense of \$172,035, while the Helpers' total income for 2011 was \$65,815. I replied: "I understand your financial concern about staying solvent, but don't worry, God will provide."

Dates for Local Helpers' Prayer Vigils

Sat. Aug. 25th 7:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Cenacle 136- 08 87th Ave. Rich. Hill 11418

Sat. Sept. 15th 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc 8200 35th Ave Jackson Heights 11372

Sat. Oct. 20th 7:30 a.m. Mass at Presentation 88-19 Parson Blvd Jamaica 11432

Sat. Nov. 17th 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Vianney 140-10 34th Ave. Flushing 11354

Sat. Dec. 15th 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Paul's Court and Congress St. Brooklyn 11201

Retreats, Vigils and Visitors to the Monastery

From Oct. 29th to Nov. 2nd 2011 forty enthusiastic *students from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio* stayed here at the Monastery of the Precious Blood and also prayed outside a local abortion mill while taking part in a Helpers' Retreat training weekend. In November various Helpers' leaders came to the Monastery such as *Marcela Palos of Mexico; Wolfgang Hering and Rita the cardiologist nurse from Germany; Dr. Majlinda Gjoni of Albania*. Dr. Majlinda gave me a copy of the Helpers' Prayer book which has been translated into Albanian by Dr. Majlinda and Kimete. Recently I was blest to meet *Tom and Lyn Scheuring Ph.D.s, the Directors and Founders of Lamb Ministry* who visited the Monastery and explained their ministry and asked how their members could assist the Helpers' apostolate. *Megan Mastroianni* is the *Chastity Educator of Generation Life*, a movement of young people to spread the Gospel of Life and the message of Chastity. Each year Megan Mastroianni organizes a number of members of the group to come here for a pro-life retreat weekend. This past year Generation Life members came on Dec. 16th -17th among whom were *Emmanuel Pena, Stephanie Brown, DeVon Dunlap and Michael Lahey*, the young missionaries working this year in New York City. In February again under the leadership of *Chris Bae*, another group of major seminarians from *St. John's Seminary in Boston* came from Friday Feb 17th to Monday the 20th. The seminarians joined *Msgr. John Styrnkowski* and the Helpers in the Prayer Vigil from *St. James Basilica Cathedral to the abortion mill at 81 Willoughby Street*. Students from *Catholic University of America*, under the leadership of senior *Mary Murphy and John Henderson*, came to the Monastery from Friday March 23rd to 25th 2012. Joining them was *Edwige Tia* a graduate student from *Fordham University*, who is from French-speaking *Burkina Faso in Africa*. Edwige at the present time is our liaison with the French-speaking Helpers in *Togo and Burkina Faso*. More than three hundred people were in *Presentation Church in South Jamaica* when the CUA students arrived on March 24th, 2012. At the end of the Mass at least 250 people took part in the Helpers' Prayer Procession to *Choices* abortion mill. *This was due to the leadership of the Pastor of Presentation, Father Christofer O'Connor and the other concelebrants like Fathers Josephjude Gannon, pastor of St. Gerard Majella; Rodriguez of Precious Blood; Colamaria of Holy Child; Matthew of St. Nicholas of Tolentine and McCartney of Our Lady of Victory, in Flora Park*. *Merle Hoffman*, the owner of the abortion mill, published in the Daily News that her yearly goal is to perform 10,000 abortions a year at the Jamaica site. Merle claims most of her clients come from that area. Already people from near and far, such as *the Major Seminarian, Evans Julce* who is living at *Presentation*, are determined this goal will not happen on their watch. *Marie Elena Giossi of the Brooklyn Tablet*, for the March 31 edition, wrote an excellent article covering the event. On May 19th the Mass at *Our Lady Queen of Martyrs*, and the procession to the abortion mill, *All Women's Medical Pavilion* was done first class due to the meticulous preparation of *Fr. Francis Passenant*. We were doubly blessed to have *Bishop Daily*, who this year is celebrating 60 years in the priesthood, lead us in reciting the whole Rosary at the abortion site. In the June Vigil at *St. Michael's, Sunset Park* we were blessed to have some students from *Cathedral Prep* join us and the new *Pastor Father Kevin Sweeney and Father John Cush* lead us in prayer.

