

The Apostolate of Gloria Dei

Sacrificially living out the Gospel of love.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the apostolate is Gloria Dei which translates into Glory to God.

ARTICLE II – VISION AND MISSION

2.01 – Vision

(a) Gloria Dei is a prolife community that abandons themselves in total union with God's will for the Cause of the Unborn.

(1) We capitalize the u in "Unborn" because Christ is seen in the babies when He said, "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did to me."¹

2.02 – Mission

(a) Through community living, daily acts of reparation, spiritual adoption, conditional baptism and prayer in front of abortion sites, The Little Servants of Gloria Dei work to insure that each child scheduled for death will have known a moment of human love during their brief time on earth.

(b) The Little Servants of Gloria Dei abandons themselves in total union with God's will by responding to His call:

(1) To love God perfectly, and others before ourselves.

(2) To love all men as though they were Christ Himself.

(3) To understand that we were condemned to die, and He died in our place.

(4) To bring oneself to one's knees, interiorly and exteriorly, before God.

(5) To pray for humility and personal growth in sanctification.

(6) To die to self and save one's soul.

(7) To be a beacon for others to find truth.

(8) To bring all souls to Christ, with His grace.¹

(9) To prepare oneself to die a martyr.²

(10) To thank God for the privilege if found worthy.

ARTICLE III -CHARISMS

3.02 – Primary

To give glory to God by living in community, making a commitment of daily prayer, and being a presence at abortion centers, and while there, where murder is committed, to maintain silence except for prayer and counseling. As well as visit and assist pro-lifers in prison.

3.02 – Secondary

The new Cristeros respond to every attack upon the truths of Christ's Holy Church, especially from the unfaithful, and lukewarm from within. Our response is through prayer vigils of reparation done at the site in sackcloth and ashes. In the humble petition to God, the Little

¹Matthew 25:40

²Although God does not necessarily let us know if martyrdom is asked of any one of us, we do know that we are all called to be faithful. If that faithfulness does entail martyrdom, we know that God will give us the grace to endure it, and do so with perfect peace and even joy, if embraced with great love.

Servants of Gloria Dei plead for the conversion of the whole world and the salvation of every soul, in particular those whom we publicly correct. Viva Cristo Rey!

3.03 – Special Missions

(a) Associate Members

Those who choose to become an associate of Gloria Dei commit to pray the Universal Prayer daily for the Gloria Dei mission and to go out to a killing center and pray once a week, for one hour. It is encouraged to wear the official apostolate shirt to spread the message further.

(b) White Rose

A team of two Gloria Dei young people, a man and a woman, will head up a youth crusade in designated areas to establish a pro-life youth movement which, through the grace of God, will spread upon the scene in every state. These youth teams, White Rosers, will organize youth in local areas to commit to pray one holy hour at the their neighborhood killing center each week (usually on a Saturday morning) and afterwards build a bond of comradery by hanging out together for food, friendship and fun. In other words, the Gloria Dei youth team will facilitate the bonding amongst the young people for the purpose of building an unique and committed group that will work towards ending abortion within their communities.

(c) Sanctuary Program

Wherever there is a Gloria Dei house, excluding a Formation Center, there will be housing and hospitality offered to homeless pro-lifers and their families or dependents, with the intention of making it possible for them to carry on their own prolife work, calling, and mission. They need not join Gloria Dei. However, if they wish, they may become Associate Members by committing to pray the 'Universal Prayer' daily.

(d) The D.C. Project

In Washington D.C. a constant presence of two men, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in continuous prayer with a prolife picket sign.³ This constant prayer presence will be located at the three D.C. sites of power: the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court.⁴ We ask men to lead this special charism because as a culture men should be the protectors of the family. These men's example will inspire action in others through: giving glory to God at all times, witnessing to life before the seats of power in the capitol, every hour of the day and night, year unto year until the holocaust of the holy innocents ends.

ARTICLE IV -DISCIPLINE

4.01 – Communal Life.

(a) There are two communities: men communities and women communities. They reside in separate houses. Each has the same discipline, the same prayer life, and the same mission. The average number of persons per house will be six. For several reasons this may vary. However, this should be the norm, and when the number increases more than two, a new house and community should branch off. The men's houses and women's houses will be headed by one amongst them who will be in charge, and this person will carry no different title.

³Front and back: "America! Stop the killing. Abortion Is Murder." with a photo of conceived child perfectly formed, one side; other side, the aborted babies in black plastic garbage bag (Canadian Hospital), sign: "GOD ALMIGHTY, Have Mercy on us!"

⁴There will be 4-hour shifts, 6 men per shift (the 3 sites) and thus 6 shifts per 24-hour period, with two duty rotations per team of two men: a midnight rotation, and a noon rotation. Each team serving twice per 24-hour period; each man on the street 8 hours per day, thus necessitating 18 men for the D.C. community.

(b)Each member of the apostolate will have a spiritual director and a confessor. It could be one and the same.

