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The Power of Two by Patsy Gonzalez

Being on the south side of San Jose, our clientele is largely Hispanic. Often, students from the three high schools in the area come through our doors for a pregnancy test, sometimes, "mistakenly" looking for Planned Parenthood. Many of these teenagers are of Hispanic origin, but heavily inculcated into the pro-abortion mindset of the current times. Other clients are mothers in the area that may find themselves pregnant and in need of emotional, medical or spiritual support.

Perla and Veronica are the shining stars that welcome our Hispanic clients; they will go anywhere, do anything that is necessary to rescue these women from an abortion no matter what it takes. They make house calls, phone calls and are willing to talk to anyone in the mother's little circle that may have an influence on her decision. They are a formidable team of two, much like the disciples that the Lord sent out two by two to tackle the towns and villages with the Good News.

The challenge to change the mind of a mother, Jessica, five-weeks pregnant and resolute about keeping her appointment for an abortion was daunting. Her decision was driven by a common problem among many mothers in the early stage of her pregnancy—abusive boyfriend, occasional drug use and no source of income. She would be the perfect case for an abortion in the eyes of society.

Her uncle is a Catholic priest that she looked up to like a father. But her fear of having a baby for all those reasons surpassed any little courage she needed to listen to his urgent pleas to have the child. She finally made the decision to shut out her uncle and refused to answer his calls or texts. Eight years earlier, her uncle had encouraged her to have her child when she was a victim of date rape. She let him talk her out of it then, but she had many other reasons this time to justify this abortion.

The anguished priest confided in Perla's parents because he knew she was involved with mothers that were in a dilemma about their pregnancies. Perla might just be his only hope to change his niece's heart as they had been acquainted through their work with a youth group and he knew how involved she was with Juan Diego's work. Father was able to give his niece Perla's number. Much to Perla's surprise, Jessica did call but she had a very different motive for doing so. During Perla and Veronica's visit at her home, she needed to explain her reasons why she was sure of her decision to abort. She was hoping they could relay them to her uncle so that he may better understand.

Perla and Veronica arrived at Jessica's home with their little bag of "tools" that included first trimester fetal models, a book on the fetal development, spiritual materials, a tiny newborn outfit and a stuffed puppy.

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Laura & Perla



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Save this date: May 18
Walk for Babies 2013
Murphy Park, Milpitas

Sunday's Comin' Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life

I share with you today this inspiring meditation based on a sermon I once heard, and adapted to the concerns of the pro-life movement.

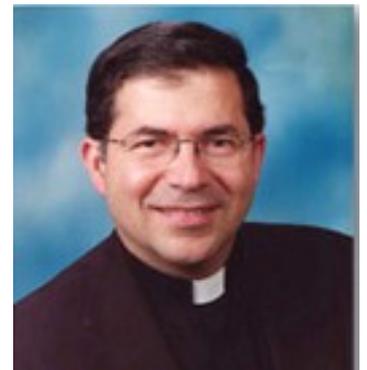
It's Friday. Jesus is on the cross. He has been killed by his enemies; he is off the scene. But that's because it's Friday. **Sunday's comin'!**

It's Friday. Mary is weeping in bitter grief; the disciples are fleeing in all directions, confused and afraid. But that's because it's Friday. **Sunday's comin'!**

It's Friday. Pilate is washing his hands; the Pharisees are calling the shots; the Roman soldiers are strutting around with their spears. But that's because it's Friday. **Sunday's comin'!**

It's Friday. The forces that oppress the poor and abandon the lowly and trample upon the rights of the weak, making them suffer and robbing them of hope, are in control. But that's because it's Friday. **Sunday's comin'!**

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Fr. Frank Pavone
Priests for Life

The Power of Two (Continued from page 1)

They talked for an hour while Willie and volunteers prayed at the center. Even as Jessica's maternal instincts began to emerge, she remained "undecided" until Perla and Veronica took her to see her baby in an ultrasound.

It was a day of revelation and great rejoicing when Jessica finally saw her child in the ultrasound at Real Options. She had asked that her uncle, the priest, might be present at the ultrasound session because he had promised to be the father figure to the baby should the baby's father abandon them. The priest was overjoyed; his fervent prayers were answered.

Perla and Veronica once again chalked up another victory with God's grace. As they grow in confidence in their commitment to help these mothers choose life, they grow in faith through their understanding that God can perform miracles when one is willing to be instrumental in doing all humanly possible to intervene. They have become like two sisters bonded by faith, always prepared to go on a new assignment together. They are living proof of the power of two.