Phoenix, Arizona to San Bernadino, California

At the request of *Sheila Riely, R.N.*, the Executive *Director and founder of Life Choices Women's Clinics* in Phoenix, Arizona, I arrived at the Sky Harbor Airport at 4:20 p. m. Friday Jan. 20th 2012 and was driven by Sheila Casey to the *Mount Claret Retreat Center*. By 6:00 p.m. I was offering Mass at the Retreat Center. The chapel was filled with dedicated pro-lifers. Immediately following Mass was thirty minutes of Adoration, then I delivered the scheduled lecture on life. I stayed that evening at the Retreat Center.

On Saturday Jan. 21, Sheila Riely picked me up and drove me to *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Tempe* for the 8:00 a.m. Mass for life. After Mass, at 9:00 a.m. we prayed the Rosary at the *PP Apache mill* in Tempe. At

11:00 a.m. I was giving a bilingual Sidewalk Counseling Training workshop at the Phoenix Diocesan Center, to the Spanish and English volunteers. Immediately following the workshop we went and prayed the Rosary at the ***Family Planning Associates abortion mill in Phoenix.***

On Sunday Jan 22nd Sheila Casey and her husband picked me up at 7:00 a.m. at the Mt. Claret Retreat Center and drove me to the ***Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Glendale*** where we said the Rosary. By 10:30 a.m. we arrived at *St. Francis Xavier Church* where I concelebrated the 11:00 A.M. Mass with ***Bishop Olmsted***, one of the many courageous pro-life bishops. Bishop Olmstead's homily creatively illustrated the tragedy of the January 22nd 1973 abortion decision. After the Mass we took part in ***March for Life to Steele Indian School Park*** where the Rally for Life took place. From 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. I met with the staff and volunteers of the Life Choices Clinics. I was given a tour of both excellently run clinics, each having ***4D Sonogram machines*** that are incredibly effective in having the pregnant women who come there choose life. They provide practically full ob/gyn services to the women. ***In 2011 they served 7092 women doing more than four thousand pregnancy tests and eleven hundred ultra sound exams. 570 babies were saved by helping pregnant mothers, who came there intending or undecided about having an abortion, to choose life.***

On Monday Jan 23 ***Sheila Casey and her husband*** picked me up at 7:30 a.m. and brought me to St. Joan of Arc for the 8:30 a.m. Mass. After Mass we prayed the ***Rosary at Planned Parenthood on Thunderbird Rd. in Phoenix*** and before leaving for the Airport at noon we prayed the Rosary at ***Jackrabbit Family Planning in Phoenix.*** ***As a result of my visit, Sheila Riely said she was looking for a grand slam in closing abortion mills. Sheila reminded all that over the past ten years when I joined Sheila and the other good pro-lifers in Phoenix in past Prayer Vigils, the A-Z Women's Center, which was one of the busiest abortion mills in Arizona and specialized in late term abortions, closed; Family Planning abortion mills of Scottsdale and Phoenix, Dr. Brian Finkel's abortion clinic, who by the way is now serving a 25year sentence for sexually abusing his patients, and Planned Parenthood in Phoenix are all now closed.*** Indeed even over and above these miraculous victories for life, I don't mind following the busy schedule that Sheila sets up for me each time she invites me to Phoenix because no one works harder and more effectively for life in the State of Arizona than Sheila Riely of Phoenix.

