

April 2, 2006 Helpers Newsletter

Dear Friends of God's Precious Infants,

Two Kinds of Injustice

The Famous Roman Statesman and Orator, Marcus Tullius Cicero, in his essay on Moral Duties wrote: " There are two kinds of injustice; the first, is of those who offer an injury, the second, of those who have it in their power to avert an injury from those to whom it is offered, and yet do it not." God will justly ask each of us, what did we do, to avert the innocent unborn child from being unjustly killed because the, so called, private act of abortion can not take place, without the cooperation of the whole of society.

Bishop Prays Inside Former Abortuary Operating Room

For example, the power of the periodical large Prayer Vigils, and the weekly prayerful presence of Jorge Bernal and the other Helpers, outside the abortion mill, Queens Women Health Service, on Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, so moved, Jose Cruz, a local real estate man, that he bought the building, in which the abortion mill was located and evicted the abortionist, to use the building for morally good reasons. He requested the Bishop to come and bless it. And so on Saturday Feb.18th, after Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church, Bishop DiMarzio led the Helpers in prayer, inside the operating room, where 50, 000 innocent unborn lives were taken and their mothers exploited. On another date, with a smaller group, I offered Mass in the same room.



Prayer Inside of Former Abortuary Operating Room

Silent No More

The, so called, private act of abortion can't take place, unless, someone rents their property to the abortionist; unless someone makes the instruments used in abortion; unless someone, like the Yellow Pages or a Newspaper like, El Diario, indicates in their advertisement section, where to

come to kill the unborn child; unless some Lawmaker passes the Law allowing abortion; unless some judge finds the law constitutional; unless someone works in the mill, or people bring others there or someone enforces the law; unless taxpayers pay for Medicaid abortions, etc. Recently another landlord who owns the building, where the infamous Parkmed/ Eastern Women abortion mill was located, refused to renew the lease. The mill had to move, with a loss to their immoral business. By the way, both of these mills were featured in the recent New York Magazine article about the abortion mills in New York City, entitled 'the Abortion Capital of America' There are many links, in this chain of death, and if any link is broken the so called private act of abortion can't take place. At the March for Life in D.C., it saddened me, to see a number of young women, already exploited by the abortion culture, wearing signs, saying, Silent No More. Personally, for various reasons, I would not ask a young woman to give such a public witness, nor indeed would it be necessary, if every priest, minister or rabbi, who believes in the Culture of Life, would adopt as his own, the clarion call, Silent No More. If the Lion of Munster was roaring in every pulpit, the culture of death would crumble. Before God, we will all be asked, what we did, or did not do, to stop this abomination. Don't underestimate the power of your prayerful presence outside the abortion mills as something to do, to break the links on the chain of death.

Please take part in the upcoming Helpers Vigils. It really does make a difference!

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| Sat. Oct. 28, 2006 | St. John Vianney 140-10 34th Avenue Flushing, NY 11354 718-762-7920 | Bishop Daily |
| Sat. Nov. 18, 2006 | St. Patrick's 39-38 28th Street Long Island City, NY 11101 718-729-6060 | Bishop Daily |
| Sat. Dec. 9, 2006 | St. Michael's 352 42nd Street Brooklyn, NY 11232 718-768-6065 | Bishop DiMarzio |

An Excursus on the Beginnings of the Culture of Death in New York State

Today being April 2, may I be permitted a brief excursus on the tragic beginnings of the Culture of Death here in New York State and the special significance of this date for me. After repeated unsuccessful attempts in the 60's, to get the New York State Legislature to vote on various abortion reform measures, suddenly in April of 1970, a vote was to be taken for allowing the legalization of abortion in New York State, for any reason up to the 24th week or through six months of pregnancy. With others, I had tried for years to stop any such votes. In 1969 when the first American astronaut, Neil Armstrong, stepped onto the Moon, he said that his was one small step for man, and a giant step forward for mankind. With these events in mind, may I share with you a letter dated April 2, 1970, which I wrote to the Speaker, of the New York State Assembly, the Honorable Perry B. Duryea. I wrote the following:

"We are on the wrong road, if the Abortion Law is allowed. It may seem like it is only one small proposed abortion law but it will prove to be a giant step backward for life. Insensitivity to life and an incapacity to love seems to be the crime of our times. This law will only intensify these twin diseases.