(c) On Fridays and Wednesdays The Little Servants of Gloria Dei shall fast on bread and water in honor of Our Lord's passion and for the conversion of the world. On Tuesdays we will abstain from meat in honor of the Sorrowful Mysteries. Mondays are optional but encouraged to fast on bread and water for priests. Meals will be taken together, especially dinner and on Friday, all meals will be in silence

(d)Any entertainment which is not wholesome, pure, decent, and pleasing to God will be shunned. On Sundays, members can spend this day in rest and appropriate entertainment, for example, hikes, sports, board games, outings, friends over to share a meal, music, discussions, laughter.

(e) One day a week an open-house is held at evening prayer, that others from outside the community may join the prayer of the community.

4.02 – Prayer Life.

(a)The Little Servants of Gloria Dei centers our lives around a prayer schedule.⁵

(1)Dawn: Morning Offering, Litany of Humility and Personal Prayers

(2)Morning: 6am Angelus, Divine Office, Universal Prayer, The Three Hail Marys Devotion, The Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin, Daily Consecration and Spiritual Reading

(3)Early Morning Mass and Rosary

(4)Daytime: Noon Angelus, Divine Office and Biblical Reading

(5)Afternoon: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Daily Litany and Office of Readings

(6)Evening: 6pm Angelus, Divine Office, Stations of the Cross (Fridays and Everyday during Lent)

(7)Night: Divine Office, Pro-Life Litany/Prayers, Read Gospel for Tomorrow's Mass, Silent Contemplation, Divine Praises and a Hymn

(8)Bedtime: Personal Prayers, Prayer Before Examination, and Nightly Examination

4.03 – Life of Penance.

(a)The primary sacrifice of the servants of Gloria Dei will be the long hours of prayer, intercession, and witness of love in front of the killing centers.

(b)We are called to truly embrace the promise of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Shunning normal comforts by living out true poverty, unless health conditions prevent it, we will sleep on mats on the floor, not in beds.

(c)If there is no Gloria Dei home in which to live, The Little Servants of Gloria Dei will live with prolife friends or in homeless shelters or on the street, where they will carry on their prayer life together. They will either beg their food, eat in soup kitchens, or accept food donations.

⁵Exact times are not noted in the schedule because individual communities must set this in relation to the time their local killing centers open.

ARTICLE V – ENTRANCE INTO THE COMMUNITY

5.01 – Initial membership.

(a) There is a 40 day formation period for all who wish to join the community of Gloria Dei.

(b) The little servants of Gloria Dei accept married, single, dating, widowed and religious persons as long as they are observing chastity within their vocation.

(1) Those who wish to date after having made the yearly commitment, must inform the Gloria Dei house leader not for permission but as to have an accountability partner.

(c) After the formation period, each applicant will be individually helped in his or her discernment by the formation director and finally by the acting head or director of the apostolate.

(1) If both aspirant and Gloria Dei director discern that the individual is indeed called to this apostolic life, this way of Divine love, a one year simple promise will be made by the aspirant.

(2) The promise will be of poverty, chastity, obedience, and commitment to the charism and discipline of the apostolate Gloria Dei. There will be a simple dress code, brown in color, including a head covering for the woman.

5.02 – Continued Membership

(a) Each year subsequent, on the same date and in front of the community, the requesting individual will have the opportunity to renew his or her promise for another year.

(b) After the third year, the Gloria Dei member will wear a modified and simple garb for all remaining years with the apostolate. The members of this pro-life community will be called simply by their first name with the title of little brother or little sister, because though not a religious in the normal sense, they consider themselves the siblings and servants of the children being annihilated, perhaps martyred, in this present day demonic abomination which has spread throughout the earth.

ARTICLE VI – GOVERNANCE

6.01 – Founder

Joan Bell is the founder of Gloria Dei.

6.02 – Board of Directors

(a) The Apostolate of Gloria Dei will have a Board of Directors.⁶

(1) The board will be comprised of no more than five individuals who will pray for this apostolate and commit to help guide it. Every effort should be made to appraise these trusted guides thoroughly and candidly of all that they should know.

(2) The primary attribute in considering someone for the Board must be the person's deep love of God and capacity to understand moral and spiritual truth, with a compatible understanding of not only the mission and charism of the apostolate but also the duty of men and women of Faith to act to end social and governmental persecution of the innocent.⁷

(3) Once a year there should be a scheduled meeting of this board.⁸ The meetings will be scheduled at the convenience of the board members.

⁶Holy and wise men and woman of God whose counsel will be sought.

⁷The Church reflects Christ who stands as a contradiction to evil in all its many forms and disguises. Jesus clearly states that "If men reject you, remember, they rejected Me first." It is to be expected if one is truly living the Gospel message.

⁸Though spiritual and practical counsel may be sought of many good people, friends and spiritual allies, this board will be in place for very specific guidance for the spiritual and corporal well being and direction of this work of God.

