



## **President Trump invites Alveda King to pray for our wounded nation**

During a rally in Phoenix in August, President Donald Trump invited Evangelist Alveda King of Priests for Life (director of our Civil Rights for the Unborn program and niece of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.), to offer a prayer for a nation divided by deep political differences and reeling from racially tinged violence at a protest rally in Charlottesville, VA.



*Evangelist Alveda King with President Trump and Vice President Pence at the Phoenix rally*

The president opened the rally with a call for unity, saying, "What happened in Charlottesville strikes at the core of America and tonight, this entire arena stands united in forceful condemnation of the thugs that perpetrated hatred and violence."

Vice President Mike Pence also called for unity, as did Housing Secretary Ben Carson. Alveda, in her beautiful prayer, called for racial unity and solidarity with the unborn children.

### ***A summer of activism for the Kemper kids***

*By Bryan Kemper, Director of Stand True Youth Outreach, Priests for Life*

This past summer, my 12-year-old son Jaemison continued his education in pro-life activism as he accompanied me to the annual training camp sponsored by Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust.

Jaemison traveled to San Francisco with me for a week of activism and he came away wanting more. Right now he's looking forward to going to the

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March for Life in D.C. in January. I can't wait for him to be there with me.

One of the things we do out of our Stand True office in Troy, Ohio, is to write pro-life messages on city streets using chalk. Despite the city's many efforts to stop us, this is a legal activity. Survivors also engages in sidewalk chalking, but their methods are a bit different.

In an activity known as "chalk and awe," Survivors will send out five vans of youths to a location. Jaemison and I went to the street where a member of the San Francisco Planning Commission lived, to ask him to rescind his "yes" vote on opening a new mega Planned Parenthood killing center. Within five minutes, the messages had been written and the kids were back in the van. True to its name, it was awe-inspiring.



*Fr. Frank Pavone and Bryan Kemper with youth at the National Right to Life Convention*

Jaemison was also with me at a pro-life event on a pier in San Francisco that is one of that city's famous "free speech zones." The police were there, trying to prevent our message from getting out in the very pro-abortion city by the bay. Jaemison was respectfully telling the officers that we had every right to be there. He was involved in fighting for our rights, and I was so proud of him for feeling the same pro-life passion that motivates me.

When I went to the National Right to Life convention in Milwaukee, three of my seven children went with me - Jaemison; 10-year-old Atticus and 8-year-old Emmerich. They helped distribute literature during the workshop I led, and Emmerich helped staff the Priests for Life booth. Turns out he has a knack for selling books! Atticus was excited because he won an electric guitar in a raffle.

My daughters weren't left out of my summer of activism. Sixteen-year-old Abigayle went with me to the Night Vision Festival in Olath, Colorado, where both Father Frank and I spoke.

I am so proud of all of my children.

## **Independence Day in South Carolina**

*By Rev. Denis G. Wilde, OSA, Associate Director, Priests for Life*

Over the New Year 2016 trip I led to the Holy Land I asked pilgrims on that venture to see what they could do to get Priests for Life into

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their parishes. I was happy when Darren and Jean-Marie Jump arranged with the pastor of their parish, Father Wil Mwape of Holy Trinity Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina, for me to visit on the weekend before July 4. I celebrated and preached at Masses in English and Spanish. My homilies emphasized returning to the roots of Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness as it concerns welcoming others, especially the massive numbers of unborn who are not welcomed.

Monday, after morning Mass and a group breakfast, Darren, Jean-Marie and I headed to the local pregnancy care center, DAZZ, a non-denominational center made to dazzle the young mother who comes in, with its bright décor and atmosphere. There is also a DAZZ center in Charleston as well. That night I gave a piano concert billed "Celebrating Life and Liberty," in anticipation of July Fourth. The concert -- professionally recorded -- ended with a splashy medley of American hymns and military and folk tunes, winding up with "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The next day I headed to the cathedral in Charleston for Mass. Wednesday morning we celebrated Mass at Stella Maris Church, a very traditional church in Sullivan Island, near Fort Sumter, before heading back to Philadelphia.

This venture was a really special one, as it was organized by people I met while leading the Holy Land pilgrimage. Father Mwape wants me to do a mission there within the year. Monsignor Steven L. Brovey (originally from Philadelphia) invited me to do a mission at the cathedral parish as well.

