

## ROME 3-4 May 2014 March for Life FOTOGALLERY “La Vigna di Rachele”



*The evening before the March, with friends from Rome and volunteers from Central and Southern Italy.*



*Sunday morning at 6:45 two “angels” (friends from Rome) came by car to transport us and our materials from the convent where we slept to the starting point of the March.*



*Just a few meters from Piazza della Repubblica, the March's starting point, some of our collaborators prepare for their work, wearing their "uniform" of T-shirt and cap bearing our ministry's name, "La Vigna di Rachele".*



*Two more friends from Rome ready to work regardless the early hour! Our friend on the left carries one of the most popular items give out that day: a card bearing the tender words of St. John Paul II to women who have been through abortion (Evangelium vitae 99).*





*Before the beginning of the March we distributed large posters in various styles to new friends who exhibited enthusiasm for our message: "Abortion hurts, Jesus heals."  
("L'aborto ferisce, Gesù guarisce.")*



*The Association of Catholic Gynecologists was also enthusiastic about our presence!*



During the March Monika offered cards to the **carabinieri** (military police) on duty, thanking them for their service and asking them to our message of hope home to anyone in their circle who may have been through abortion.



*Even a young **American family** (the husband is a prolife leader in the USA) carried one of our signs!*





The first group we met at 7:30am was this religious community as they got out of their van. The seminarians were very happy to carry 3 of our signs (*seen at left*).



Even given the crowds we were able to **talk with onlookers**, among them at least three women with abortion experiences in their past. A young American I spoke with in St. Peter's Square was particularly grateful for encouragement, counsel and referrals.





Cardinale Burke of St. Louis (now in service in Rome) is the prelate who has most visibly supported the march in its first 4 years. While greeting him Monika also gave him our English-language prayer cards.



This couple does prolife work in **Romania** and was eager to talk as they are looking for ways to help women who have already been through abortion.



This beautiful **Franciscan-style sign** was specifically produced for men, including the clergy.



The end of the March at St. Peter's Square...





... where we met **other friends**, including these from Tuscany.



After the March some of our team attended Holy Mass at Rome's Church of the Holy Spirit in Sassia, Spiritual Center for the **Divine Mercy** movement. It was an appropriate ending to a day in which we worked as ambassadors for that same Mercy!