

The Novenas – Praying with Everything We’ve Got

Since the Chapel of Divine Mercy was consecrated in the fall of 2013, we’ve been adoring the Blessed Sacrament during every hour that the South Bend abortion clinic has been open. During the same hours, we have been a constant, prayerful presence on the Prayer Peninsula outside the clinic. Nonetheless, this year we have sometimes felt the need to do more.

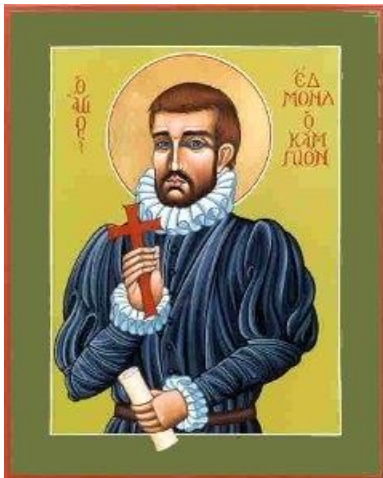


We strive to pray intently and faithfully like St. Edmund Champion

Novena of St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Background: The Medical Licensing Board had instituted a proceeding ostensibly seeking to revoke the medical license of abortionist, Ulrich “George” Klopfer. The doctor had filed a motion for summary judgment asking that the case be dismissed. A hearing on the motion was scheduled for June 25, 2015. If the motion were granted, the doctor would retain his medical license and the case against him would never come to trial.

A few months earlier, the Indiana State Health Department had instituted a proceeding ostensibly seeking to revoke the license of Dr. Klopfer’s medical clinic, but was already engaged in discussions about settling the case and allowing the clinic to continue operating despite failing every biennial inspection since 2006. The Department had refused to investigate the complaint of TLC advocate about two illegal abortions performed in November and December 2014.



St. Edmund Champion who faced horrific pain & death for the faith

Timing: The Novena was planned for the nine days (June 16 to June 24) prior to the Health Department Hearing on June 25, 2015.

Purpose: Specifically, for a positive outcome of the June 25 summary judgment hearing, and generally for the closure of the clinic.

Nature of the Novena: Prayers adapted from the Novena of St. Gianna Beretta Molla (the patroness of mothers, physicians, and unborn children) were distributed to some 1100 friends of the Apostolate via email for nine days (June 16 to 24). On June 24 a few of us decided to extend the regular Wednesday adoration hours (2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) overnight so that the Blessed Sacrament

would be continuously adored from 2 p.m. on the 24th until 10 a.m. on the 25th (the day of the hearing). All were invited to take on an extra penance or to fast on the 25th.

Results:

- Hundreds opened our emails containing the novena prayers every day. We have every indication that great numbers joined us in prayer.
- The Blessed Sacrament was adored overnight as planned.
- At the June 25 hearing, the Medical Licensing Board denied the doctor's Motion for Summary Judgment by a vote of 4-0 with one member abstaining.
- On June 26, the clinic voluntarily closed on a Friday for the first time in years.
- On June 26, the Health Department announced that it had investigated the 2nd and 3rd complaints from the Apostolate's TLC ("The Life Center") Advocates, found them to be substantiated and was therefore:
 - Initiating a new proceeding to close the clinic; and
 - Denying the clinic's request for a license to operate after June 30, 2015.



Our Lady in the chapel window

Perpetual Adoration & Novena to All Saints

Background: The pending Indiana State Health Department proceedings regarding the clinic's license were scheduled to be tried on November 4, 5 and 6, 2015. The outcome seemed uncertain – especially since TLC Legal had learned that the Department had planned to quietly settle its earlier case against the clinic before it had investigated the 2nd and 3rd complaints from the TLC Advocates.

Timing: The Novena was planned for nine days (November 1–9, 2015) from three days before the scheduled trial until three days afterward.



Late-night adoration

Purpose: Specifically, for a positive outcome from the Health Department trial, and generally for the closure of the clinic.

Nature of the Novena: Prayers adapted from the Novena to all Saints were distributed to some 1100 friends of the Apostolate

via email for the nine days of the Novena. In addition, during the Novena period the Blessed

Sacrament would be adored in the Chapel of Divine Mercy round-the-clock from 5 p.m., Sunday, November 1, until 5 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Results:

- Hundreds opened our emails containing the novena prayers every day. We have every indication that great numbers joined us in prayer.
- The Blessed Sacrament was adored round-the-clock as planned, and the adorers were delighted by the experience.
- The Health Department’s trial was cancelled and all pending proceedings were settled. The clinic agreed to give up its license without a fight, and further agreed not to even apply for a new license for 90 days. As a result, abortions in St. Joseph County have ended – at least temporarily.



Temporary Closure of the Abortion Clinic

Perpetual Adoration & Novena to the Holy Innocents

Background: The Medical Licensing Board had scheduled its trial for the revocation of the doctor’s medical license for December 3, 2015, during the clinic’s temporary shut-down. The outcome seemed uncertain. We had reason to fear that the Board would settle its case with some minimal penalty and allow the doctor to retain his license.

Timing: The Novena was planned for the nine days (November 24 to December 2, 2015) immediately preceding the December 3rd trial.

Purpose: Specifically, for a positive outcome from the Medical Licensing Board trial, and generally for the closure of the clinic.



Nature of the Novena: Prayers adapted from the Novena to the Holy Innocents were distributed to some 1100 friends of the Apostolate via email for the nine days of the Novena. In addition, during the Novena period the Blessed Sacrament would be adored in the Chapel of Divine Mercy round-the-clock from 5 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

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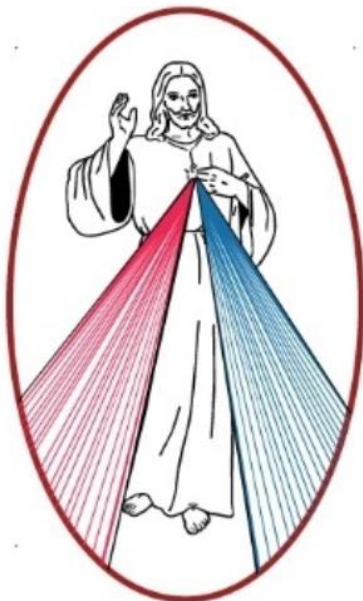
- Hundreds opened our emails containing the novena prayers every day. We have every indication that great numbers joined us in prayer.
- The Blessed Sacrament was adored round-the-clock as planned, and the adorers were delighted by the experience. (Some were exhausted and delighted.)
- The Medical Licensing Board trial was postponed until March 24, 2016 at the doctor's request. This provides TLC Legal with more opportunities to advocate before the Board and help strengthen the Board's case against the doctor.
- More to come.

The Future of Perpetual Adoration and Novenas at The Life Center

As described above, God has granted us many successes in our struggle against abortion; yet the struggle will continue – at least for a while. If we have the resources, human and financial, to put together additional Novenas with Perpetual Adoration we will do so. The Health Department will be ruling on the clinic's application for a new license early in February, and the Medical Licensing Board may finally bring the doctor to trial in March. Can we count on your help?



Perhaps a future novena to St. Faustina?



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