To invite Fr. Wilde to your parish, visit [www.priestsforlife.org/Travels](http://www.priestsforlife.org/Travels).

To read his articles and hear his preaching, visit [www.priestsforlife.org/FrWilde](http://www.priestsforlife.org/FrWilde).



*Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA with the staff of the DAZZ Pregnancy Center*

## **Priests for Life represented at opening of U.N.'s 72nd session**

The United Nations General Assembly began its 72nd session in September and Bob Lalonde, who coordinates international activities for Priests for Life, was there.





*Bob Lalonde of Priests for Life with Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the representative of Pope Francis to the United Nations*

Bob also took part in an annual prayer service to mark the occasion. The service was sponsored by the Holy See Mission to the United Nations, which is the vehicle at the UN that represents the Holy Father and the Vatican, and regularly speaks out on issues such as the right to life. Priests for Life and the Holy See Mission have collaborated closely for 25 years.

The service took place in the Church of the Holy Family, located near the U.N.'s headquarters in Manhattan, and was an opportunity to welcome the international body's officials, permanent representatives, observers, delegates, staff and the non-government organization community. A reception followed.

Along with the work of Bob Lalonde, Priests for Life -- which is a registered Non-Governmental Organization at the United Nations -- is represented on a regular basis by Marie Smith, Director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues, and wife of Congressman Chris Smith.

## **Aftermath of a tragedy: No-cost abortions offered in Texas**

*By Janet Morana, Executive Director, Priests for Life*

Sixty people lost their lives when Hurricane Harvey slammed into Texas recently. The owner of a chain of abortion businesses in the state is hoping to increase the death toll.

Amy Hagstrom Miller, owner of Whole Woman's Health, is **offering no-cost abortions** for the month of September.

"During Hurricane Harvey, many of the clinics in Houston had to close temporarily, leaving women with very few options," according to the abortion seller's website. "We can only imagine what a stressful time this must be for those patients who had to miss their appointments or are waiting for the nearest clinic to open."

Miller's focus on making sure babies die is just plain ghoulish. Those of us fortunate enough to be able to watch the hurricane from our safe and dry homes wept as we read of a family of six - great-grandparents and four children - **who drowned in a van**; a young man **electrocuted** as he went to try to rescue a cat - selflessly warning a friend not to touch him; a couple **killed** trying to escape the storm; a little girl **rescued from the flood**, clutching her mother's lifeless

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body. Every Harvey death was a tragedy.

But we also saw images of incredible bravery, selflessness and ingenuity.

From the **Washington Post**: "After the storm blew into Houston, a remarkable network of boat owners with smartphones, worried neighbors with laptops and digital wizards with mapping software popped up to summon and support an army of Good Samaritans who motored, rowed and waded into dangerous waters to save family, friends and total strangers."

We saw a **photo** of an infant baby cradled in his mother's arms - and the mom cradled in the arms of a rescuer. We sat transfixed as we watched videos of **horses, cows, dogs, kittens** and even a **hawk** being saved from the rushing water.

Those who could, opened their wallets, with one **fund**, started by JJ Watt of the Houston Texans, collecting more than \$200 million to help those who suffered losses in the storm.

All of this allowed us a moment, too fleeting, to think about the enormous compassion human beings are capable of showing in bad times. But then the opportunists arrived.

Heartless looters **ransacked** the home of an 89-year-old woman, even as her body floated in four feet of water. And Amy Hagstrom Miller had an idea to bring in more customers to her killing centers: Offer free abortion, with travel and housing costs covered as well.

True, she won't make money from these abortions. But many women who have one abortion go on to **have another**, so she might benefit from repeat customers. And the publicity she is getting, both **positive** and **negative**, will also help her bottom line.

Miller is a high-profile abortion profiteer because of the publicity she gained when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in her favor - and against women's safety - in **Whole Woman's Health vs. Hellerstedt**, so it's no surprise to find her in the news again. She's trying to offer a quick fix to women who think they have no other choice, but we know from the women of the **Silent No More Awareness Campaign** that this quick fix can and often does lead to a lifetime of regret.

