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## Priests for Life in the Media, 2015

*Year in Review Summary by Leslie Palma, Communications Director*

**JANUARY:** Priests for Life began 2015 with a press conference announcing Silent No More's new Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion initiative. Fox News, EWTN, Christian Broadcasting Network, the Washington Times, Cyber News Service, LifeSite News, Newsbusters, American Thinker, Catholic News Service, Newsmax, Charisma News, LiveAction News and LifeNews were some of the news outlets that attended or covered the press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

**FEBRUARY:** The following month we were back at the Press Club, this time with the Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologist to announce the success of the abortion-pill reversal process. World Magazine, Fox News, Christian Broadcasting Network, LifeSite, LifeNews, the Gospel Herald, EWTN, Christian News Service, Washington Times, Catholic News Service and MedPage Today covered the story.

**MARCH:** Fox News hires Alveda King as a contributor, and this is reported in the New York Times, the Daily News, Huffington Post, Hollywood Reporter, Broadway World, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Yahoo News, IndieWire and the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**APRIL:** Priests for Life medical advisor Dr Anthony Levatino is chosen by Live Action News as one of 10 people who changed their mind on abortion, and changed history. Also, a pro-abortion writer publishes a piece in Cosmopolitan Magazine about her covert attendance at a Heartbeat International conference, and quoted Father Frank and Janet Morana. That same month, Alveda joined Victoria Hearst in demanding that Cosmopolitan come wrapped in a plain brown wrapper in stores. Alveda's comment that Cosmo content "lines the pockets of Planned Parenthood" was widely reported.

**MAY:** The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit denied an *en banc* re-hearing of Priests for Life's challenge to the HHS mandate but we were granted a stay as we appeal to the Supreme Court. Covering the story were Washington Times, National Catholic Register, LifeSite News, the Blaze, Western Journalism Report, Catholic News Service and LifeNews.

**JUNE:** The Troy City Council in Ohio passed a law specifically to keep Bryan Kemper and his missionaries from applying a super hydrophobic substance to city sidewalks during the annual Strawberry Festival. The Troy Daily News, WHIO-TV and the Dayton Daily News covered. The previous year, the Council passed a four-day ban on sidewalk chalking during the festival, also aimed at Stand True.

Also, The Op-Ed project was launched. Since its inception, Father Frank has become a columnist for Breitbart News, and the following outlets have published op-eds by Father Frank and other members of the team: USA Today, Philadelphia Inquirer, National Catholic Register, Daily Caller, Fox News, CNS News, Pewsitter, Washington Examiner, Washington Times, The Christian Review, Wanderer Press, Live Action News, LifeNews and Zenit.

**JULY:** The Center for Medical Progress began releasing videos that showed Planned Parenthood's involvement in the harvesting of baby body parts. Media outlets quoting Priests for Life include: Christian Post, World Net Daily, Catholic San Francisco, NewsBusters, Rapid News Network, Fox News, Catholic News Service, Catholic Standard, Amarillo Globe-News, Breitbart, Associated Press, Wall Street Journal, the Blaze, Cosmopolitan, USA Today, Aleteia and Newsbusters. Radio interviews on #PPsellsbodyparts included Bott Radio Network, Drew Mariani Show, Catholic Connection, WMAL – DC, WLS Chicago. Women from Silent No More also receive extensive coverage, including on EWTN, The Blaze, Live Action News and National Catholic Register.

**AUGUST:** Thomas Nelson publishes Father Frank's new book, ***Abolishing Abortion***. Heavy radio promotion included interviews on: KFAX – San Francisco; WMCA – New York; Franciscan University Radio; Testimony with Jensine Bard; WMAL – DC; Iowa Catholic Radio; Eagle Forum with Phyllis Schlafly; A Closer Look with Sheila Liaugminas; KNEO – The Word; TruNews; Point of View with Penna Dexter; Patriot and Preacher Show; Spirit Catholic Radio; Mater Dei Radio; Real Side with Joe Messina; WXJC – Birmingham; Bob Dutko Show, Detroit; Sam Malone Show, Houston, and American Family Radio.

**SEPTEMBER:** Office Depot near Chicago refuses to copy a flier containing Father Frank's "Prayer for the Conversion of Planned Parenthood." News outlets covering include: Chicago Tribune; Associated Press; Washington Times; World Magazine; LifeNews; Breitbart; CBS Chicago; CNS News; Daily Signal; Church Militant; US Markets Daily; New York Times; The Blaze; Crux; Washington Times, and CBS Los Angeles.

Also, Fox News airs *Planned Parenthood: Hidden Harvest*, in which Father Frank figures prominently, and Priests for Life hosts a standing room only Pro-Life International Symposium during the World Meeting of Families. National Catholic Register reports on the seminar. Pope Francis announces that all priests will be able to absolve the sin of abortion during the Year of Mercy. Coverage includes Boston Globe, The Guardian, National Review, National Catholic Register, Pittsburgh Tribune Review, NorthJersey.com and Washington Examiner.

**OCTOBER:** Priests for Life is in the news for a memorial service for the Gosnell babies and for support of a select panel appointed by House Speaker Boehner to investigate Planned Parenthood.

**NOVEMBER:** The US Supreme Court agrees to hear Priests for Life case against HHS mandate, along with six other cases. Coverage includes Staten Island Advance, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, LifeSite, BuzzFeed, Catholic News Service, MSNBC, The Atlantic, Daily Herald, Christian Today, Houston Chronicle, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Catholic Standard, Washington Examiner, World Magazine, Courthouse News Service.

Also, we were back at the National Press Club to talk about the case. EWTN, Fox News, Christian Broadcasting Network and LifeSite covered.

**DECEMBER:** After a shooting rampage at a Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood left three dead – including a police officer who was also a pro-life pastor – Father Frank is quoted extensively. News outlets include: Associated Press, LifeSite, Breitbart, Renew America, NewsMax and LifeNews

**OTHER TOPICS PRIESTS FOR LIFE WAS ASKED TO WEIGH IN ON DURING 2015 INCLUDE:**

- ❖ \*Mario Cuomo’s Catholic funeral
- ❖ #BlackLivesMatter
- ❖ Efficacy of pro-life activism
- ❖ March for Life
- ❖ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
- ❖ Use of graphic images
- ❖ \*50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Selma march
- ❖ Rape and late-term abortion
- ❖ Higher abortion rates among affluent women
- ❖ Gospel of Life celebration in Rome
- ❖ Terri Schiavo anniversary
- ❖ Abortion laws in West Virginia, Arizona, Kansas and North Carolina
- ❖ Nancy Pelosi’s Catholicism
- ❖ Declining numbers of abortions
- ❖ \*Laudate Si
- ❖ Bill de Blasio and Catholics
- ❖ Transgender activists invited to White House to meet Pope Francis
- ❖ South Carolina church massacre
- ❖ United Nations and the right to life
- ❖ Margaret Sanger bust in the National Gallery
- ❖ Tension between John Boehner and conservatives
- ❖ Pope Francis in the U.S.
- ❖ Planned Parenthood’s \$20 million donation to pro-abort candidates