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This July 19th was my youngest daughter's 13th birthday, an event which drew my thoughts back several years. A few months after she was born we transferred our oldest daughter, who was entering second grade, to Spiritus Sanctus Academy. That school year was the first time I ever joined a group to pray outside of an abortion clinic. The 8th grade teacher at Spiritus Sanctus had organized his students to pray outside of the clinic while he sidewalk counseled; so, I began to pray with them, then eventually was compelled also to sidewalk counsel, which I did for the rest of the school year. It was not until the last day of school that we decided to partner with Our Lady of Guadalupe and call ourselves formally the Guadalupe Partners. Since then we have been going to the abortion clinic week after week and year after year, while many wonderful friends have joined us and our Partnership has grown.

In the course of this work, especially after we began sidewalk counseling on the frequently hostile west side of Detroit, is how a woman in such a mind set suddenly turns away from death and darkness after a brief encounter with a group of total strangers. It is a miracle!

It all has to be because of our partnership with Our Lady of Guadalupe. Well, about 500 years ago Our Lady appeared to the Aztec Indians in Mexico. The Aztecs had carried many thousands—some estimate up to 20,000 a year—to the altar of human sacrifice in their desperate attempts to feed the sun god, to keep back the darkness. Then they themselves became subjects of Spanish conquest as the Spaniards sought their own sun god, gold. Happily, though, there was also goodness within the Spanish presence, in the friars who sought to bring true faith to the Aztec people. Conversions were few and difficult; yet, as it turned out, one was enough—for through that one, simple Juan Diego, Our Lady herself conveyed a clear and convincing message: a child has been conceived in our world, even within our native world, a child who eclipses even the sun itself! The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe brought them a beautiful message, a message of hope, of life. Through her they met God for the first time, a God who was and is a God of conception, of creation, not destruction. Estimated figure is 9 million conversions following Her appearance.

When we go to the abortion clinic, we meet women who are also in some sort of darkness; they have lost hope, they are blinded. But with our presence there, something miraculous happens. They open their hearts, they see the light of God again. In a matter of seconds they realize that killing is not what is going to save them from this state that they are in, but trust and faith in God instead. These mothers leave the clinic with us. Many of them don't even go inside-- they



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just leave with the knowledge that God has something real for them. After the conversion of the Aztecs, though, the bishops, knowing they needed to be protected, baptized them all, making them part of their community, part of their family. Unfortunately, we can't baptize! In a small way, though, we too try to bring these mothers close to us, part of our family. We give to them all the support that we cannot just monetary, but we visit them, we invite them to our homes, we eat breakfast with them on Saturdays. We include them in our lives.

This is how we have the strength to keep on going, because as part of the body of Christ we bring His light to them. We bring His Hope and we bring His love. As long as we have faith, hope and love we will have the strength to keep going to the darkest place on earth.

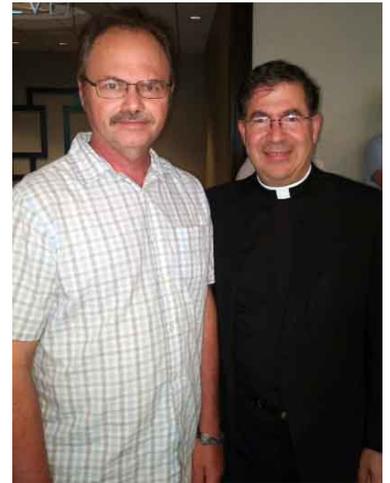
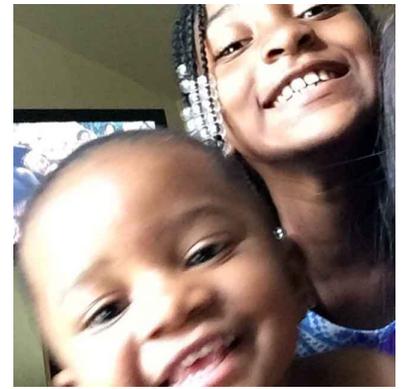
Thank you and God Bless,

Alicia



The future site of GP's office and meeting space, located next to St. Leo's Parish in midtown Detroit. The space will be used for educational and community purposes for our mothers.

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Edmund with Fr. Frank Pavone at the July 2015 National Sidewalk Counseling Symposium in Chicago. Edmund and Alicia both presented and shared the work of GP at the conference.



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