



"I came that they may have life" ... Jn 10:10

Office for Pro-Life Ministry

Archdiocese of Indianapolis



MINISTRY OF PRAYER IN THE PARISHES



FOR THE CAUSE OF LIFE

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants and the Ministry of Prayer in the Parishes

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Did you know that there are five abortion facilities, or modern day Calvaries, operating within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis? Did you know that the Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry encourages *every* parish in the archdiocese to pray for a *specific* facility? Did you know that the Archdiocesan Helpers of God's Precious Infants assemble each month at an abortion facility in Indianapolis or at a Planned Parenthood facility in Terre Haute?

In Indianapolis, the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Pro-Life Mass is offered at 8:30 a.m. on the *third* Saturday of every month at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration following the Mass. While some people remain to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, the rest of the Helpers drive to the nearby abortion facility to recite the rosary and the traditional Helpers prayers. Then they return to the Church for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction following their prayerful presence at the abortion site. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and subsequent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the Helpers supports and strengthens the prayerful and intercessory presence maintained at the abortion facility.

In Terre Haute, the Helpers Pro-Life Mass is offered at 7:30 a.m. on the *first* Saturday of every month at the Carmelite Monastery. Following the Mass and prayers at the Planned Parenthood facility, which refers women to the Bloomington abortion facility, the Helpers conclude their prayers in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

What occurs behind the closed doors of abortion facilities offends God gravely because innocent human life is destroyed. But the destruction of human life goes beyond the physical bodies of the unborn children. Women and men who seek abortion in an attempt to stabilize their lives and relationships discover the revolting truth that abortion contributes to the disintegration of their lives. Post-abortive women and men eventually realize that at the root of many of their emotional, psychological and spiritual problems is a child—the child they aborted. Unless these individuals enter into spiritual conversion, repentance and healing, the disintegration and the erosion within their souls intensifies through the years.

Women and men who are grieving from past abortions are encouraged to participate in the archdiocesan Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offered twice each year. For information about these healing retreats, log on to <http://www.archindy.org/prolife/ministries/rachel.html>.

It is important to realize that abortion requires more than a legal or constitutional fix. Abortion is primarily a *spiritual problem* that must be addressed. Public demonstrations, education on human life issues, and political initiatives that support and promote the dignity of human life are necessary, but will never be enough. Catholics must get down on their knees and intercede for abortion-minded women and men, post-abortive individuals, and those who actually perform abortions or participate in any way in the destruction of unborn children.

The spiritual remedy for abortion, of course, is conversion, repentance and healing through Christ. Everyone who associates with the sin of abortion, including abortionists and those who conspire against life in organizations such as Planned Parenthood, must be embraced by our prayers that flow from Christian charity.

Please note the facility that has been assigned to your parish in the Ministry of Prayer by logging on to <http://www.archindy.org/prolife/files/clinics-parishes.pdf>. Keep in mind that it is not necessary for parishioners to be physically present at the facility, but it is essential for them to offer prayers and sacrifices for all those who are associated with the sin of abortion.

Through the ministry of prayer, your parish is invited to do the following:

- **Pray for women tempted to abort their unborn children at the designated abortion facility.**
- **Pray for *post-abortive* women and men who need healing, reconciliation and peace.**
- **Pray for the conversion of hearts of all abortion facility personnel, including the doctors who are responsible for the destruction of innocent human life.**
- **Pray for the closing of that particular abortion facility assigned to your parish.**

Parishes are encouraged to conduct a **Novena of Masses** each year which incorporates the prayer intentions listed above. As with all parish pro-life initiatives, please consult your pastor or parish life coordinator or sacramental minister regarding the Ministry of Prayer and the special Novena of Masses.

Of course, the ideal situation would be for the Masses to be celebrated in the church and announced in the bulletin. A simple announcement that the Mass is for the *cause of life* should suffice.

For more information on the Helpers of God's Precious Infants or to start the Helpers pro-life ministry in your area, view the handbook which describes the spirituality that supports the Helpers ministry by logging on to <http://www.archindy.org/prolife/files/HGPI>.

Perpetual Adoration Chapels

Please note that these perpetual adoration chapels are open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel, St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 7575 Holiday Drive East, Indianapolis

317-259-4373 | Fax: 317-254-3210

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Adoration Chapel, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis

317-357-8352 | Fax: 317-357-5316

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Our Lady of the Greenwood, 335 South Meridian St., Greenwood

317-888-2861 | Fax: 317-885-5006

St. Barnabas Adoration Chapel, 8300 Rahke Rd., Indianapolis

317-882-0724 | Fax: 317-887-8932

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel, St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3356 W. 30th St., Indianapolis

317-926-7559 | Fax: 317-921-3282

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel, St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana Ave., Mooresville

317-831-4142 | Fax: 317-834-2947

John Paul II Adoration Chapel, St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 I St., Bedford

812-275-6539 | Fax: 812-275-3493

St. Mary Adoration Chapel, St. Mary Church, 302 E. McKee St., Greensburg

812-663-8427 | Fax: 812-663-6088

St. Patrick Adoration Chapel, St. Patrick Church, 1807 Poplar St., Terre Haute

812-232-8518 | Fax: 812-234-3312

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel, St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, Sunman