On Friday Feb. 3rd 2012 I arrived in ***San Bernadino, California*** and held a three- hour afternoon meeting at the Comfort Inn in Murrieta. ***Henry Williams***, a long-time active pro-life leader in San Bernadino, had organized and advertised the meeting to key pro-lifers. During the first hour and a half, I stressed the importance of praying and counseling outside the abortion clinic. The second part of the workshop was spent in answering questions. I met many beautiful people there like ***Robert and Tina Varela*** whose son is active in pro-life work at the Franciscan University of Steubenville and has come to the Monastery. It is a small world. ***The next morning, after celebrating Mass at St. Martha's Catholic Church, we prayed outside a local abortion mill.***

Albury and Sydney Australia

Paul & Christine Hanrahan on June 2011 organized, supervised, and accompanied thirty-three talented, gifted young adults from all the major cities in Australia to travel over 5000 miles to come and spend five intensive days on a pro-life retreat here at the Monastery of the Precious Blood. They returned to Australia and together ***with the other pro-life leaders organized in January 2012, the Life and Family Conference, which was the largest national pro-life conference in the history of Australia.*** They brought together many gifted National Australian Pro-Life Speakers and invited ***Steve Mosher, Sociologist and President of Population Research Institute (PRI), and myself,*** to include an International dimension to the Conference. ***Bishop Julian Porteous*** did the opening Mass and talk. The Conference was held at the ***Lake Hume Resort in Albury.*** It allowed for pro-life families to come because they also provided baby sitters for children during the time of the conference. Steve Mosher and myself did workshops opposite each other on Friday and Saturday to allow all to attend both conferences. Steve was the keynote speaker at the Dinner on Friday evening, and at the Conference Gala

Dinner on Saturday night, which was attended by more than 600 people, I gave the keynote talk at the dinner. The talk was entitled *Be Not Afraid to Proclaim the Gospel of Life to the People of Our Time*. I contrasted the present modern day tragedy vs. tragedies found in past literature. The talk is now available on the Helpers' library www.helperslibrary.info. *We held Prayer Vigils at abortion mills in Albury and Sydney*. In Sydney, I spoke to *over 300 young people of the Maronite Community* and *over 400 young adults 18 – 35 years of age at Theology on Tap in Sydney*. I also spoke to the pro-life adult leaders in a *Church in Sydney*, which again was very well attended and received.. I returned to Los Angeles, California on February 3.

Why so many Missionary Trips to Mexico

I have recently made two Missionary trips for life to Mexico, namely in Oct. 2011 and April 2012, with another planned for September 2012. Why so many Missions to Mexico? The race between life and death in Mexico has begun and I am not referring to the 50, 000 who have died in the Mexican drug war. The tragic pattern of judicial tyranny, used by the population control people to impose abortion on Americans living in all 50 States in American, is again being used but this time to impose abortion on the Mexican people living in all 32 States in Mexico . What do I mean by judicial tyranny? A strict constructionist judge tries to follow the original intent of the authors of the Constitution or the intent of those who amended the Constitution. If a particular Law does not conform to the Constitution, then the judge declares that the Law is not constitutional. If you want this particular Law, then the strict constructionist judge says that the Legislative branch of the government has to draw up an amendment to the Constitution that would permit it and have it approved by two-thirds of the Congress and three-fourths of the States. It is not the role of the Judges to legislate from the bench a new law. However, an activist judge, insisting that the Constitution is a living breathing document, will find a word or phrase in the Constitution for whatever the judge wants or those who nominated the judge want, even if the word or phrase is taken out of context.

Strict Constructionist vs. Activist Judges

In the Jan.22nd 1973 *Supreme Court Judicial Decisions of Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton*, seven men judges discovered a right of privacy in the Constitution that would allow a pregnant woman to abort the child in her womb through the nine months of pregnancy. Moreover *Justice Harry Blackmun*, the author of the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* decision, incredibly claimed ignorance as to when human life begins. He stated we should not impose one opinion over another of when human life begins and therefore we must allow abortion. The same Supreme Court conveniently forgets that *Justice Blackmun* also did state in the *Roe vs. Wade Decision*, if a time came when it was clear that it is human life, then his judicial decision would no longer have judicial force. *In the Supreme Court 1992 Casey vs. Planned Parenthood's decision, nobody any longer denied that the unborn child is a baby, yet the majority on the Court now told us that the mother's right for privacy and absolute freedom of choice is superior to the unborn child's right to life. Not only can she abort the child but her absolute right to freedom, found falsely by the Court in the 14th Amendment, now means that none of the fifty States' Constitutions can outlaw abortion. Ironically and demonically the 14th Amendment that was passed after the Civil War to protect the rights of American Blacks, has been and is being used to destroy 17 million, and counting, unborn black babies in America. The judges have now used the 14th Amendment right to privacy and freedom to legalize contraceptives and euthanasia. Most recently a single Federal Judge in California ruled that a ban on same-sex marriage also violates the equal protection of the 14th Amendment, thus overturning for the moment the vote for traditional marriage in California that passed by a majority of at least seven million voters.*

