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The hour is late, I know. But it matters not for purposes of why I write. I fully expected that there would be a decision by Judge Sarah Evans Barker by now regarding the opening of the Whole Woman's Health Alliance ("WWHA") abortuary on Lincolnway in South Bend. I expected it last week, and all rationale observers had to be expecting the pro-abortion, anti-Indiana regulation Judge to rule in favor of WWHA. The fact that there is no decision yet is screaming one thing --- pray, fast, adore. Storm heaven with more of our pleadings. We pray that Judge Evans Barker will have a change of heart, but, if she does not, that Indiana will appeal the decision so that we may live to fight another day. And if both of those avenues fail, we pray that we may be reinvigorated to take our ministry to the street (literally) in front of the abortuary.

So what I need to know from you is what sacrifice you can offer, in the name of Christ, to participate in the redemptive value of His death and resurrection that He makes available to us. Can you join us for fasting, prayer, and an hour at the chapel? Two hours? Three? The more compelling the sacrifice the more united it is with Christ's sufferings.

As we approach Pentecost, remember that the Holy Spirit came to us so that we might be emboldened to live as Christ lived, suffering, death, resurrection.

Mother Teresa had what she called an Emergency Novena. A Novena, technically is nine days. But we don't always have -- or know we have -- nine days. So she developed a technique of praying the Memorare nine times (and then a tenth Memorare in thanksgiving because her requests were always answered). Think wedding of Cana and how Jesus listened to His mother even when He didnt agree with her (timing). This happened when He was 14 and when He was at the Wedding of Cana. Anyway, whether or not the Memorare is your thing, take an hour up at the Apostolate so we can have three straight days of perpetual prayer and adoration.

The number of miracle story associated with the Memorare are as extensive as those of the rosary. Here is the Memorare in case you decide to do the Mother Teresa Emergency Novena of nine straight novenas:

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

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