The foundation of our society, of the world society must be equality and justice for all. We talk about equality, we praise justice, yet when face to face with these cornerstones of true government, we stand there dumb and blind.

To say simply that a decision by the mother makes abortion right, is to identify right, with freedom; is to identify right with might. Your right to motion ends, where my nose begins. The first duty to our fellow man is respect to his right to life. Nothing removes this duty, neither age, profession, immoral sexual behavior, burden of rearing an illegitimate child or social stigma. Right is limited by duty and duty is made clear and imposed by positive law. The State must uphold the duty each man has to respect the right to life of every person.

The Abortion Reform Law being proposed is a perversion of justice and a degradation of equality and will prove ultimately destructive not only to the child but to the self pitying mother and to the permissive society and politicians that pass such a law."

For the Moment the Law did not Pass

A few days later the vote took place and for the moment, it did not pass, since it ended in a tie in the Assembly. Then under pressure, an emotional, Assemblyman Micheals said he was changing his vote for peace in his family. Then Governor Nelson Rockefeller quickly signed it into Law saying that the majority has spoken. The Law went into effect in June or July of 1970. In New York City within one year there were more than 100,000 abortions.

Totally Opposite Decisions

The abortion law was appealed by Robert Byrn to the New York Appellate Division where the judges threw it out saying: "The extent to which fetal life should be protected is a value judgment not committed to the discretion of judges but reposing instead in the representative branch of the government." The judges decision resulted in the unborn babies being unjustly killed. In a totally opposite decision, seven men on the US Supreme Court on January 22nd 1973 invalidated the Laws in every State where the representative branch of the government made the judgment that fetal life has value and must be protected by Law. Again the judges decision resulted in the unborn babies being unjustly killed. Again a travesty of Law!

The Representative Branch Repeals Abortion Law

For the next two years, we worked hard with thousands of other New Yorkers to repeal the abortion Law under the courageous leadership of the late Terence Cardinal Cooke. An important letter of support dated May 5th 1972, from President Nixon to Cardinal Cooke, was printed in the Daily News on May 6th, in which President Nixon praised the Cardinal for his noble endeavor with which he said he totally agreed. Thus he repudiated the recommendations of his own National

Commission on Population Control headed at that time by John D. Rockefeller 3rd, the brother of Governor Rockefeller. Betty Friedan said: "A Fatal Political Mistake." I personally believe President Nixon's public stand against abortion in May of 1972, more than the Watergate cover-up, was the ultimate reason that drove a number of power brokers to bring down his Presidency. On May 9th 1972, the Law was repealed by a 30 to 27 vote in the Senate and a 79 to 68 vote in the Assembly. The majority had spoken, and awaited the Governor's signature. He had signed the Abortion Law in 1970, saying the majority had spoken. On May 13th, the day before Mothers Day, with a stroke of his pen, the Governor vetoed the repeal, killed the bill, and killed millions of unborn children with it.

Governor Rockefeller Vetoes the Will of the Majority

For thirty-six years we have tragically maintained in New York City an average of 100,000 abortions a year. Of the 3.6 million unborn children killed, at least 1.5 million would have been residents in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Surely today, we would not be closing parishes or school in this City, except for that deadly Veto. Words cannot adequately describe such an unspeakable evil. The inconsistent and devious Governor said that he had to veto the Repeal Bill because: "The extremes of personal vilification and personal coercion brought to bear on the members of the Legislature raise serious doubts that the votes to repeal the reforms represented the will of a majority." What a mockery of democracy! New York City became the abortion capitol of the country and was painted as the pathfinder of progress whose example other states ought to follow.