Constitutional vs. Unconstitutional

The politicians in Mexico City, not the people, voted to allow abortions in the State of Mexico City. Already seventy thousand unborn babies have now been aborted in Mexico City .After 2006 the population control

people rushed the Mexico City Law to the Mexican Supreme Court with the hope, as they did in America, of having the Court proclaim that abortion in Mexico is a Constitutional Right. However to their surprise, the Mexican Supreme Court ruled when a State passes a Law allowing abortion, although it is not against the Constitution, nevertheless having an abortion is not a Constitutional Right found in the Mexican Constitution. After this decision by the Mexican Supreme Court, practically all the States began to amend their Constitutions to prohibit abortions in their States. Already more than a majority of the States have done so.

Judicial Tyranny

To amend the Mexican Constitution at least two States have to propose the Amendment and a majority of the States and a majority of Congress have to approve the Amendment. In Mexico they are rushing to do this. On the other hand the population control people are rushing to stop this, by bringing some of the States' Amendments prohibiting abortion to the Supreme Court, to have the Supreme Court rule that the State Amendments are unconstitutional. You might say logically and legally they can't do that based on the recent Supreme Court Decision that allowing abortion is not a right found in the Mexican Constitution. You are forgetting that activist Judges can do anything they want, or whatever you wish for them to do. It is called Judicial Tyranny.

The Final Lap Has Begun

The Supreme Court of Mexico has 11 judges on the Court. To declare that a State Law is unconstitutional they need 8 judges to agree. In the Fall of 2011 the Supreme Court voted on this matter and missed by only one vote, the negating of the Mexican's States pro-life Amendments. Seven judges voted for abortion and four for life. They need only one more vote and unfortunately two of the four who voted for life are retiring this year. ***If the Mexican pro-lifers amend the Mexican Constitution first, then the Court can't declare the States' Amendments are unconstitutional but if the Court first declares that the States Amendments are unconstitutional, then the States can't amend the Mexican Constitution to prohibit abortion.*** The final lap in the race between life and death for the unborn babies in Mexico, has already begun, since the Mexican people on July 1st, 2012 will be electing a new President of Mexico. Like the President in the United States, the new President will be picking the candidates for the new Justices of the Supreme Court. *In the next election, the most important thing in Mexico, as in the United States, is not the Economy but who picks the next Judges. Pray for Mexico and America that the next Presidents will be pro-life.*

October 2011 Life Mission to Chihuahua, Mexico

On Wednesday Oct 5th I left Newark Airport for Mexico and *the City of Chihuahua*, where *Marcela Palos*, my excellent translator, met me at the Airport. She then drove me to her parents' beautiful home in Chihuahua, where she lives together with her wonderful parents and *her talented brother, Armando*, who has won many medals in Track and Field in Mexico and like *his father, Armando Sr.* is also an excellent tennis player. *Marcela's mom, Graciela*, is a talented artist with many of her paintings on display throughout the house. *Marcela, besides being an excellent translator, possesses a B.S. in engineering and is completing her Master's in the Humanities.* During my time in Chihuahua, I stayed at the home of this very talented family and experienced their beautiful Mexican hospitality.

