



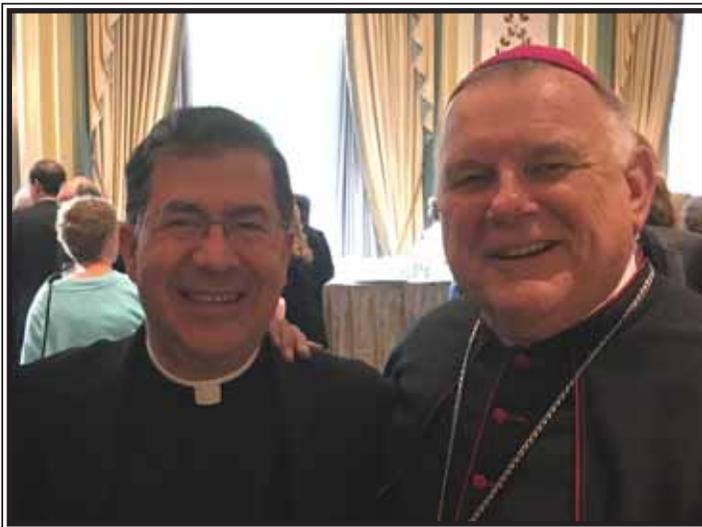
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Cardinal salutes Father Pavone, Priests for Life for "doing the best for life"

by Fr. Frank Pavone

His Eminence Cardinal Renato Martino, a top Vatican Cardinal who is president emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and who once served as the Holy See's top diplomat to the United Nations, visited Priests for Life's New York City office on Thursday, May 25th, as the ministry prepares to relocate to Titusville, Florida.



Here Fr. Frank is shown recently with Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami. His archdiocese will host the upcoming pro-life conference for the state of Florida, at which Priests for Life Pastoral Associate Alveda King has been invited to speak.

guidance has been so valuable to us. I look forward to him visiting us in Florida."

The cardinal traveled from Rome to attend the 26th annual dinner of his Path to Peace Foundation in Manhattan Wednesday night May 24th. Father Pavone and Bob Lalonde, who coordinates international activities for Priests for Life, also attended the dinner, which raises funds for the foundation Cardinal Martino established to help the Holy See Mission respond to humanitarian needs.

Father Frank Pavone noted that Cardinal Martino dedicated the Staten Island building for Priests for Life in 2000, when the organization began to expand its outreach and staff.

"Cardinal Martino has been a resource for and a supporter of Priests for Life for decades," he said. "His friendship means so much to us. He is a true champion for life and his



At the Faith and Freedom Conference in June, President Trump gathered with religious leaders and spoke at a special luncheon. Seated with Fr. Frank here are, from left to right, Father Fasano, Father Hathaway, Sister Joseph and Mother Assumpta.

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Addressing members of the Pastoral Team, office staff and off-location associates in Tennessee, Florida, California, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Rome, Cardinal Martino said, "Father Pavone knows that in Rome, in the Curia, he has a best friend. I know what he's doing and I can testify he is doing the best for life. I am so happy to be here with all of you. I can see with my eyes and touch with my hands what you really do. God bless you."

A native of Salerno, Italy, Cardinal Martino was ordained to the priesthood in 1957 and elevated to cardinal in 2003. He served as a Vatican diplomat to Thailand, Singapore, Laos and Malaysia before being named permanent observer to the U.N. in 1986. He was named president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2005 and president of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People the following year. He retired from both posts in 2009.

Many of those who know Cardinal Martino personally have been fortunate enough to taste some of his homemade limoncello, a lemon liqueur. The cardinal explained how he came to be the owner of his family's recipe: He is one of five sons and with no daughters, his mother had to choose one of her boys to help her with the limoncello. His Eminence was generous enough to share the recipe with the staff (surprising find: Only the lemon peel is used to make limoncello, not the fruit or the juice) and he shared an anecdote over a famous fan of the concoction: Pope Francis.

When the pope was still the archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Martino traveled to Argentina and brought some of the elixir to gift the archbishop.

"He liked it very much," the cardinal recalled. "When he became pope, the first time we met after his election, he asked me 'do you still do the limoncello?' The second time we met, he said, 'will you send me some,' and so I did."

The Cardinal recently wrote a letter updating Priests for Life supporters about the growth of the ministry and the good it does for the Church, and urging them to continue and increase their support. The letter can be seen on our website, www.PriestsForLife.org.

Pro-Life Progress Under President Trump

President Donald Trump has been making so much progress in the area of pro-life and religious freedom that by the time you are reading this article, there will be many more things that have to be added to it!

No president has accomplished more for the Culture of Life at the beginning of his term than has President Trump.

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President Trump's first and most important achievement was keeping Hillary Clinton out of the White House. She is an extreme and avid supporter of abortion and Planned Parenthood.

Once in office, President Trump did the following:

He signed an executive order reinstating and enhancing the Mexico City Policy (MCP). The order not only reestablishes the original MCP's prohibition against Agency for International Development (AID) funding of groups that perform or promote abortion in foreign countries, but also extends that restriction to all federal departments and agencies. Further, the measure bars, to the extent permitted by law, the funding of organizations that support or participate in programs of forced abortion or involuntary sterilization. By this one action, the President kept \$9 billion away from the abortion industry.