Evil Decisions Spread to Other Countries

Before the United States infamous January 22, 1973 Supreme Court Decision, legalizing abortion on demand, there was not a Country in Western Europe, except England, that allowed abortions. On January 23, 1974, almost a year to the day, the Austrian Court allowed it. Quickly the other Countries in Europe followed suit, in this deadly game, in which no one wins, neither the unborn, the mother nor society.

Even after Roe v Wade New York a Problem

As you know each year the numbers of abortions now in the USA, keeps going down, as State after State is now restricting or rejecting the deadly example that came from New York. For many, New York City is no longer viewed as a beacon of light but probably will be the final bastion of darkness and unspeakable evil, because even if Roe v. Wade were overturned

tomorrow, the unborn child could still be killed through the first six months of pregnancy here in New York, because of the veto of Governor Rockefeller thirty-four years ago, stopping the repeal of the most liberal abortion law in the world, at that time. After the Abortion Repeal Law was unjustly vetoed by the Governor, the late Servant of God, Terence Cardinal Cooke, expressed accurately the mind set of true pro-lifers then and now, thirty-four years later, when the Cardinal pledged: "We shall stand tomorrow and always in defense of innocent human life. The struggle to protect the lives of unborn children is not over. It can never be."

HELPERS APOSTOLATE TAKES ROOT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town a Tourist Magnet

For me the sacrifice involved in flying economy, for forty hours, from New York to London, England; to Cape Town, South Africa and back, was more than worth it for many reasons. Firstly, whatever beauty geographically I have experienced in different areas of the world, during my not infrequent missionary trips for life, was equaled, if not surpassed, in the scenic views encountered while touring, with the other HLI Conference speakers, the peninsular of Cape Town, South Africa. Cape Town, the oldest City in South Africa, was founded by Dutch settlers in 1652 and is set beneath the grandeur of Table Mountain and extends to the beautiful harbor, with the imaginative redeveloped Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. A short car ride away is the beautiful Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens and the Constantia Winelands. Having visited these places, I understand why Cape Town is such a tourist magnet.

Hearts Lacking in Anger Filled with Forgiveness

Secondly, I was impressed with how well the Black and White people in Cape Town, the Legislative Capital of South Africa, a Country of 44 million people, with the largest and most developed economy in Africa, being a world leader in the output of gold and diamonds, now relate with each other. The Black people I met were real Christians, possessing hearts lacking in anger and filled with forgiveness, even though the social evil of apartheid, which started in 1948 with a political system that was dominated by a policy of segregation, that isolated blacks in so called homelands and overcrowded townships, only ended in 1991, when the apartheid legislation was revoked, especially with the removal of the Population Registration Act, which classified South Africans by race.

Mandela and de Clerk Awarded Noble Peace Prize

Many of the white people I met would simply say, with a smile, it is hard to understand how apartheid lasted so long, since it is difficult to find a white person today, who says they agreed with it. In March 1992, to their credit, the white South Africans voted to replace the Constitution

with a non-racial one. The new Constitution was done by 1993. In 1994 the first multiracial parliament was elected, with Nelson Mandela being elected President. For accomplishing the peaceful transition, Nelson Mandela, together with the former President Frederic de Clerk were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. I believe when the scourge of abortion is outlawed in the United States, which has endured almost the same length of time here, as apartheid in South Africa, a similar scenario will take place. Namely, you will find few, who will confess to having agreed with the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision that has already resulted so far, in forty-five million unborn babies being unjustly killed and disbelief by many, that the Court 's evil decision dominated our Country's political policy, for so long.

Unacceptable Living Conditions Not Yet Corrected

The truly unacceptable living conditions, for close to a million Blacks in Cape Town, that sprung from Apartheid, has not yet been corrected by the new Government. The condition of poverty is further exasperated by hundreds of thousands of Blacks, migrating from the rural areas, to the Capitol City of Cape Town, in search of employment, only to be disappointed since the jobs are not there. However, there is reason for hope, since a great percentage of Cape Town University students are Black, assuring that competent well educated leadership will not be lacking in the future.