On Thursday morning Oct. 6th for two hours, I *spoke to the adult lay pro-life leaders in Chihuahua.* In the afternoon, I spoke for two hours to the young adults about the culture of life and the imminent threat to them of the culture of death. On Friday Morning Oct.7th I spoke to *twenty parish priests* about the culture of life and death and how they could help implement the Helpers apostolate while abortion is still illegal in Chihuahua. With the approval of the Archbishop, on Friday afternoon I spoke for almost two hours at the *Seminary for the Diocese of Chihuahua to all the Major and Minor Seminarians.* The response was very positive and my visit to the Seminary was covered on the front page of the Diocesan Paper. While in Chihuahua, the Maronite parish

priest, **Abuna Alberto Meouchi**, graciously opened for me his church, San Charbel, to offer each day the Holy Sacrifice. Finally on Saturday Oct. 8th I returned to Brooklyn.

Life Mission to Mexico City

After a 5 a.m. Sunday Mass here at the Monastery, I left for JFK Airport, where I boarded a direct flight to Mexico City, Mexico. That same afternoon, at the Mexico City Airport, I was greeted by Marcela Palos and **Marcela Fregoso**, both leaders in VIFAC, a national pro-life organization started twenty-five years ago by **Marilu Vilchis**. It provides not only support to pregnant women but if necessary a home where many skills are developed during the time of pregnancy to help her to be a good mother. There are at least 24 VIFAC homes/centers now in Mexico. After leaving the Airport I met **Marilu Vilchis, the Foundress of VIFAC** and then we went to the large VIFAC home/center in Mexico City. After seeing the facilities, I had a chance to meet, talk and bless all the pregnant women living at the Center. While still there I had the joy of offering Mass in the Chapel where at the end of the Mass I entrusted two babies to their new adoptive parents.

Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe

On Monday April 16th, I went for the first time to the *Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe* and I felt like I had finally come home. Those running the Shrine knew that I had brought Our Lady of Guadalupe around the world and so they could not have been more welcoming to me. **I had the privilege of concelebrating Mass at the main altar of the beautiful Old Basilica with Msgr. Salvador Diaz de Sollano and Monsignor Pedro Agustin Rivera Diaz** who is in charge of the Basilica and is the Director of *the National Organization Derechos Del Concebido A.C.* whose purpose is to protect the unborn. After the Mass in the same Basilica I gave an hour conference on the culture of life and how to maintain it by now using the Helpers approach. The Conference was attended by a great many of the adult leaders for life in Mexico City, like, **Dr Luz Maria Cortez, Dr. Miguel Angel Salazar Vargas, Maria dell Rocio Galvez de Lara, President of Comite Nacional Pro Vida, Maria De Lordes, Jorge Serrano and many members of (CAM) Centro de Ayuda para la Mujer.** These people especially are active in speaking to the women coming for abortions in Mexico City and opening Life Centers across Mexico. Many of them hope in January 2013 to come here to the Monastery of the Precious Blood for further training in the Helpers approach. Unfortunately, women even if they are unable to pay for an abortion, can come from all over Mexico, to Mexico City and have a free abortion. Tragically since 2006, 50,000 lives have been taken in the Mexican Drug War but already more than 70,000 unborn babies have been unjustly killed in Mexico City. And if the population control people can get one more pro-abortion judge on the Mexican Supreme Court, then 70,000 abortions will be only the tip of the iceberg.

From the Shrine to the Seminary

After the Mass and the talk, I went to *the Templo Expiatorio at Tepeyac*, the actual place where Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego and at that site, we prayed together the Rosary. The Priest in charge at the site, Padre Agustin de Diego, then brought us to the New Cathedral where the Tilma of Juan Diego, with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, hangs high on the wall behind the Main Altar. The Priest by way of a special elevator brought us up close to the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was a blessed experience. **After that I went to the Seminary of Santa Maria in Mexico City and spoke to all the major seminarians. After the talk both the Rector, Lic. Rodrigo Benitez Flores and the seminarians strongly expressed their gratitude for my coming.**

