

## Activities of Priests for Life -- Elections 2018

***As has been the case in previous election cycles since 1994, Priests for Life has allocated significant resources to its Political Responsibility efforts in the 2018 election cycle, including but not limited to the following non-partisan activities:***

- Use of the [www.PoliticalResponsibility.com](http://www.PoliticalResponsibility.com) (also publicized as [www.ProLifeVote.com](http://www.ProLifeVote.com)) website to inform voters of all the following initiatives, as well as voter guides about the parties' positions and about specific races, calendars for primaries, voter registration and early voting dates, educational videos about the need to elect prolife candidates, documents of the Church, statements from bishops, articles, action items for the election, events, opportunities to volunteer, and more.
- Daily Facebook Live Broadcasts ([www.Facebook.com/FatherFrankPavone](http://www.Facebook.com/FatherFrankPavone)) including in-depth training for voters ("Pro-life MAGA broadcasts" – see [www.ProLifeMAGA.com](http://www.ProLifeMAGA.com)) about how to participate in the elections, the progress made under Republican leadership, and why the election of a Republican Congress is essential to make progress on the pro-life front, both in laws and in the courts.
- Conducting "Vote for Life" training seminars on the ground in Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and multiple times online via Webcasts and Facebook Live to train election volunteers to help with voter identification, education, and GOTV activities.
- Activation of dozens of social media platforms for voter education and mobilization with an actual reach of over 200,000 people a day on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other platforms (see [www.ProLifeSocialMedia.com](http://www.ProLifeSocialMedia.com)), daily videos, some 20-25 posts per day, boosting of posts, and more.
- Online seminars specifically for clergy train them on what they can do to educate and mobilize voters.
- Broadcasts also in Spanish ([www.Facebook.com/SacerdotesPorLaVida](http://www.Facebook.com/SacerdotesPorLaVida)).
- Regular podcasting about the elections ([www.EndAbortionPodcast.US](http://www.EndAbortionPodcast.US))
- Broadcasting on all our internet platforms the rallies President Trump held across the country prior to the midterm elections.
- Commentaries (in print, on TV, radio and internet) about the US Bishops' Document *Living the Gospel of Life* on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary. The document is the most clear and powerful statement the US Bishops have made about voter responsibility.
- Production and airing on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) of the *Defending Life* series, twice a week, with special election-related episodes over the past year. This program reaches 95 million American television homes and far more through radio and internet.
- Preaching on the elections on EWTN during the weeks leading up to Election Day. Masses broadcast in English and Spanish, on TV, radio and internet across the country and worldwide.
- Hundreds of speaking engagements on political responsibility by the priests and laity on the Pastoral Team of Priests for Life, including weekends of preaching at all the masses in Churches in key states, and including presenting the political responsibility message at pro-life rallies and banquets, Diocesan convocations, the National Right to Life Convention, the Catholic Leadership Coalition national conference, the Catholic Marketing Network national trade show, the annual conference of Heartbeat International, Christian music festivals, and other national gatherings.
- Distribution of hundreds of thousands of the Democratic and Republican Party Platform Comparison guide, in English and Spanish, along with a legal letter of c-3 qualification ([VotingInfo.net](http://VotingInfo.net)), in print and electronically, through the mail and at conferences, events and Churches, to activists and pastors nationwide. Likewise, an analysis of the changes in the Democratic platform over the years was publicized at [www.priestsforlife.org/DemPlatform](http://www.priestsforlife.org/DemPlatform).
- Leading the Vote Pro-life Coalition ([www.VoteProLifeCoalition.com](http://www.VoteProLifeCoalition.com)) by which 501-(c)(3) organizations and Churches are educated as to what they can do in a non-partisan way to mobilize their people for the elections, providing the leaders with training sessions, talking points, social media posts, and other election resources.