HIV/AIDS a Major Problem in South Africa

The ancient Latin Bard, Horace, in his work De Arte Poetica, wisely observed that "In vitium ducit culpae fuga, si caret arte", namely, that if a person lacks wisdom or skill in fleeing one fault, he is easily led into another vice. Tragically, this has happen in South Africa. While the new Constitution removed the culpa of apartheid, its overstress on freedom has resulted in the separation of freedom from truth, especially in the area of sexuality. The highest percentage of HIV/AIDS cases in the world is found in South Africa. Their solution is supposedly the ABC approach. Abstaining before marriage is A. Be faithful in Marriage is B. Universal accessibility to condoms is C. Hundreds of Millions of dollars have been sent from America to implement this ABC approach. It obviously is not working, because the universal accessibility of condoms is undermining and destroying the young person's desire, to abstain before Marriage and the Married person's desire to be faithful in marriage. The A and the B part of the approach is generally being ignored. Bishop Hugh Slattery, an Irish Missionary of the Sacred Heart who has been working in South Africa since 1958, stressed in his fine talk that the Countries in Africa with the highest rate of success against HIV/AID cases are the ones that teach Chastity apart from condoms.

Condoms a Medical and Spiritual Disaster

Even though a woman is only able to conceive for a very short period of time during her cycle the reliability of the condom is 80% at best. On the other hand, every time sexual contact is made with an HIV/AIDS person, the disease can be transmitted, so that the reliability of the condom in the AIDS case is at best 50%. Imagine trying to market a medicine to sick people, telling them, this medicine on the one hand has a 50 % chance of curing you and on the other hand, it has a 50% chance of killing you. It seems to me, condoms are more about population control than stopping HIV/AIDS.

The Maxima Culpa Is Unrestrictive Abortions

It is clear to me that the maxima culpa, of the new Government, was increasing and expanding the reasons for which abortion was allowed by the former Government under the Abortion and Sterilization Act that was operative from March 1975 to January 31st 1997. Under the former Government, the indications for allowing abortions had to be danger to the woman's life/ physical health, risk of a seriously handicapped child etc. In twenty-two years, about 18,500 abortions took place, an average of about 3 or 4 abortions a day. Under the new Government, the Choice On Termination of Pregnancy Act has now been operative since February 1st 1997 until the present time and more than 500, 000 abortions have taken place, with an average of about 230 abortions a day. The indications for allowing abortion has been radically changed. Up to 12 weeks, its abortion on demand; 13 to 20 weeks the only requirement is that the doctor and the mother agree that the abortion is good for her mental or physical health or for social and economic reason etc. It is still basically on demand. From the 21st week until the end of gestation, it is okay to perform an abortion, as long as two doctors, or a doctor and a midwife concur, that the mother's life is threatened or the unborn child is severely malformed. You are liable to imprisonment, if you physically impeded the mother from having an abortion. Just as in this Country, a doctor with moral principles may experience some financial loss or job opportunity advancement, but as far as I know, there is no doctor in prison in South Africa for refusing in conscience to do an abortion or making an abortion referral.

Nazareth House 9

Sally Hall a vivacious, intelligent, well organized, attractive young women, who coordinated the HLI Cape Town Conference on Love, Life and the Family, met me at the Cape Town Airport at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning Feb. 22nd, as I disembarked from the all night Virgin Atlantic flight coming from London, England. Sally brought me to Nazareth House where my living conditions were more than acceptable and very convenient since the HLI Conference talks were being delivered there. When Sally seriously asked me, if my living conditions were acceptable,

I said "Oh Yes" with a smile, having just come from sleeping at the St. Fidelis Friary in Killip Close, London, England, inhabited by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, who take serious the vow of poverty. At Nazareth, the sisters under Sr.Elizabeth, with the help of Lay people do a great job caring for the elderly, AIDS patients and children orphaned due to AIDS. Each morning while there, I offered Mass for the Elderly. My gracious Sacristan and Lector at the Masses, was a

Christian woman named Mrs. Marjorie McCartam. Sister Loreta Matila, from Mexico, who cared for the patients said she missed images and public devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe in South Africa, I recently sent her a large image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and encouraged her to attend the Helpers Vigils in which the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes first.