Update on Willie

For those of you that may not have heard, we would like to inform you that our very dedicated and committed director, Willie Lapus, had a heart attack on the 25th of January. Doctors performed a quadruple bypass and repaired a valve. After two weeks in the hospital, he has been discharged to go home to rest and mend. Many concerned friends called or emailed with the reassurance that the recovery and survival rate of such a medical procedure is so good in this technological age.

While still in the hospital, Willie stayed "on the job" offering up his suffering for our crucial cases—such is the beauty of our Catholic faith that puts great spiritual value in the ministry of the sick. His heart might be frail at the moment but it beats faithful and true for our mothers and their unborn babies.

In the meantime, we are keeping his director's chair warm and await to celebrate his return. Please continue to pray for his speedy recovery.

Sunday's Comin' (continued from page 1)

It's Friday. Satan is doing his dance, and he thinks he rules the world. Governments do his bidding, and businesses do his work, and institutions are at his command. But that's because it's Friday. ***Sunday's comin'!***

It's Friday. Abortionists continue their work 4000 times a day, tearing off the arms and legs of little babies and crushing their heads. But that's because it's Friday. ***Sunday's comin'!***

It's Friday. Pro-abortion groups put out their hands and receive blood money from billionaires who are as deceived as they are. But that's because it's Friday. ***Sunday's comin'!***

It's Friday. Liars attempt to speak for all women and hide the pain of abortion, and ignore the evidence of how it harms women, and call abortion a blessing. But that's because it's Friday. ***Sunday's comin'!***

It's Friday. Judicial activists have their way, writing the law instead of applying it, ignoring the will of the American people and even allowing partial-birth abortion to continue. But that's because it's Friday. ***Sunday's comin'!***

It's Friday. Men who distort the Gospel find judges who will approve of sodomy and attempt to re-define marriage itself. But that's because it's Friday. ***Sunday's comin'!***

It's Friday. Those who refuse to acknowledge God remove from the bench men of God just because they post his commandments in the courthouse. But that's because it's Friday. ***Sunday's comin'!***

It's Friday. Many preachers of God's word are silent in the face of all these evils, as they spend more energy calculating how to keep safe from lawyers than how to keep safe from the wrath of God. But that's because it's Friday. ***Sunday's comin'!***

People of God, hope does not mean that we ignore or minimize the evils around us. It means, rather, that *we see the whole picture*, which is that evil is conquered because of what happened one Sunday morning. The power of sin and death has been broken by the Resurrection of Christ. We are called to proclaim, celebrate, and serve that victory, waiting in joyful hope for Christ's return and the full flowering of the Culture of Life! Indeed, ***Sunday's comin'!***

Editor's note: Priests for Life has granted permission to reprint this article.

Onward to 2013

At the dawn of each new year, we pause to reflect on 27 years that have passed and to thank the many friends, volunteers and benefactors that have supported the St. Juan Diego Women’s Center. You are our partners in this life saving mission. Since the center started in 1986, 709 babies have been saved and 10,686 of families have been helped. These babies are alive today because you cared; because you have answered the call of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be her messengers of love and compassion. Thank you so much for being a faithful friend and benefactor of the St. Juan Diego Society Women’s Center. Our continued existence depends solely on Divine Providence and the generosity of private individuals like you.

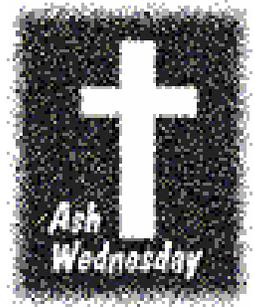
This year, we mark the 40th anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision that opened the doors to legalized abortion. In those four decades, 55 million babies have perished. The damage done to our society, to the family, to our nation will be irreversible unless abortion is stopped.

With generous supporters like you, our newly reconstituted and energized board of directors, faithful and compassionate volunteers, we look forward with great enthusiasm to this coming year. The challenges that we face are formidable. With great confidence in divine providence, Our Lady’s intercession and with your help we will overcome these obstacles and save more babies. *“For nothing is impossible with God.”* Luke 1:37

Our center is named after St. Juan Diego, the humble peasant entrusted five hundred years ago by Our Lady of Guadalupe to bring her message of love and hope. Her apparition on Tepeyac Hill in 1531 marked the end of human sacrifice and the conversion of the entire nation. We too, strive to be like her faithful messenger, Juan Diego, to all pregnant women who come to our door seeking help.

Mary’s request to Juan Diego 500 years ago still echoes today. Her words are now meant for you and for me. *“...it is necessary that you personally go, plead my cause, that it is through your intercession that my desire, my will is carried out.”* Our Blessed Mother is depending on you.

Will you continue to be our life saving partner in 2013?



