



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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### This week's Topic: Sidewalk Counseling, Offering Help

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**Education:** A frightened young woman has decided that abortion is the answer to a problem pregnancy, and arrives at the clinic. But just outside the clinic, a friendly person offers her information on alternatives. "Please make sure you have all the facts - you can always decide to go back into the clinic." She stops and listens. She hears about the help that is available and the painful consequences of abortion, and she changes her mind! The life of a child is saved, and a young mother is spared the

anguish of post-abortion trauma. Of course many clients going into the clinic do not stop to listen.

Sidewalk counselors work outside abortion clinics in a last-ditch effort to prevent the killing of a pre-born child. They have the legal right to stand on the public sidewalk outside the clinic, and the right to speak freely to offer information. The results may vary, but these courageous people know that they will be able to stand before God and say that they tried their best to prevent abortions; they tried hard to "rescue those being led away to death." (Prov 24:11) They did not stand idly by while innocent children were being killed. As Mother Teresa said, we are not called to be successful, but to be faithful to what God is calling us to do.

A video about sidewalk counseling is available for viewing at <http://www.prolifeaction.org/sidewalk/>



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please continue to call faithful people to be present outside the abortion clinics to offer last-minute help to those who are planning abortion. Give them the strength, patience, and perseverance to continue in their saving work. Soften the hearts of those who see these people; help them to be willing to listen to loving offers of help and hope. Help us to discern correctly whether you might be calling us to participate in this important ministry.

Help all who are tempted to abort to find the loving support and practical help they need to choose life for their child!



**Action:** While not everyone is called to be outside an abortion clinic on a regular basis, there are other ways to reach out to offer help to those considering abortion. One way is to put a sign in your car window that says "Unplanned Pregnancy? Ask me for help. I CARE! Or call 800-395-HELP." (from CandleintheWindow.org) Another is to distribute business cards with the Option Line phone number (available from Christian

Voices for Life, [ChristianVoicesforLifeFB@gmail.com](mailto:ChristianVoicesforLifeFB@gmail.com)). Option Line (800-395-HELP, [www.Optionline.org](http://www.Optionline.org)) is a 24/7 helpline for anyone involved with a crisis pregnancy. Cards can be given to school nurses, put on bulletin boards, left in Laundromats, dorms, etc.

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