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*Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all who are appointed to die.
Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.* Proverbs 31.8-9 (nKJ)

For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. John 18.37

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25.40

Pope Francis
Vatican City
Rome, Italy

Denver

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Congratulations on your election. It's a tough job but you can do it, with God's help.

I enclose a copy of *Los Primeros Nueve Meses*, which is the best pro life leaflet. It was published in several European languages. The Russian version and the English version are posted on my web site, www.radicalchristianpress.org, on the page called *The First Nine Months*.

Sidewalk Counsellors are well aware that getting a woman to go to an alternatives center for a free ultrasound can be the clincher in turning her away from having the abortion. But it is sometimes hit or miss as to whether we can find a free ultrasound on that particular day. They aren't open, or they don't have an operator etc. **THE FIRST NINE MONTHS** is in effect a **generic ultrasound--in color** ! It costs 25c. It is portable. You can hand it to someone.

We have had a daily pro life witness and *Sidewalk Counseling* effort in front of the Planned Parenthood abortuary here in Denver since 1989. There is an account of it in the first 16 pages of my *Letter to the Bishops* posted on the www.radicalchristianpress.org web site. Standing out there watching teen aged customers roll into the abortuary, I figured out after a while that, along with the last minute effort to head them off, it made sense to try and give her an **alternatives** flyer and a copy of *The First Nine Months* **BEFORE** she made the abortion appointment and **EVEN BEFORE** she found out she was pregnant.

It is a major moral disgrace that what pretends to be a pro life movement has never yet carried out a mass distribution, person to person, of *The First Nine Months* / *Los Primeros Nueve Meses*. That is one of the obvious things we could and should do when and if we ever get serious about stopping abortion. It is the 14-18 year old girls, and their boy friends, and their parents who need to get it. All those who vote for abortion with their feet by walking into Planned Parenthood.

This leaflet is the best because of the Lennart Nilsson *fiber optic* photographs reprinted from *A Child Is Born*. (They were also printed in *Life Magazine* years ago.) You can't argue with them. They simply show that an embryo at 8 weeks gestation already looks suspiciously like a baby--*A person's a person, no matter how small*. It has 7 pictures which chart the development of the embryo child. And each one is worth 1000 words. The only change I would make in this leaflet is to impose a picture of a Roosevelt dime on the page 8 photo of the 8 week old embryo as is done on the Human Life International *before and after* card so that it clearly shows the actual size.

Unfortunately, Focus on the Family stopped printing it in this handy format, which is perfect for handing out on the sidewalk to abortion customers, to high school students etc. And you can mail it in a standard envelope for one stamp. They still produce a larger version for Alternative Pregnancy Centers which is too large and expensive and clumsy for general distribution.

The Catholic Church should lead the way in reprinting and distributing *The First Nine Months* / *Los Primeros Nueve Meses* to Catholics through schools and churches, to non Catholics by cooperative arrangements with other churches, and to the general public by volunteers getting out there on the sidewalk in front of high schools, grocery stores and at shopping malls. It is basic *bearing witness to the truth* person to person. When people find the courage to undertake such **WITNESS**, it regenerates the Spirit of Courage and renews the *church*.

Good Luck to You in your New Job

Terry Sullivan