- Quarterly meetings of the national pro-life leaders during which resources and strategies about the elections are discussed.
- Leading the National Election Prayer Campaign at [www.ElectionPrayer.com](http://www.ElectionPrayer.com), with the prayer in English and Spanish and the distribution of hundreds of thousands of prayer cards through Churches, organizations, events and families across the nation.
- Participation in and promotion of various specific prayer initiative with leading clergy and lay activists, led particularly by Priests for Life team members Fr. Frank Pavone and Evangelist Alveda King.
- Distribution of our two major books to prepare people and Churches nationwide for the election: [Abolishing Abortion](#) (Thomas Nelson, 2015) (including analysis of the Johnson Amendment and the fact that pastors can say and do a lot more than they think they can) and [Proclaiming the Message of Life](#) (Servant Books, 2016) (with pro-life commentary on readings for the entire Sunday lectionary so that preachers can preach the pro-life message).
- Election-related radio spots produced by Priests for Life and aired free of charge on Bott Radio Network, EWTN Global Catholic Radio (English and Spanish), Ave Maria Radio, Radio Maria, and other local and national networks.
- Election-related video ads produced by Priests for Life and distributed online.
- "Gospel of Life" program on Radio Maria every week, featuring extensive election commentary.
- Numerous guest appearances of our team for interviews on Catholic, Christian, and secular radio stations all over the country.
- Production and distribution of a pre-election video message to the pastors of America at [www.CatholicVoter.net](http://www.CatholicVoter.net)
- Intensive efforts to raise awareness among churches of voter registration, and how to conduct non-partisan voter registration drives; provision of easy-to-follow information about state laws and relevant deadlines regarding registration.
- Multiple faxes, emails, and snail mail to every Catholic parish in America with election-related materials, Priests for Life newsletters and resources for prayer, preaching, and action, as well as bulletin inserts.
- Focused communication into the ten red states in which Senate Democrats were up for re-election, alerting voters to their position on late-term abortion (including their votes – or in the cases of Sen. Nelson (FL) and Sen. Baldwin (WI), their failure to cast a vote – on the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.)
- Mobilization of the African-American community for the election by the speaking engagements, media appearances, op-eds and social media presence of Evangelist Alveda King, fulltime director of "Civil Rights for the Unborn" (the African-American Outreach of Priests for Life)
- Mobilization of the Hispanic community through our SacerdotesPorLaVida.org Hispanic Outreach activities, social media videos, and travels.
- Mobilization of youth through our Youth Outreach headed by Bryan Kemper.
- Educational efforts about pro-life ballot initiatives, where they were held, to motivate pro-life voter turnout.
- [Op-eds published in key papers about the elections](#) and their importance (outlets include Newsmax, The Washington Examiner, The Hill, The Christian Review, Catholic Online, and more).
- Efforts to encourage early voting by publicizing the opportunities through the Churches, publications and broadcasts.
- Mailings to hundreds of thousands of supporters regarding the election.
- Emails to hundreds of thousands of activists with election-related information about candidates, issues, registration deadlines, voter guides, early voting dates, and our Action Alerts ([www.StopAbortionNow.org](http://www.StopAbortionNow.org)).
- Election-related [press releases](#).
- ["Is This What You Mean?"](#) campaign challenging Democratic candidates to describe what they defend when they express support for legal abortion.

- Preparation and distribution of numerous videos, booklets (such as the [Study Guide](#) to the US Bishops' document *Living the Gospel of Life* and [Voting With a Clear Conscience](#).)
- Individual phone calls by Priests for Life staff and volunteers to every parish in multiple key states in the weeks leading up to the election, to urge and equip them to do everything possible to mobilize their parishioners to vote pro-life; phone calls also to hundreds of individual priests as well as lay activists who had expressed interest in helping with voter education and mobilization.
- Special training was provided for activists to distribute voter education material on the public sidewalks adjacent to Churches, in order to reach the Church-going population. This project included letters outlining the legal rights of these citizens, and those letters were sent simultaneously to the nearby Churches and local law enforcement offices.