Guadalajara

On Tuesday April 17th we flew to Guadalajara where **Gabriela Tejada, the National Director of VIFAC** met myself and Marcela Palos at the Airport and drove us to a Catholic Radio station for a one hour taped interview. After offering Mass for the VIFAC staff, I went to the diocesan medical center and in the auditorium spoke to the pro- life leaders in Guadalajara and a number of Seminarians from *the Seminary of Guadalajara, which I*

was told is the largest Seminary in the World with more than 500 major seminarians. The seminarians present wanted me to come back and speak to all the seminarians. Since then I have been contacted by Seminarian Jose **Luis Gonzalez Santoscoy**, on behalf of his Bishop **Miguel Romano Gomez**, to come back and speak to the more than one thousand seminarians.

Chapala and Veracruz

On Wednesday April 18th we drove to **Chapala, Jalisco for the XIV National VIFAC Congress**. I spent three hours on Wednesday afternoon and evening training and teaching more than a hundred dedicated pro-life leaders, from across the Country, about how to maintain a Culture of Life and how to recognize and counteract the culture of death. On Thursday I spent seven hours teaching and also explaining the Helpers approach. Many of the participants, besides continuing to maintain the homes for the pregnant mothers, intend to start Helpers-type Prayer Vigil Processions from their own church to Guadalupe Shrines to the Unborn set up on the grounds of a nearby Church. The people praying at these shrines will publicly declare that they are in spiritual solidarity with those trying to save unborn babies in Mexico City; and when they are able, they will be physically present in Mexico City, with those now trying to save the unborn babies. Early on Friday morning I left for the flight back to JFK. *At the request of the Bishop of Veracruz and the pro-life leaders Gerardo and Luz del C. Garcia de Malfica, in the second week of September I will be traveling to Veracruz, Mexico, to speak at the Seminary, to the pro- life leaders and to all those attending the CEFIM Women Congress.*

A Teachable Moment

Here in the United States the Obama Administration, in its attempt to mandate the Catholic Church to pay for contraceptives, *has provided the American Bishops with a teachable moment to proclaim to the World that man is the steward not the arbiter of God's creation and must respect the design and order in creation, especially in the area of sexuality, as established by God, the Creator; namely, that human life should be the result of an exclusive, faithful act of human sexual love and human sexual love should not preclude arbitrarily the procreative action of God. This disorder of God's creation manifests itself through acts of fornication, adultery, premarital sex, in vitro fertilization and contraceptive and homosexual acts.* God gives the power or virtue of chastity to each of us that enables us to use our sexuality according to God's design. In the new **Hungarian Constitution**, that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2012, it states clearly that human life in Hungary will be protected from the moment of conception until natural death. Furthermore it states that only a marriage between a man and a woman will be recognized in Hungary as legal. **Poland's Parliament** has overwhelmingly voted that there be no more abortions in Poland. Recently the **President of Russia** signed a Law that requires anyone advertising for abortions must clearly state that abortion is a dangerous medical procedure for the woman. **Croatia** has long since minted a coin with an unborn child on it. Those in the East, who suffered greatly for their belief in God, may now be more open to embracing the truth, than those in the West, who without any resistance, allowed God, in the name of choice, to be excluded totally from the Public Square.

Durham, North Carolina

At noon on Friday March 2, 2012, I left New York Kennedy Airport for **Raleigh-Durham** Airport in North Carolina, at the request of **Mary Beth Phillips, Associate Director of the Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Raleigh. Jackie Bonk, an assistant**, brought me to Father Tony DeCandia's rectory where I had a bite to eat, before **Greg Sley** came to the rectory to drive me to St. Michael's Church. After taking part in the Stations of the Cross, I spoke about the spirituality of the Helpers and the Prayer Vigil taking place the next morning. The Saturday morning, **Larry and Christy Henson** picked me up at the rectory and brought me to St. Michaels Church in plenty of time for the 9:00 a.m. Helpers' Vigil Mass. After the Mass and exposition, the people carpooled to Harden Road where in silence they left their cars and lined up. Then in prayer and song, we went to