812-623-2964 | Fax: 812-623-2964

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, St. Louis Church, 13 St. Louis Place, Batesville

812-934-3204 | Fax: 812-933-0667

Abortion facilities assigned to archdiocesan parishes in the ministry of prayer

PLANNED PARENTHOOD 8590 GEORGETOWN ROAD INDIANAPOLIS

Christ the King, Indianapolis
 Immaculate Heart of Mary, Indianapolis
 Holy Family, Oldenburg
 Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove
 Holy Trinity, Edinburgh
 St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis
 St. Anne, Hamburg
 St. Anthony of Padua, Morris
 St. Augustine, Leopold
 St. Bernard, Frenchtown
 St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington
 St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis
 St. John the Baptist, Dover
 St. John the Evangelist, Enochsburg
 St. Lawrence, Indianapolis
 St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg
 St. Luke, Indianapolis
 St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs
 St. Mary, Navilleton
 St. Mary, New Albany
 St. Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods
 St. Magdalen, New Marion
 St. Maurice, Napoleon
 St. Michael, Bradford
 St. Michael, Cannelton
 St. Monica, Indianapolis
 St. Patrick, Salem
 St. Paul, New Alsace
 St. Paul, Tell City
 St. Pius X, Indianapolis
 St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis

*St. Edward the Confessor Anglican Catholic Church,
Indianapolis*

CLINIC FOR WOMEN 3607 W. 16th STREET, #2 B INDIANAPOLIS

St. John the Evangelist, Indianapolis
 Holy Angels, Indianapolis
 Most Precious Blood, New Middletown
 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville
 SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis
 St. Anne, Jennings County
 St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville
 St. Gabriel the Archangel, Indianapolis
 St. John the Baptist, Starlight
 St. Joseph, Crawford County
 St. Joseph, St. Leon
 St. Louis, Batesville
 St. Martin, Yorkville
 St. Mary, Indianapolis
 St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora
 St. Mary, North Vernon
 St. Mary, Richmond
 St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock
 St. Maurice, St. Maurice, Decatur County
 St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis
 St. Nicholas, Ripley County
 St. Peter, Franklin County
 St. Pius, Ripley County
 St. Roch, Indianapolis
 St. Rose, Knightstown
 St. Susanna, Plainfield
 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright
 St. Thomas, Fortville

**INDIANAPOLIS WOMEN'S CENTER
1201 N. ARLINGTON AVE, # D
INDIANAPOLIS**

American Martyrs, Scottsburg
Holy Cross, Indianapolis
Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove
Holy Spirit, Indianapolis
Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis
Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis
St. Bernadette, Indianapolis
St. Boniface, Fulda
St. Joseph, Corydon
St. Joseph, Jennings County
St. Joseph, Shelbyville
St. Joseph, Sellersburg
St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis
St. Martin of Tours, Siberia
St. Mary, Lanesville
St. Mary (Immaculate Conception), Rushville
St. Michael, Brookville
St. Michael, Greenfield
St. Patrick, Indianapolis
St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis
St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington
St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle
St. Rita, Indianapolis
St. Rose of Lima, Franklin
St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis
St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower),
Indianapolis
St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD,
421 S. COLLEGE AVE, BLOOMINGTON**

Annunciation, Brazil
Holy Cross, St. Croix
Holy Family, New Albany
Holy Family, Richmond
Holy Rosary, Seelyville
Immaculate Conception, Millhousen
Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay
Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, Paoli
Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute
Sacred Heart, Clinton
St. Agnes, Nashville
St. Ambrose, Seymour
St. Ann, Terre Haute
St. Anne, New Castle
St. Augustine, Jeffersonville
St. Bartholomew, Columbus
St. Benedict, Terre Haute
St. Bridget of Ireland, Liberty
St. Charles Borromeo, Milan
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Cambridge City
St. Gabriel, Connersville
St. John the Apostle, Bloomington
St. Joseph University, Terre Haute
St. Joseph, Rockville
St. Joseph, Universal
St. Jude the Apostle, Spencer
St. Leonard of Port Maurice, West Terre Haute
St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute
St. Mark, Perry County
St. Mary, Mitchell
St. Patrick, Terre Haute
SS. Philomena and Cecelia, Oak Forest

AFFILIATED WOMEN'S SERVICES – 2215 DISTRIBUTORS DRIVE INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Good Shepherd, Indianapolis
Holy Trinity, Indianapolis
Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville
Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Indianapolis
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany
Prince of Peace, Madison
SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood
St. Andrew, Richmond
St. Ann, Indianapolis
St. Anthony, Indianapolis
St. Athanasius Byzantine, Indianapolis
St. Barnabas, Indianapolis
St. Christopher, Indianapolis
St. Denis, Jennings County
St. Francis Xavier, Henryville

St. Isidore the Farmer, Perry County
St. John the Baptist, Osgood
St. Joseph, Indianapolis
St. Jude, Indianapolis
St. Malachy, Brownsburg
St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville
St. Mary, Greensburg
St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis
St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad
St. Michael, Charlestown
St. Paul, Sellersburg
St. Peter, Harrison County
St. Pius V, Troy
St. Thomas More, Mooresville
St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford