

## HOW DO YOU DO IT?

**1. Location.** Be visible but non-obstructive and discreet. Usually this means the sidewalk in front or to the side. Allow room for the passage of pedestrians. Try to find out the property lines to stay on the public right-of-way.

**2. Schedule.** It's best to go when the facility is open and a sidewalk counselor is available, but any time is still beneficial. As a general rule, try to maximize the number of hours covered instead of the number of people present at a particular time.

**3. Type of Prayer.** Stay focused and strive for unity. The use of structured group prayer best promotes these goals. Examples



include the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, hymns, psalms, and various litanies. An excellent resource is the handbook by the Helpers of God's Precious Infants (see

back), which contains 3 hours of material. Prayer should focus on the events at the abortion facility, not the personal lives of the prayer team or other issues. Always bring Rosary beads. It's advisable to begin with the St. Michael Prayer (see inside) because the abortion facility is a stronghold of evil. Remember what Our Lord said: *"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."* (Mt 18:20)

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**What if the police show up?** Be respectful and follow their instructions. Your leader can resolve the issue administratively afterwards. Legal resources are readily available.

**What if we don't have a sidewalk counselor?** Pray anyway. Prayerful presence is valuable even without a counselor.

**Can we hold signs if no one can get close enough to counsel?** No. Designate a sign-holder who is separate from the prayer team. That person functions as a sidewalk counselor and should be prepared for dialogue. That person's sign should only have contact information for support services.

**What if someone approaches me for help?** Get the sidewalk counselor. If the counselor is unavailable, then give out contact information on support services. If possible, at least one person should continue praying during that time.

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*For Prayer Books:*  
Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Inc.  
Precious Blood Monastery  
5300 Ft. Hamilton Parkway  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

More information: <http://helperslibrary.info>



## Prayerful Presence At Abortion Facilities

**What is it?** Prayerful presence is the act of praying publicly at an abortion facility in a way that gives a loving, respectful witness to the sanctity of human life and to the redemptive love of Jesus Christ.

**Why is it done?** Christ calls us to go to Calvary with Him to bring His love to the places where there is the greatest suffering and the worst evil.

**What does it accomplish?** It softens the hearts of abortion-minded women and their families. It strengthens the efforts of sidewalk counselors. It speaks the truth to the abortionist, his staff, and the public.