As I write this, I'm watching Hurricane Irma barreling toward my new Florida home, my thoughts are still in Texas. It's disheartening to think that amid the tragedy and heroism that will be the twin legacy of Hurricane Harvey, some mothers will forever remember that they, too, lost something in the storm.

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## **The link between abortion loss and addiction**

*By Kevin Burke, Pastoral Associate, Priests for Life*

Recently I had the opportunity to address a private gathering of 30 New Jersey certified addiction specialists on the psychological challenges women and men can suffer after abortion.

During my presentation, I also offered an introduction to the recovery process that is part of a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The drug counselors shared how many of their clients have experienced the loss of a child to abortion, and how their complicated grief can play a significant role in their addiction struggle.

Many of the participants expressed appreciation at the insight and understanding they now have of the issues their clients face and the benefits of recovery programs for abortion loss.

One therapist serves clients in the female prison system and shared how many of the inmates have been wounded by their abortions. We will stay in touch to explore ways to bring healing into the prisons.

## **PNCI Presents at International Legislators' Meeting**

The annual meeting of the International Catholic Legislators Network (ICLN) in Frascati, near Rome, was attended by Marie Smith, Director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues (PNCI). ICLN was founded in 2010 by Cardinal Christoph Schönborn of Vienna (who serves as a special advisor to Priests for Life) and British Member of Parliament Lord David Alton to bring together Catholic legislators to discuss issues of common concern and share ideas about how best to bring their common faith to bear on their work in favor of the common good.

Over the past seven years, Father Pavone, Marie Smith, Janet Morana and others from Priests for Life have attended the gathering of lawmakers. Priests for Life has had an active role in presenting current information on the global struggle to protect the lives of unborn children from abortion. This year Mrs. Smith conducted a seminar on the challenges to life currently taking place at the United Nations.

"Ideological colonialism" in Africa was also a key topic of concern

as a large number of African countries continue to be pressured by select donor countries, NGOs and UN agencies to legalize abortion as a condition for development assistance.

The closed meeting was attended by 220 lawmakers from around the world, including a large delegation from Africa. The group was received by Pope Francis who called on the legislators to strongly support laws that protect the "defenseless and the marginalized" in society.

## **National Day of Remembrance in Philadelphia**

*By Victoria Gisondi, Public Outreach Coordinator*

We didn't know where the forgotten babies were buried in the cemetery until we spotted a few people huddled by a pitiful pile of cloth animals on the damp lawn. Months of rain had drained them of any color except spots of bright green mold. Grass had grown through them and I couldn't even make out what kind of animals they once had been. Possibly the shredded limbs of a rag monkey, three teddy bears, a lamb, and a lion with a missing face. Polyester filling was in tufts on the grass here and there. That was their grave marker, a pile of rags.

Even after death, the resting place of some of the children killed by abortionist Kermit Gosnell looks like an afterthought in comparison to the grand monuments that surrounded us in Laurel Hill Cemetery. The city of Philadelphia had the bodies cremated and the ashes buried in this undisclosed location. They chose not to mark the graves.

But Philadelphia-area pro-lifers gathered to remember them nonetheless at the Laurel Hill Cemetery on the fifth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. They weren't alone. Mourners gather nationally at locations across the country on the second Saturday of September every year to remember these children. Their little bodes have been found in dumpsters, bags, refrigerators, and worse. They deserve a proper burial and service.

Father Frank Pavone led the memorial service and three members of the



*Fr. Frank at the grave of the babies found in the clinic of Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell*

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Silent No More Awareness Campaign, Maggie Sweet, Victoria Nape, and Lauren Kreutzer, gave their testimony of healing after abortion.

"I come to be a voice for the voiceless," Maggie said.

"I never want to forget the lives lost," said Lauren. "Since my own babies don't have a grave, it gives me a place to go."

Priests for Life's Father Denis Wilde and Father Pavone, along with Pastor Bill Devlin of Infinity Bible Church, ended the service by blessing the grave.

As the people turned away from the burial place to go home, I knelt down and pulled out the grass that had grown between the stuffed animals. I picked up the ones that were face-down and rearranged them. My sister knelt down and helped. We propped up the small ones against the bigger ones into a quasi-orderly arrangement. It was the best we could do.

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