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† In 2018 Priests for Life Celebrates †

Fr. Frank Pavone's 30th Anniversary of Ordination and 25th Anniversary as National Director of Priests for Life

Back-to-school night at Ave Maria University

Janet Morana went back to college for a night!

Invited to address Ave for Life, the pro-life club at Ave Maria University, near Naples, FL, Janet and her new assistant, Belinda Burton, drove across the state to visit the campus.

Janet spoke to at least 50 students from the club and was impressed with the topics they raised in the question-and-answer session after the talk. Belinda was struck by how many young men were fully engaged in the topic.



Janet Morana speaking to students at Ave Maria

To make the most of her visit, Janet was in touch ahead of time with Dr. Michael New, a friend and colleague who is a pro-life writer and researcher as well as a professor at Ave Maria. He arranged for Janet to talk to two classes, including a marketing class that was interested in the business aspects of how Priests for Life is run.

"All of the young people I spoke to were so passionate and enthusiastic about life," Janet said. "These were not the snowflake millennials we hear so much about. These are future leaders of our nation, and they have my vote of confidence."

Order Janet's newest book *Shockwaves: Abortion's Wider Circle of Victims* and her best-selling book, *Recall Abortion* using the order form below or at www.ProLifeProducts.org.

Joint Priests for Life-Vatican Publication

The Way of the Cross for Families is a collaborative effort of Priests for Life and the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family. This is a special gift and blessing for families, because there is a deep connection between the mysteries of Our Lord's Passion and the

mystery of the family. This booklet is 55 pages and includes colorful illustrations. Order using the order form below or at www.Prolifeproducts.org.

In Titusville, dinner is served at the world's "Longest Table"

Father Frank and Janet Morana had dinner recently at the world's "Longest Table."

That was the name of an event organized by the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce in an effort to bring the community together over a meal. In a parking lot in Historic Titusville, a table was set for 200 guests who enjoyed a free dinner and fine fellowship.

Chamber President Marcia Gaedcke explained the genesis of the dinner to the Hometown News:

"I saw this last year done by the Jacksonville Chamber and I just think that idea of helping being a catalyst to bring different people together and build new relationships, start new conversations and all sit down for a meal together is a really cool concept."

"This was a fantastic way for Father Frank and I to continue to meet our new neighbors and for those who didn't know about Priests for Life to learn about our ministry, and how they can become involved," Janet said.

"It was a perfect evening of networking and relationship-building," Father Frank added. "There was a high level of interest in Priests for Life, and we even got a shout out from the leaders of the Chamber of Commerce as they conducted the evening's program."

Priests for Life is now a proud member of the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce, and Father Frank and Janet are looking forward to next year's dinner.

Priests for Life at the United Nations meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

Priests for Life participated in the UN meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW, March 12 - 23) in New York organized with the theme "empowering rural women and girls." Bob Lalonde, who coordinates international relations for Priests for Life, was at the two-week conference attended by over 6,000 representatives from around the world and actively promoted our officially accepted prolife statement, met ambassadors, participated in coalition strategy sessions and US State Department briefings, and attended side events, including those sponsored by the Holy See Mission.

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Priests for Life advocated at CSW that "continued progress around the world is needed to empower all women, especially rural women, in the role of mother with the maternal health care they need during pregnancy and childbirth to ensure that they and their children survive and thrive...Recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of rural women throughout the life cycle will help achieve gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls. Cultural practices which de-value the life of the girl-child must end and the dignity of a rural woman affirmed during all stages of life, from conception to natural death."



Bob Lalonde at the United Nations

The complete Priests for Life statement can be found on our website at www.priestsforlife.org/18-03-CSW-Statement.pdf.

~ March for Life 2018 ~



Fr. Frank blesses pro-lifers before the Mass for Life at the Basilica in Washington on January 18.



Janet Morana and members of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign were interviewed by Teresa Tomeo for the EWTN live coverage of the March.



Fr. Frank Pavone and Bryan Kemper on stage with other pro-life leaders at the March for Life rally.



Clergy from many denominations participated once again in the National Prayer Service that Fr. Frank led at DAR Constitution Hall on the morning of the March.



Janet Morana, Fr. Frank Pavone and Georgette Forney at the gathering of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign at the Supreme Court.



Fr. Frank Pavone and Janet Morana, and other pro-life leaders, spent some time with Vice President and Mrs. Pence on the night before the March for Life.

Target the Right Enemy

By Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director and Victoria Garaitonandia Gisoni, Outreach Associate

In some circles of the pro-life movement, we see a lot of criticism of the Republicans in the US Senate for not getting more pro-life legislation passed. But I challenge those who criticize Republican Senators to examine the actual roll call votes on the pro-life bills that have been considered. If these men and women are keeping their promises, and they introduce, co-sponsor, argue in favor of and vote for pro-life measures, then why target them? It would make sense to criticize the two Republican Senators (Murkowski and Collins) who vote pro-abortion, and, of course, the Democrats, but the pro-life Senators who vote pro-life and the majority leader in Senate end up getting the backlash! It seems more logical that the proper target of criticism should be those who hurt the cause. We should focus our energy on getting them out of office and replacing them with Senators who vote pro life.

