### Who are the Helpers of God's Precious Infants?

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants are a group of people committed to maintaining a loving and prayerful presence outside of the abortion clinics where God's children are put to death. We unite ourselves with these victims, in solidarity with their pain, as they are put to death. We pray in reparation for the injustice being performed on their tiny bodies. Just as Mary and John lovingly stood and prayed beneath Jesus' Cross as he died, we wish to remain with these children in the hour that they are crucified.

We pray to obtain God's mercy for the abortionist and his staff who do the killing. Our peaceful presence outside their killing site is a reproach to the dreadful business they carry out inside. Our prayerful witness outside the abortion site where he works tells the abortionist and his neighbours that we refuse to recognise or accept abortions as an appropriate or legitimate profession. The consciences of the abortion site staff will be disturbed by our presence there, making them feel ashamed so that they can reform their lives and change their work to something that will contribute to society and not destroy it. The workers at the abortion site should feel uncomfortable when they come to work. It should not be pleasant to get up in the morning to kill babies. They should have to be confronted by God each time they start their workday. Our message to the abortionist and his staff is that we love them but will never accept what they do.

We also witness to neighbours, businesses and passers by, praying that they will take notice of what is going on. We hope that they will be provoked to take action against the killing in their neighbourhood.

We plead with our voices for the lives of the babies being carried in by their pregnant mothers and ask each mother to change her mind. We reach out to her with the love of Christ; we do not judge nor condemn her for what she is planning to do. We simply promise her support and assistance if she should change her mind and prayers for healing and conversion if she should proceed with the killing of her child. Most of all we love the unborn children who will be brought there that day. These children have been rejected by their parents and are doomed to die. The only human love they may ever encounter in their short lives may be from those of us standing outside.

Mother Teresa had the mission of giving human love to the poorest of the poor who are dying abandoned by all. She picked up the discarded people from the streets and cared for them so that they would not die without ever having experienced the love of Christ.

This is what we do with the little ones in the wombs of their mothers. We welcome them into the human family as our brothers and sisters and recognise the great plan God has in mind for each one of them. We embrace them, spiritually and stand with them when they die. No one wants to be alone when they die. When our loved ones lay dying in intensive care units, we keep constant watch and pray for them. Even Jesus did not want to be alone before he died. He asked his apostles to watch with him in prayer through the night. Our loving presence for the children at their hour of death will comfort the heart of God.

#### How do we work?

# 1. Helpers of God's Precious Infants - People who pray

They carry on a most important spiritual battle as they stand outside the abortion clinic. They pray in a spirit of reparation, for their own sins and the sin of abortion, particularly the deaths that will occur while they stand outside that day.

They provide spiritual and moral support for the pavement counsellors and are important. Before a mother is able to physically abort her child, a "spiritual abortion" must take place within her heart. By the time she arrives at the abortion clinic, she will have already rejected her child. This "spiritual abortion" must be overcome by spiritual means before the mother can change her mind about the physical abortion. By their sacrifice and prayer, they obtain the grace of God that is needed to reverse the spiritual abortion, while at the same time the pavement counsellors are working to prevent the physical abortion of the child.

The people who pray are also there to give a personal love to the baby who will die that day. Just as John the Baptist was able to leap for joy in Elizabeth's womb because he was aware of the presence of the love of Jesus & Mary (remember that it was at the sound of Mary's voice that he joyfully leaped in his mother's womb) so will the babies joyfully leap in their mother's wombs when they hear the voices of prayers.

They will know that they are loved.

# 2. Helpers of God's Precious Infants-Pavement Counsellors

The pavement counsellors are the ones who approach the woman going in to have the abortion and ask her to reconsider her decision. It is surprising that the woman often has not been given much factual information about what happens in an abortion. The pavement counsellors educate her about the baby's biological development in her womb and help her to understand the exact manner in which the abortion will kill her child. They will also warn her of the physical harm the abortion may cause to her own body. The woman will be provided with literature & details of the help available i.e. financial, medical & spiritual help. The pavement counsellors will also talk to the father of the baby. If the woman decides to go ahead with the abortion, she will be reminded that we will pray for her and be waiting outside if she, like others before her, changes her mind and comes back out again.

### 3. Helpers of God's Precious Infants Spiritual Supporters

There are some people who want to be present at the abortion site but are physically unable to come. These Spiritual Supporters are present with us *in spirit*.

Some of our spiritual Supporters are terminally ill patients in hospitals who offer their sufferings and the pains of their condition to God for our purpose and intentions. There are even children, who make small sacrifices, such as giving up one night of

television. Many parishes allow adoration to take place for our intentions while we are at the abortion clinics and there are also contemplative religious communities, who frequently pray for us. This support provides us with a very powerful spiritual backup.

# What will we accomplish?

Our purpose is to be faithful and pleasing to God and we hope that this will save the physical lives of our brothers & sisters through the spiritual conversion of their mothers.

We also hope for ourselves to become closer to God through experiencing the mystery of his Cross. We will go to Calvary and realise Christ's personal love for each one of us. We will pray, offer penance and abandon the results up to God. We will witness God's power & love, which will overcome the evil of abortion and soften the hearts of those who participate. By cooperating with God's will, we will experience the joy of having responded to his call.

If you would like to join us at this "modern day Calvary", please contact us. We will put you in touch with the group at your nearest abortion clinic. If you feel called to become a pavement counsellor, we will also provide training for you.

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Excerpt from 'Crossing the Threshold Of Hope' by Pope John Paul II: 'Therefore, in firmly rejecting "pro-choice" it is necessary to become courageously "pro- woman", promoting a choice that is truly in favour of women. It is precisely the woman, in fact, who pays the highest price, not only for her motherhood, but even more for its destruction, for the suppression of the life of the child who has been conceived. The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone. The experiences of many counselling centres show that the woman does not want to suppress the life of the child she carries within her. If she is supported in this attitude and if at the same time she is freed from the intimidation of those around her, then she is even capable of heroism.'

Quote from Mother Theresa: 'The unborn child is a living member of the human race, just like you and me, created in the image and likeness of God, for greater things, to love and be loved. Therefore, there is no more choice once a child - another person - is conceived. ... If a mother can kill her own child in her womb, destroy the flesh of her flesh, life of her life and the fruit of her own love, why are we surprised at the violence and terrorism that is spreading all around us. Abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace in the world today- the greatest destroyer of love. It is my prayer for you that you may stand up for God, for life and for the family and protect the pre-born child.'

<u>Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2272:</u> 'Formal co-operation in an abortion constitutes a grave offence. The Church attaches the canonical

penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication latae sententiae... The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society.'

Jesus Christ in Matt. 25:40 'Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me'



Would you spend some time with the little babies in your own neighbourhood before they die? Maybe you'll even be able directly to save some lives, maybe not. What is even more important, you are there. In a sense, it may be a way to redeem the abandonment of Jesus by his apostles when they refused to be with Jesus for fear of the Cross.

These little ones dying today are intrinsically connected with the sufferings and death of Our Saviour. There is a bond here that must not be overlooked. All the political actions, educating, donation of funds, demonstrations, alternative charitable work, important and necessary as these are, do not make up for an absence at the death scene. Thus, let me beg you to view your presence at the killing centre in your area as the place where God wants you to be. Grab your Rosary, pick up your Bible, bring your devotionals and go out to the Calvary not far from you, where Christ is being crucified today in your midst...

...We may not be able to save their lives, but can we not plead on their behalf? And should they die, as usually happens (God forgive us!) let us lift up our hearts to God Almighty on their behalf, it will be the only human love they will know on this earth...

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