



HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS OF CHARLOTTE

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APRIL 2017 Vigil

Thank you all who attended April's Procession for Life. Special thanks to St. Gabriel who hosted the event, and Fr. Gabriel who led this beautiful prayerful procession.

During our final judgment when God asks you, "What did you do when my children were being destroyed? Were you there?"

—Msgr. Philip Reilly



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PROCESSION FOR LIFE

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10am Mass
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

July 8, 2017

11am Procession
3220 Latrobe Dr.
with Fr. Winslow



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Interested in a Helpers Study Retreat?

HELP US COMMEMORATE THE 28TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS!!

We are excited to announce that Msgr. Reilly wants to have a get-together with you as an encouragement for the Helpers around the world in recognition for the inspired work being done for mothers and the unborn. He would like to have a study Retreat at the Monastery of the Precious Blood in Brooklyn, NY. This will be a one-day retreat held on Sunday, October 8th, 2017. This is a remarkable date because it is the day after the Helper's twenty-eighth Anniversary!!

Msgr. would like to know how many of you would be able to join us for this beautiful experience. We ask you to confirm your attendance by July 4th. If interested let me know and I will send him your email address.

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Monsignor Reilly Was Honored

The Saint Gianna Pregnancy resource center at their 2nd annual Babies in Bloom dinner in New Haven Connecticut, honored Monsignor Reilly.

"It was a great blessing for us to have Msgr. Reilly speak to us about his own amazing encounter meeting Saint Gianna's own sister while traveling. His speech encouraged our pro-life hearts as he shared his experience of being prayerfully present at the everyday Calvary where God's precious infants are scheduled to die, this place he has gone to with great love for countless years. His humble, gentle, and loving approach of being present there with Our Lady, reminds us we must remain faithful to the very end."





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A Letter From Our Founder

During the course of the Jubilee Year the Helpers have, as we have always done, performed the works of mercy called for by Pope Francis. The Helpers Apostolate, since its' founding in 1989, has extended God's mercy to vulnerable women and their children through prayer, direct financial aid and other support. We are willing to help any woman we encounter who is willing to accept and nurture her child. This, of course, means the expenditure of quite a bit of money, and over the last 27 years donations and a few outright grants have sustained this vital ministry. Readers of this newsletter know that I have rarely, if ever, asked directly for donations. At this time, however, I am making an appeal for your help financially. I am being inundated with requests for financial aid from many women in Brooklyn and Queens who have chosen to keep their children. Besides baby clothes, wipes, and the like many need help with the rent on their apartments. As you may know, New York City is one of the most expensive cities to live in in the world. The main reason for that is the extraordinary rents people must pay to have shelter. I find it impossible to say no to these women when they come to me, knowing how precious their child is to God. As we read in the Letter of St. James we must be doers of the word, not just hearers. I believe with every fiber of my being that helping these women is essential to the Helpers Apostolate by showing that we love both the child and the mother of that child. I am very vigilant in keeping my own personal expenses to a minimum, for example flying coach whenever possible on my trips to establish or encourage Helpers affiliates in various cities and countries throughout the world. As people who know me will tell you, my only non-essential expense is my pet parakeet BJ, and he does not eat much. Whenever I have to fly I use my own personal funds. I am asking that you prayerfully consider a donation to keep the Helpers going.

The Helpers do not receive funds from the Diocese of Brooklyn, so I must reach out to you. I thank you for whatever contribution you feel comfortable in making. May God bless you for all that you do for His precious infants. Very often in the press we read or hear that pro-lifers are only interested in the baby and do not care at all for the mother and the problems that may lead her to contemplate abortion. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. We are engaged in life saving and evangelization. When Pope St. John Paul II called for a "New Evangelization" by the church he envisioned an evangelization new in ardor, in expressions, and in method. The Helpers are very arduous in their commitment to life; they are praying and counselling in front of abortion facilities every Saturday and would be loath to miss. Our expressions of the faith are not all that new, but we are bringing back the best of the old; the Helpers prayer book includes The Precious Blood Way of the Cross, several litanies, and all 20 mysteries of the rosary. The Helpers method was totally new at the time it was first adopted. Most pro-lifers at the time were engaged in civil disobedience, blocking doors to abortion business, and getting arrested for destroying property when the Helpers were founded. We found a new and better way: the way of prayer, counselling, and bringing Jesus to the place where He most wants to be, on the streets of our cities. The gratitude I have received over the years for bringing the love of Christ to vulnerable women astounds me. Recently I received a phone message from a woman who decided for life who was crying tears of joy that her child was born. I have been approached repeatedly over the years by extremely grateful women and their now grown children who would have never been born without the assistance of the Helpers.

Until we meet at Calvary,

Msgr. Philip J. Reilly