***Lent Starts
February 13***

CLIENT		STATISTICS		YEAR 2012	
Month	Client Aided	Pregnancy Tests	Total Clients	Abortion Bound	Babies Saved
Jan	23	16	39	4	3
Feb	15	15	30	2	2
Mar	22	15	37	2	1
April	20	9	29	2	0
May	20	15	35	1	1
June	14	10	24	3	3
July	23	14	37	5	4
Aug	17	11	28	2	2
Sept	11	14	25	3	2
Oct	17	16	33	5	3
Nov	11	14	25	1	1
Dec	6	15	21	3	3
Total 2012	199	164	363	33	25
Grand Total Since 1986	3,731	6,955	10,686	1,003	709



*Take my hand
Not my life.*

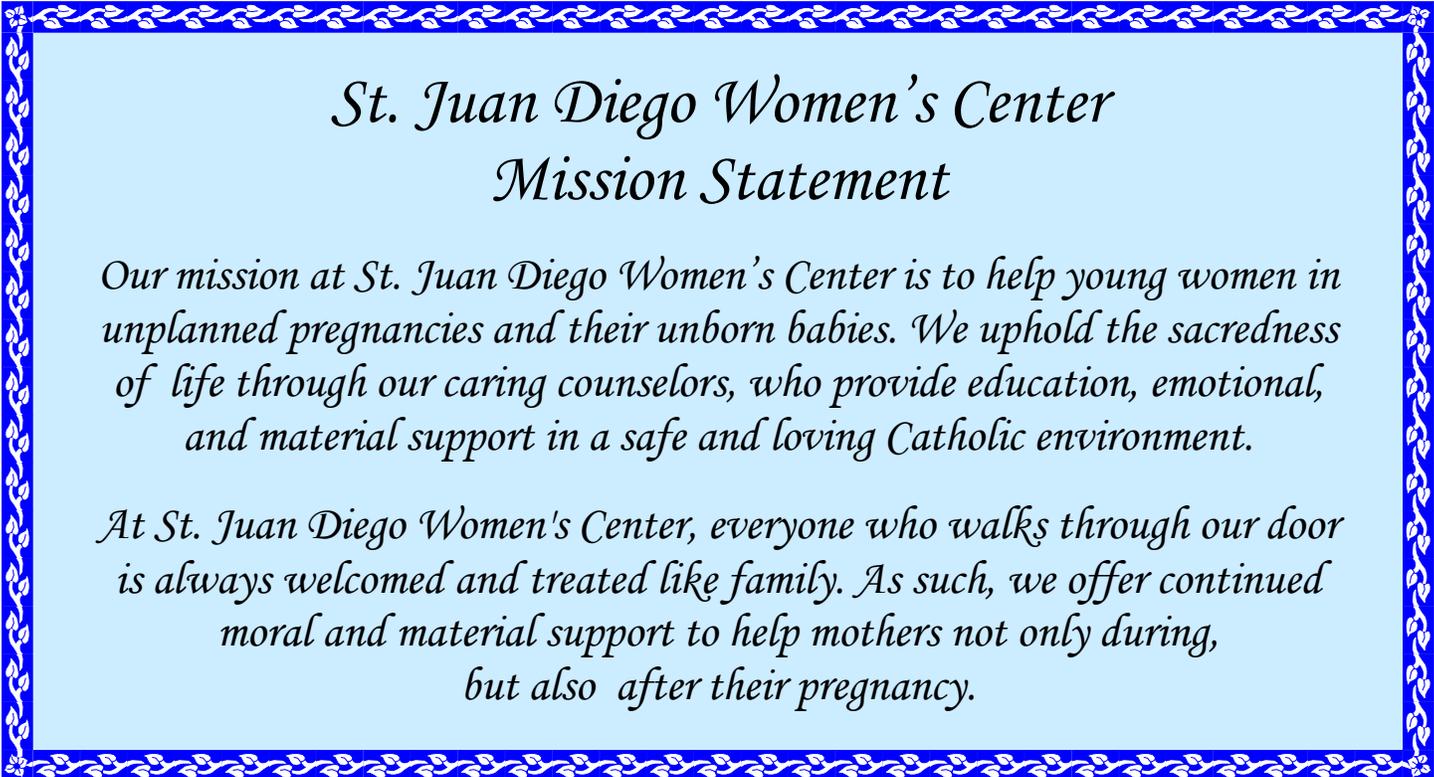


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Our mission at St. Juan Diego Women's Center is to help young women in unplanned pregnancies and their unborn babies. We uphold the sacredness of life through our caring counselors, who provide education, emotional, and material support in a safe and loving Catholic environment.

At St. Juan Diego Women's Center, everyone who walks through our door is always welcomed and treated like family. As such, we offer continued moral and material support to help mothers not only during, but also after their pregnancy.