



**Pro life prayer warriors taking a stand in Muskegon**  
(Submitted by Pro-Life)

On January 29, as happens every Saturday morning at 9 a.m., a group of faithful pro-life individuals could be seen praying in front of the Women's Medical Service at 863 E. Apple Avenue in Muskegon. This group prays regularly for an end to the crime of abortion. This particular Saturday, the group numbered 30 people, including a 14-month old toddler and several elderly people, one who had to sit in a chair because it was too difficult for him to stand for the half hour of prayer. I know for a fact that some of these people are over 80 years old, yet they braved the cold winter weather to show their support for life.

Inside the small, uninviting medical office is Muskegon's abortion mill. Here, scared young people are fed the lies of the "pro-choice, pro-death movement." Young women (or sometimes couples, most times unmarried), are ushered into the clinic and told how easy it will be to rid themselves of the "problem" that is growing inside of them. They are fed the propaganda of the lucrative abortion business, which tells them how much better off the woman will be if her pregnancy is terminated. Never does someone explain that a baby will be killed inside the mother's womb. Never are they told that the mother, and perhaps the father, will suffer years of emotional grief because of what they are about to do; that this will not be a good thing for them, but perhaps a physically dangerous, life-threatening and possibly emotionally damaging procedure that will take years to heal. Many times they are not able to see an ultrasound of the child within the womb, moving around; the heart beating; the arms and legs formed; sometimes the child is even sucking his or her thumb. This would interfere with the business of the abortionist to make his profit easily off of these unsuspecting young people, desperate because of an unplanned pregnancy.

In the meantime, the prayer warriors continue to pray every Saturday morning, bombarding heaven with their pleas for this hideous crime to stop. Even earlier than 1993, two men were praying on this same sidewalk outside the clinic every day. Another joined them in 1993 when he retired from his legal career. Every day they walked the sidewalk, prayed and did sidewalk counseling. Over the course of the years, others joined in. Some came daily for years. Others showed up occasionally when they could. More tended to show up when the priest from St. Lazare in Spring Lake showed up to offer his prayers and support of the unborn. On occasion, as many as 75 prayer warriors would be quietly and peacefully praying in front of the clinic, offering sidewalk counseling when they could. One of the original men, still walking and praying to this day, says that he would like to think that during that time, they may have saved the lives of perhaps 15 percent of the unborn babies by offering literature and a kind, listening ear to the scared young mothers who had no one else to turn to for advice, but those who were pushing them into abortions. And he was certain that many who would have otherwise had repeat abortions never returned after hearing the truth.

Who says there is no power in prayer? In the early 1990s this abortion mill was operating five days a week. Today its doors are only open on Saturdays for abortions. The number of abortions in Muskegon has fallen drastically, and surely this is in great part due to those who have spent countless hours storming heaven with their prayers to close this abortion clinic and end abortion in general. God heard the prayers. He has not turned away from these prayers. For He knows that these innocent ones cannot speak for themselves. Next time you are wondering what to do on the weekend, consider joining others in prayer on Apple and Getty streets in Muskegon at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. It will be time well spent. •

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