How God Works With Me

The next day, Sally drove me to the famous *Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens*, where we intended to have lunch with a long time, pro-life couple, *Margrit and Franko Sokolic*. Before we could order, there was an electrical power shortage and the restaurant had to close. We drove to another restaurant on the grounds, where the electricity was still working. We were seated, placed our order, but before anything was served, the waiter came to us and said: " *We have to leave the restaurant immediately.*" We asked : "why?" In a calm voice he said: "*Because the forest mountain behind the restaurant was on fire.*" He wasn't kidding. One helicopter after another bearing tanks of water, started flying into the area to fight the forest fire. We had to leave more then the restaurant, we had to leave the grounds. Indeed the whole City was suffering from an electrical power shortage, due to difficulties at the City's Nuclear Power plant. Knowing how God works with me on my life trips, I thought to myself, in the next few days, wonderful things are going to happen here in Cape Town for life. They did.

Presentation at Corpus Christi and Meeting People

Claudi and Nic Paitaki, a young pro-life couple, recently married, drove me on Friday to Corpus Christi Church where the pastor and his associate, concelebrated a special pro-life Mass with me. After the Mass I gave an hour and fifteen minutes presentation on the Helpers Apostolate which was video taped by Norman Servais. That Friday evening, Norman and his wife Amy, held a supper reception in their home for the Speakers at the HLI Weekend Conference. On Monday afternoon, after the weekend HLI Conference, I had lunch at Sally Hall's parent house. After a few minutes speaking to Sally's mom, you can understand why Sally is so pro-life. On Monday evening, Claudi and Nic Paitaki pleasantly surprised me by bringing me to a restaurant on the 21st floor of the Ritz Hotel, that provided a beautiful view of Cape Town. Norman Servais, who video taped the Conference talks and the Helpers Vigil, and Stephanie Waibe, a wonderful pro-life mother and an organizer of charismatic meetings, met us at the restaurant. They were all up early the next morning, and participated in the Helpers' Vigil Mass.

Helpers Prayer Vigil and Participants

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Speaking at St. Frances Xavier Seminary

Later that afternoon at the request of Father Andrew Cox, the Dean, who gave an excellent talk On Papal Authority, Conscience and Dissent at the Conference and the Father Rector of St. Frances Xavier Seminary, the Cape Town Diocesan Seminary, I spoke to forty, intelligent, faith filled, manly, Black African Seminarians about the official Documents of the Church on Life. Dr. Brian Clowes who has an encyclopedia knowledge of Life facts, that he shared with the people at the Conference, also spoke to the same major seminarians on Monday before going to the Airport to return to the USA and the HLI International Headquarters where he works full time. I am grateful to Claudi and Nic Paitaki, who drove me to the Seminary and later that evening to the Airport.

I Will Not Soon Forget

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The Helpers in London and Birmingham England

Father Fidelis CFR who drove down from St. Pio Friary in Bradford, northern England and Geraldine Saava, graciously met me at the Heathrow Airport in London, and brought me to my regular Franciscan Hotel in London, the Friary at Killip Close where Fathers Raphael and Angelus, and Brothers Shawn, Martin and John Paul greeted me. After offering Mass and getting some needed sleep, we had at the Friary, that evening, a special session with the Helpers sidewalk counselors. On another night, we gave a more general talk, to a larger group, that was video taped by an old friend, Gregg Clovis, of Human Life International. Rose and Mike O Doherty, who remain a force in running the Helpers in England, together with Geraldine, Father Fidelis and myself, drove in the O'Doherty's Life Camper, to the City of Birmingham. That evening, at the Birmingham Oratory, established by the now Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman ,who was a member of the Oratorian Fathers, founded by St. Philip Neri, I gave hopefully, an encouraging talk to the Salihull and Birmingham Helpers. That night, Father Fidelis and myself stayed at the Oratory, being welcomed there by the historian and Oratorian Father, Dermot Fenlon. The next morning, we had the privilege of offering Mass, in the well kept private Chapel of the late Cardinal Newman, using at Mass, his vestments and chalice. When years ago, reading his famous literary work ,The Idea of a University or praying more recently, each day during Lent at Morning Prayer, the hymn starting "Praise to the holiest in the height, and to the depth be praise," a selection taking from Newman's longer poem, entitled the Dream of Gerontius, I never imagined, I would have the honor of offering Mass at the same altar so frequently used by this priest whose cause for canonization is moving rapidly. After Mass, Father Fidelis and I joined Stephanie Pyne and the other Birmingham Helpers praying on Arthur Road, outside of Calthrope abortion clinic, where 18,000 abortions take place each year. Within the first hour, five women came back out of the mill, indicating they were keeping their babies, and thanking the prayers.