And above all, why are so many pro-life people letting the 49 Democrats off the hook, just accepting with silence or a resigned sigh that they are going to vote pro-abortion? These Democrats should be challenged to explain what they have against protecting babies from pain or taking money away from Planned Parenthood, who does a 1/3 of nation's abortions and owns half its abortion clinics. If Democrats weren't so pro-abortion and blindly allied to the extremism of their platform we could see some movement. Again, I ask, who deserves the criticism? If, in fact, there are Republican Senators who won't vote pro-life, look at their records and target them! And if Democrats vote pro-abortion, let's put the pressure on them and target them!

The solution is not, as some pro-lifers advocate, to "teach Republicans a lesson" in the next elections. We would be shooting ourselves in the foot! The solution is to get Democrats (and pro-abortion Republicans) out of office and to elect pro-lifers who will vote the way we want to and increase our numbers.

Sixty Votes

By Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the reason pro-life bills often do not become law is the 60-vote threshold that needs to be met in the US Senate. Here is a further explanation of that problem.

Here is why

As is well known, Congress is divided into two houses- the House of Representatives and the Senate. Each state has two senators for a total of 100 senators. A Senate majority is 51. The House is structured differently, with 435 members. A House majority would be 218.

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For a proposal to become a law, it has to pass both the House and the Senate by majority votes and then go to president's desk to be signed. However, the minority has power, too. If the minority does not want a decision to be made, they may stonewall and try to have endless debate so that no decision is made. The term for this in a legislative body is filibuster. It is a technique that goes all the way back to Roman Empire used by Roman Senators.

Solutions

To deal with this problem, in 1842 the House made a rule to permanently limit time debating an issue before voting on it, thus eliminating filibuster in the House. In the Senate, however, any one of the 100 senators can still filibuster and prevent a vote. If a filibuster is even threatened, the majority might put the matter aside and move on to other things. That is how the minority wins.

The effort to limit debate and have a vote is called cloture, a French word that means "fence." That's the intention - to fence in or limit debate and then move on to a vote. In 1917, the Senate introduced Rule 22. To bring debate on a measure to a close, 2/3 of senators present and voting would be required to decide it. But this proved too high a threshold to reach so the Senate changed Rule 22 in 1975 to require 3/5 of all senators -- not just those present -- to decide it, and 3/5 of 100 is 60. This 60 is sometimes referred to as a super majority.

Exceptions

There is a process called the Reconciliation process which deals with budgetary matters. It requires just 51 votes. It can only be used one time in the course of a year. Other exceptions more recently introduced are that in 2013, the Senate, under control of Democrats, eliminated the filibuster in instances of nominations to executive positions and federal courts except for the Supreme Court. Hence, 51 votes now suffice for these confirmations. Then in 2017, Republicans in power eliminated filibusters of Supreme Court nominees.

So, What's Left?

Legislation is the last factor that is still at the mercy of a filibuster without a super majority. The Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would have protected babies from abortion at 20 weeks of development and beyond. It passed in the House and went to the Senate where the majority is Republican. Yet, when cloture was invoked it did not reach 60 votes necessary and did not pass. This is where filibuster is still an issue and why we need 60 reliable pro-life votes in Senate.

What's Next?

The 2018 midterm elections are the key to our success. Pro-lifers must put their energy into electing more pro-life Senators. Help us to do this by signing up at www.PoliticalResponsibility.com.



Priests for Life is once again being welcomed to the Pontifical University of Regina Apostolorum in Rome. Janet Morana will be teaching a class there in July at the summer bioethics course. In this photo are Janet and Fr. Frank by the emblem of the Pontifical University in 2016. (A "pontifical" university is set up or approved by the Holy See itself, to advance the mission of the Church.)



Father Frank spoke to the 2018 Assembly for Life on Jan. 21 in Worcester, MA, and was welcomed to the diocese by Bishop Robert McManus, far right.

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Featured Products

Shockwaves: Abortion's Wider Circle of Victims

This new book by Janet Morana, Executive Director of Priests for Life shines a bright light on the undeniable truth of abortion, that it impacts everyone - not only the mothers and fathers who lose their own children to abortion, but also the grandparents, siblings, extended families, religious and ethnic communities, pro-life advocates and even the abortion providers themselves. Published by Catholic Book Publishing Corp

Recall Abortion (Paperback)

This best-selling book by Janet Morana delves deeply into abortion as a bad product that should be recalled by our government, and explores what women who have abortions recall about the experience. She traces the societal changes that brought about abortion, and covers many of the arguments for keeping abortion legal, including at-risk mothers, victims of rape and incest, and fetal anomalies. If you know someone who is a pro-choice Catholic or just part of what Janet calls the "mushy middle," it is a must read. Published by Saint Benedict Press.

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Praise for Shockwaves: Abortion's Wider Circle of Victims

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Rachel's Vineyard have brought God's healing and mercy to countless people wounded by abortion. In "Shockwaves," Janet Morana gives a new impetus to that healing mission by showing how much wider and deeper the wounds of abortion are than most people realize! - **His Eminence Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna**

As Pope Francis has reminded us, the Church must be the place where people encounter God's mercy. In this book Janet Morana has given us a great new tool to help us understand how many people are wounded by abortion, and how we can accompany them toward healing! - **Most Rev. Michael Sheridan, Bishop of Colorado Springs**

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