Drake Circle, to the Women's Choice abortion mill, where we prayed the full Rosary followed by the people kneeling in silence outside the abortion mill. While we prayed, **Denise Medlin** spoke to the women coming to the mill. Actually Denise was the first one who asked me to come to Durham. I finally got a chance to meet this holy gentle woman. After the minute of silence, we stood-up and then in prayer and song returned to the cars and in silence drove back to the church for closing Benediction. Following lunch we conducted a workshop from 1- 3:00 p.m. on counseling, prayerful presence, etc. On the way to the airport, we stopped at a restaurant and had dinner with Mary Beth, Brian Phillips and others. At 6 p.m. Brian Phillips drove me to the airport and I returned to New York by way of Washington D.C. The pro-lifers in Durham were a joy to be with. I must have done something right there, since I have received only positive feedback from the weekend.

Chicago, Illinois

On Friday March 9th at noon, my flight left LaGuardia Airport in New York and arrived at 2:40 p.m. in Chicago, Illinois where I was met by *my nephew Phil Moore* who had flown into the airport an hour before me. His job has him traveling more than me. In spite of his busy schedule, he still finds time to do a wonderful job of coordinating the Helpers Apostolate in Chicago. He then drove me to his home, where his beautiful wife, **Maureen**, had prepared supper for all of us. After supper, we drove to **St. Issac Jogues Church in Hinsdale, Ill** which is technically the **Diocese of Joliet**. After the Stations of the Cross, I spoke about the culture of death and the purpose and spirituality of the Helpers. I invited them to the Vigil the next morning at old **St. Patrick Church in downtown Chicago**. Many of them came the next morning and joined myself and Father Jim Heyd at the 8:00 A.M. Vigil Mass. The church was at least three quarters full with both young and old, from the young Crusaders for life, to the *long-time warriors for life, like Joe Scheidler of the Pro Life Action League; to Julie McCreevy, who for years was the original Director and coordinator of the Helpers of Chicago*. It was a joy to see Julie McCreevy again. Later in the afternoon I spoke to about fifty young crusaders of life at the home of their Coordinator. **Cardinal Francis George** told my nephew Phil Moore to be sure to have me call him before leaving, which I did. In a fifteen-minute conversation, the Cardinal extended his blessing and encouragement to all the Helpers and indicated his gratitude to myself and the work that my nephew Phil Moore is doing for Life in Chicago by coordinating and encouraging people to be involved in the Helpers Apostolate. After the phone call my good and gentle nephew drove me to the Airport. On April 29th I spent the day with a young fellow, **Daniel Towne from Wheaton, Illinois**, who came here to the Monastery to learn how he could establish a daily presence of the Helpers at the Chicago abortion mills.

Recent Talks and Upcoming Trips

Recently Fred Trabulsi, the Director of our local Life Center, asked me to be the Guest Speaker at their Annual Communion Breakfast; **Theresa Kronkowski**, the Director of the **St. Gerard Majella Life Center in Hartford, Connecticut** asked me to be the guest Speaker at their annual Fund Raiser and **Father Jose Signorelli, IVE** requested that I speak at their 12th Annual Youth festival in East Durham, New York. To each of them I said, surely. Since the last newsletter *I have spoken on a number of Radio programs like Radio Maria, eXaudio, Living Bread, Voces Por La Vida, etc* both here and outside the U.S.. **On Sunday May 20th on EWTN Father Benedict Groeschel and myself spent an hour talking about the Helpers of God's Precious Infants on his EWTN program**. If you are interested, I am sure you can still watch it. Please keep in your prayer my upcoming trips in the next few months to **Washington D.C.; St. Louis Missouri, Akron Ohio, Arlington Virginia, Mexico, Belgium, and Vienna, Austria for the 6th World Prayer Congress for Life** from Oct 4th to the 7th. All those who attended the last Congress in Rome were more than pleased. Please remember in your prayers all the Helpers who are sick and those who died especially in this past year.

Until we meet in prayer at Calvary...

Msgr. Philip J. Reilly