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The Guadalupe Workers



Through other sources, many of you already know that our mad scramble to raise money for a house purchase in Detroit was, miraculously, successful. In one more week we will close on the purchase and will be at work on the house the following Saturday, Dec. 7. Immediately the septic line must be rebuilt, as is often the case with older houses in the city. Other than that, we will be fixing leaky faucets and toilets and repainting everything. If this is news to you, this purchase is not a home for one of our mothers, like the house purchases we have made several times before.

Instead, this house will act as a permanent office for Guadalupe Workers: a place in which we can have our monthly meetings, meet privately with mothers, keep a storage area of baby items and clothes, and use as a base for more engaged work on the Southwest side. Specifically, we want to educate the Spanish-speaking population of Detroit about the racist roots and true objective of Planned Parenthood, which at this point has a strong Spanish-language presence on the internet and does a hefty business in chemical abortions among the Spanish-speaking populace.

On a related theme, Guadalupe Workers also has helped to establish a sister organization in Mexico. This idea was born during our visit there this summer, when those whom we visited were inspired to begin in Queretaro their own version of Guadalupe Workers. If only some folks in the United States would get the same idea!

To that end, we sponsored at the end of September an all-day symposium focusing on the importance of being present at the abortion facilities. I've been involved in the work since 1986, and I've heard a lot of prolife speakers. None of them gripped my attention the way our symposium guests did—not that they were necessarily flashy or “dynamic” speakers, but when you listened to them you heard stories of, yes, suffering, but also of solid, steady conviction. And they were all national level prolife leaders, but not a single one asked for a speaking stipend.

Was it successful? I don't know. Those in attendance were as engaged and appreciative as I was, but I couldn't tell you where they all are now or what they are doing. It does seem that while I had hoped to attract new involvement in the work out on the streets, most of those in attendance were veterans. Meanwhile, I will keep praying for the entire Church Militant to realize that the deaths of these children is not just a voting issue. In the 60's, when the world embraced contraception, mothers and fathers were separated from each other; in the 70's the world embraced abortion, by which act separation of mother and father led to murder of child. And now 40 years of this madness has been ground into all layers of society. Not legislation, only love which restores relationship, can ever begin the healing.



Attendees of the Symposium at lunch



Panelists Walter Hoye, Brian Walker, Joe and Anne Scheidler, Lvnn Mills

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