



June 29, 2013

Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God. Entrance Antiphon to The MASS for Ss. Peter and Paul

Daily Apostle's week-long Baby Item Collection Drive in the Greater Lansing area and delivery on Thursday June 27 to a 19-year old Pontiac, MI mother with newborn twins was a tremendous success. The van was full. Thanks Be to God! I am often amazed at what goes on behind the scenes of a great undertaking; and how God uses our connections to build a network of prayer in action to meet a great need.



Fr. Euteneuer, at a Call to Holiness Youth Conference in Sterling Heights, MI put it best. He said, "Be an Apostle of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist (each day), first. And a Pro-Life Champion, second."

He basically provided Daily Apostle's Mission Statement right then and there. I encounter and communicate with hundreds of families and individuals who through the power of the Holy Spirit strive to be a Daily Apostle -- sent by God. <http://www.dailyapostle.org>

Why am I telling you this now? Today? Do you see or hear about a need and take it on: knowing that The Most Holy Trinity, The Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph are going to help?

Do you realize how many times in Daily Apostle's fourteen year history of supplying annual Thanksgiving Baskets to Pontiac and Lansing and having provided a weekly door-to-door food delivery to Pontiac families for nearly ten years Daily Apostle and the Farmington Hills OP Nuns have sought the Intercession of The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph in the eleventh hour because the food supply or donations were low despite the need still having to be met! Talk about learning Trust in the LORD on the fly. You develop strong faith in the Living God.

Recently, my wife told me of a couple that had a child. The husband approached his wife, "Honey, we have always considered adopting a child." After praying together they agreed that they needed to do this. So, they placed a request on their FaceBook page: asking to adopt a baby, regardless of the circumstance.

The couple's FaceBook request was forwarded five times finally reaching an older sister of a fifteen-year old who was pregnant who refused her mother's attempts to have the baby aborted -- even taking her to an abortion mill where the abortionist had her prepped, ready to do the abortion. The young girl refused. The older sister informed her mother and sister of this couple. The mother said, "You must find adoptive parents right now!" The couple was contacted and the adoption was finalized. Blessed Be God! More husbands and wives need to take a similar leap of faith.

I would like to share with you the importance of being a First Responder. It was brought to my attention that the young, expectant mother of twin girls was a very troubled teen needing prayer and direction. I met her at her cousin's funeral. You see, her cousin was Daily Apostle's weekly food delivery driver. She assured me she was going to have the twins. I assured her at the funeral -- Daily Apostle would assist her.

To my utter surprise the family provided a Baby Shower for her in May which no one showed up to. Over \$200 was spent on food. She gave birth to twin girls on June 17, 2013. Her mother said, "The babies saved her life." God dramatically intervenes in our lives; most often when we least expect it.

I sent out an email on Tuesday June 18 to the pro-life arm of Daily Apostle. My wife had already contacted 40 Days For Life Lansing the day the babies were born, alerting them of this dire situation. The young mom brought the babies home from the hospital on Saturday June 22. How certain donors rapidly responded was incredible. Three checks and two gift cards awaited them.

A mother of five donated a twin stroller since her three-year old twin boys had recently outgrown it. She and her husband adopted the baby boys saving them from abortion. The irony was she had the stroller on Craig's List for sale, but I saw her and her family coming out of St. Mary Cathedral following Mass on Friday. I immediately asked her about the stroller's availability, explaining the Baby Item Collection Drive and she said, "It's hers."

A mother of eight, her final two children, twin girls, donated a breast pump. She then contacted a friend who asked what the babies needed. My wife provided a thorough list. She went to Walmart and purchased everything. A young couple with two boys, financially strapped themselves, donated a beautiful baby bed. Their donation made me reflect upon the widow's mite and Jesus' response to her total gift.

40 Days For Life Lansing responded in a giant way. Girls For Life hosted a Baby Shower for the young mother on Wednesday June 26. Nearly fifty people attended. It was a heartwarming, splendid Act of Love. The Pontiac contingent not only left with a Trailblazer packed with wonderful baby gifts, but fond memories and forever friendships with the girls aged 8-18. Every young lady there glowed as they held the twins in their arms.

Daily Apostle's goal is to provide 500 Thanksgiving Baskets in 2013 -- 250 Baskets to young mothers and families in the Pontiac, Lansing areas, Detroit, and Flint -- who chose life despite difficult circumstances. <http://www.dailyapostle.org> click on Thanksgiving 13

You or any Pro-life Group can perform many similar Acts of Kindness for expectant mothers and those even considering abortion. Helping out the local inner-city community with the greatest need is vital. It can be as simple as keeping the Crisis Pregnancy Center's shelves stocked with diapers, wipes, and baby items to providing a Baby Shower for an impoverished mother. The opportunities and The Lord's Reward are boundless. Faith in action must be your courageous, continuous response.

On Friday June 28 I learned about a 24-year old expectant mother from Lansing, MI who is four months pregnant. She is struggling financially. She recently had to give up her apartment. The overwhelming response to the 19-year old Pontiac mother with twins makes me hopeful that we will support this mother, too. To make a donation, please email trinity@dailyapostle.org

Two Daily Apostles made the delivery to Pontiac and arrived back in Lansing around 12:30pm. This was a Godsend. Pontiac, MI had heavy rain, high winds, flooding, power outages, and downed trees starting around 5pm that evening.

A 40 Days for Life prayer participant shares her story of prayer, hope, faith and adoption of twin babies.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJK-ENzsyAs#action=share>

I was present at this miraculous event. Seeing the twins growth and development in a loving, faith-filled family environment demonstrates The Father's Plan of Salvation in action!

Annual National Sidewalk Counseling Symposium Minneapolis, MN, July 25-27. "Thousands of lives have been saved by sidewalk counseling," said Brian Gibson, Executive Director of Pro-Life Action Ministries, which is hosting this third annual symposium. "We believe even more lives can be saved by recruiting and training more sidewalk counselors and organizing local sidewalk counseling efforts all over the country."

Presenters include Shawn Carney, Rev. Walter Hoyer, John Jakubczyk, Esq., Dr. Monica Miller, Fr. Frank Pavone, Ann Scheidler, Joe Scheidler, Eric Scheidler, Edmund Miller, Alica Wong, and Pro-Life Action Ministries staff: Brian Gibson, Debra Braun, Rev. Brian Walker, Stephanie Welter and Kristin Windey. TO SIGN UP FOR THE CONFERENCE go to: www.plam.org/news/nscsflyer.pdf or call (651) 771-1500

God Bless,
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