

Fr. Pergjini's Message:

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Almost every Saturday early in the morning I go to pray at the abortion mill at 2070 Eastchester Road. Outside it's very quiet and almost no one is on the street. At that time of the early Saturday morning people are sleeping and few, I am sure, have to go to work and support themselves and their families. As I drive, in the silence of my heart, I feel the smile and the presence of the Blessed Mother. I asked her to help every early morning as we were starting Forty Days for Life in the Bronx. It is sad to say that many people are not aware that not far from our parish, the innocent human life is terminated through an atrocious act of abortion. Every Saturday few members of our faithful parishioners and very dedicated prolife activists come and pray with other people from different parishes of the Bronx. During the very short drive I say two decades of the rosary. It prepares me for what we have to face, and it strengthens us to be ready to handle the sadness of that place. As I was driving and repeating those sweet Hail Mary's many memories come to my mind of my experience of that sad place. Those early mornings, as a seminarian and later as a priest, going to the Bronx Abortion Clinic inspired me to see many humble and dedicated, faithful Catholics who felt the need to come and pray and counsel the young couples to change the minds of those who were heading to abort the innocent human lives. As we walked to the place we saw a big number of people, almost 40 of them. There were also a big group protesting us with loud and angry voices and even yelling with hatred against us. They were very well prepared, they even had a few tables with hot drinks and sandwiches to keep them in good shape. I firmly believe someone pays them and treats them very well. We were not allowed to be near the entrance of the clinic. We also tried our best to raise our Prolife banners higher. The police was present trying to keep both groups under control. We did pray for them, too, that one day they will be touched by the light of Christ. The young girls with their boyfriends or with their mothers started to arrive. It was very sad to see their tormented faces who tried not to look either toward those who encouraged them to enter or toward us begging with our rosaries in our hands to stop entering that abortion mill. I am convinced that they repress their suffering within themselves or find excuses that is normal to come to that tragic decision to end an innocent human life. As some of them walked in with shame, some others changed their minds and went away, at least for the moment. We all pray that the babies in the womb of the young girls may continue to live. I leave the humble people who continued saying the rosaries one after the other. The sadness of that place touched my whole being as I was heading toward the parish. The faces of those girls who, unfortunately, are not aware of their tragic actions ending the innocent human life, makes things worse. I firmly believe they will one day repent what they have done. As I continued my day in the parish, I placed all of them before Christ on the Altar begging for conversion of their hearts and God's Mercy on us all. The recent storms, earthquakes, Afghanistan with its devastating consequences are images that have deeply hurt all of us. We could see those devastating areas and many of us did generously respond to help those who were afflicted by these natural disasters and terrorists' attacks. On the other hand, we do not see the daily bloodshed in those abortion mills every early morning. Every single day in the United States five thousand innocent human lives are ended through the criminal act of abortion. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said that if abortion does not end there will never be peace on earth. Yes, indeed, if this atrocious act continues to end the innocent lives who are unable to defend themselves peace will be absent. For this reason, during these forty days of Respect Life, the humble people from every parish, even from our parish, who sacrifice their time and comfort go and pray in silence and humility early Saturday mornings while others are still sleeping or not aware what is going on at 2070 Eastchester Road, at abortion mills and other abortion centers. It is our duty to be present, not with anger and hatred toward those who do end innocent human life through abortion, but with our peaceful and humble prayer to be witnesses of the respect life touching the hearts and souls of those who are blind of their actions.

May Our lady of the Rosary pray for their conversion and for us! Amen!