Visitors at the Brooklyn Monastery of the Precious Blood

Recently Herbert Heissenberger and Sylvia Jimenez from Austria and Manfred Muller from Germany came to the Monastery, as did Erin Crawford, from Catholic University of America in D.C., with 16 other CUA students joined Maureen de St. Aubin, from the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio and Chris Corgiat from Miami university, in a weekend Helpers Workshop. The students joined Bishop Daily in the monthly prayer vigil. We are grateful Maria Gavila, co-moderator of the student council at St.John's Prep for encouraging the students to donate gifts to

help the pregnant mothers children. Marie together with the students, Nick Souleotis and Shea-Fig Cooper brought the gifts to the Monastery. Gratitude is due once again this year to Mike Marino and Rose Diaz in Brooklyn, and Jorge Bernal and Jean Bilgera in Queens, for organizing, outside the abortion mills of Ambulatory and Choices, the twenty-four hours of prayer from 12 o'clock noon of Good Friday to noon on Holy Saturday.



Weekend Helpers Workshop - *Click Any Image for Slideshow*

Let Us Not Forget

As we begin a new Easter Season, I pray that the Risen Christ fills each of you with joyful hope and holy peace as you strive to complete your own Passover pilgrimage! I also pray that the Risen Christ would welcome all those that died this past year, who during their earthly pilgrimage, worked so hard, to establish a Culture of Life, among whom, Pope John Paul II, whose first anniversary is today, takes prominence. With grateful prayers, I remember that humble, courageous Bishop, who for years led the Helpers Prayer Vigils in the South Bronx, namely, Bishop Francisco Garmendia, whose funeral Mass I concelebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral in November 2005. I am personally conscious, here at the Monastery, of the precious loss this past year to the Helpers Apostolate of the hidden prayers of four Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, namely, Sr. Mary Carmel Walsh, Sr. Anne Marie Reed, Sr. Marie Goretti Kayser, Sr. Rita Mary Lang, who during the past year completed their pilgrimage of faith. I pray any women who would be so moved as to want to take their place, would contact me.



Vigil led by Bishop Daily Outside Planned Parenthood, Court Street March 18, 2006

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A Special Remembrance

On January 15, 2006. the Helpers here in Brooklyn lost Marta Catalano, not only one of our Officers and Board Member, but a deeply spiritual soul, who not only composed prayers for the Helpers Prayer Book, such as the opening prayer and the Litany to Jesus in the Womb of Mary, but also offered up her years of suffering for the Helpers Apostolate. And finally, as many of you know, a great loss to the Helpers Apostolate and indeed a deep personal loss to myself, occurred on January 7th 2006, when my dear, sister, Frances Moore, completed her pilgrimage of Faith. When I think of words descriptive of Frances and of her life as Mother of seven children, Widow in her thirties, as worker at IBM or St. Mary's, as one of the cofounder of the Naim, widow and widower society, and the Helpers, words such as authentic, intelligent, wise, humble, easily come to mind. Who will forget Frances, beautiful, grace filled smile even to the end of her sickness. Frances who never sought credit or pity, clearly understood ultimately only God's Judgment counted. Well, I believe, the Judgment of God the Father on Frances and her life's work was simply "this is my beloved daughter, in whom I am well pleased."

Until We Meet in Prayer at Calvary,

Msgr. Philip J. Reilly