

When I first met with Father Longenecker and Father Ballard about joining OLR, I was asked what charism I might bring to the parish. Much of my ministry to that point had been in pro-life work, and so that seemed a natural fit for me to continue in South Carolina.

As it turns out, there was an immediate need for a new leader in the local "40 Days for Life" team. After some research (and much prayer), I decided to take on that role. One of the most unique things about the 40 Days ministry in Greenville is that Greenville is a "365 City." This means that not only do we participate in the Spring/Fall campaigns, but Greenville is one of only 50 or so cities in the country that will never stop our vigils all year, until the clinic stops performing abortions.

It can be difficult to recruit coverage to pray at an abortion clinic even 80 days of the year, and so it seems sometimes that getting 365 coverage feels impossible. When we add to that the fact that Greenville has a terrible reputation for the pro-abortion activists here, it can make the job even harder. This, of course, is their goal, though.

What makes the difference, though, are the pro-life people and their commitment. From the first time I started praying outside the clinic on Grove Road, I not only got to witness the tactics of the pro-abortion people, but I also got to witness the resilience and dedication of those who hold dear the sanctity of human life in the face of such adversity.

Despite the hostility and anger directed at them, our pro-life contingent bears witness to some of the hardest teachings of Our Lord, in loving our enemies and praying for those who would persecute us. As a result of our efforts, over the last two years we have seen this clinic go from being open 6 days/week to 5, and now to just 4. To seeing one of the abortionists retire, and not be replaced. We are winning, but we need your help.

Fighting abortion is not the only aspect of Pro-Life work we do, but abortion is the most egregious in terms of its attack on the sanctity of human life. Your prayers are always needed to fight this battle, but being physically present sends an important message, too. It says to every car going in and out of the clinic, and to everyone driving past, as well, that there are people who care, and who will help. People who will stand in the gap, in defense of the most vulnerable, most innocent among us. Please consider joining us.

Deacon Bob