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In the face of uncertainty ... A Joyful Uprising!

Becky Visosky, Executive Director Catholic Pro-Life Community

Dear Friends of Life,

It has been a daunting several months for all of us, as we weather the COVID-19 health emergency. Not in my 10 years with the Catholic Pro-Life Community have I seen more challenging conditions to our operations and outreach.

In these difficult times, however, our staff, volunteers and supporters have never wavered. Their commitment has been nothing short of awe-inspiring. And God has blessed these sacrifices abundantly.

In May, the incredible devotion of our frontline counselors, present throughout this health crisis, was celebrated with a ground-breaking record — the **10,000th baby saved!** Since the inception of this ministry, our counselors and prayer partners have stood stalwart in unyielding heat and frigid temperatures alike, amidst taunts and threats of violence, and now through a global pandemic — for one reason, to protect life. Ten thousand heartbeats later, they are still standing.

Of course, standing on the front line of the battle for life, while critical, is not enough. The armies of Christ must be deep and devoted — like the Gabriel Angels who have walked with over **1,000 moms** through their pregnancy and beyond and the healing teams who have accompanied those traumatized by abortion on over **100 transformative retreats**. Thanks to the outpouring of prayer and support of our community, these ministries have not missed a beat or a heartbeat.

While we rejoice in the breathtaking miracles of these past months, the way ahead remains uncertain. With health threats continuing to loom large, our ability to connect in person is unknown, especially with our vulnerable and student populations. Then there are the man-made challenges like the recent, heartbreaking loss in the U.S. Supreme Court, once again refusing to uphold common-sense regulations of the abortion industry, as well as the national firestorm of an election facing us this fall.

Despite this uncertainty, we can draw hope from our Lord and each other. As penned by Our Holy Father in his "Plan for Rising Up," we are like the women waiting at the tomb, asking "Who will roll away the stone?" Pope Francis likens the stone at Christ's tomb to the pandemic that "threatens to bury all hope" for the elderly in isolation, for families without food, and those on the front lines who are "exhausted and overwhelmed." How did the women at the tomb overcome? Through faith and accompanying each other. It is through this solidarity that we will respond to "the many evils that are affecting so many" with "hope, faith and charity."

Thank you for your solidarity, standing against the threats to the most vulnerable and united in joyous uprising for the gift of LIFE!

Grace and blessings,

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On the Cover: Sidewalk Counselors Nicole and Paul offer life-affirming alternatives to the abortion vulnerable during the COVID crisis.