President Trump then sent Vice President Mike Pence to speak in person at the March for Life. President Trump tweeted to the crowd, "The #MarchForLife is so important. To all of you marching --- you have my full support!"

President Trump has expressed his support for a bill passed by the



Fr. Frank Pavone and Janet Morana (Executive Director of Priests for Life) once again shared moments with Kellyanne Conway and Vice President Pence recently, discussing with both of them the key priorities of the pro-life movement -- priorities to which the Trump Administration is fully committed and which it has already done so much to advance

House of Representatives, namely, H.R. 7, which would place the Hyde amendment into federal law (eliminating the need for annual Congressional action) and extend it to all federal spending, not just expenditures authorized through the Department of Health and Human Services. The legislation would also bar the government from subsidizing insurance plans that cover elective abortions.

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President Trump was able to seat a pro-life justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Neil Gorsuch has ruled against the Obama administration's HHS mandate and has written a book opposing the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

President Trump signed into law House Joint Resolution 43, which revoked the Obama administration regulation that required states to give Title X family planning funds to Planned Parenthood and other groups that perform abortions.

President Trump continues to publicly call for the defunding of Planned Parenthood, and to work hard with the Congress to make sure this happens. He told the New York Times that organizations that now perform abortions could continue to receive federal funding if they stop performing abortions. Planned Parenthood rejected the offer.

The Trump administration's State Department announced that the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will no longer receive federal funding because its participation in China's forced abortion policy violates federal law (the Kemp-Kasten amendment).

President Trump signed an Executive Order to restore protection of religious liberty against the Obamacare HHS mandate and against the unreasonable interpretation and application of the "Johnson Amendment," which restricts Churches and non-profit organizations from speaking their minds on politics. The President said that they should always be free to say what they think.

Priests for Life will continue to work closely with this pro-life President, and we urge all of you to help us advance policies like this by signing up for and participating in our Action Alerts. Go to www.StopAbortionNow.org.

Another season of The Catholic View for Women

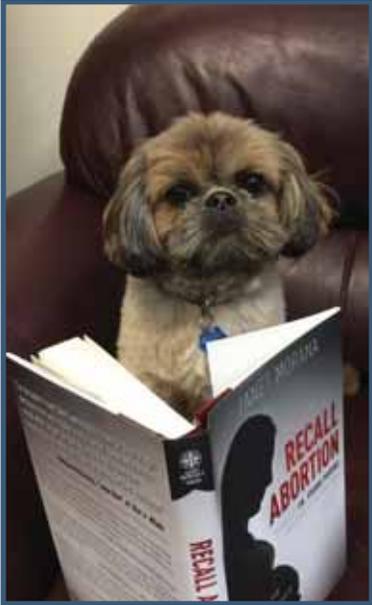
By Janet Morana

In June my travels took me to Alabama to tape another season of ***The Catholic View for Women*** with my co-hosts Teresa Tomeo and Elena Rodriguez. Elena has taken the place of Astrid Bennett Gutierrez, who will be the host of a new Spanish-language version of The Catholic View. Our Wednesday night and Friday morning audiences will get to meet Elena in September.

In addition to a new host, we also



In early June, (l. to r.) Janet Morana, Elena Rodriguez, and Teresa Tomeo tape another series of The Catholic View for Women at EWTN.



Gianni, our Shi-Tzu mascot here at Priests for Life, loves the books we produce. Here he is reading Janet Morana's book Recall Abortion, which argues that the devastation which those who undergo abortion always recall makes a strong case that the government needs to recall this dangerous product from the market. Order the book and sign the petition that goes with it at www.RecallAbortion.com. Now, Janet is finalizing her second book, due in January, about the Shockwaves of Abortion. The book explores the wider circle of those devastated by abortion -- beyond the baby, the mom and the dad. Entire families and indeed our whole society are wounded by each abortion, as are those who perform them and the pro-life activists who try to stop them. See the background to this important book at www.AbortionShockwaves.com and be on the lookout for further announcements!

have a brand new set for the show, which viewers will get their first glimpse of in 2018.

Father Frank Pavone, who serves as a spiritual adviser to the show, also was on set with us. It's always a blessed experience to be with our brothers and sisters at EWTN, who work so hard - on screen and behind the scenes - to ensure viewers have wholesome, informative programming to turn to as they flip around the channels. I hope you can tune in! The show airs at 11 p.m. ET on Wednesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays. And please visit www.thecatholicviewforwomen.com for more information, to view past episodes, and to suggest topics you would like to see us cover on future shows.

My Trip to Fatima and Lourdes

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

In May, just before the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Mother's first apparition to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, I served as spiritual director for a tour that visited Portugal, Spain and France. Twenty-four pilgrims from all over the U.S. and from as far away as Australia were my traveling companions for the tour.

We flew in to Lisbon, Portugal, and had Mass in the Santo Antonio Church, dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua, who was born in Lisbon. From there we traveled to Santerem (Saint Irene), an ancient town that experienced a Eucharistic miracle some 800 years ago, when a consecrated host stolen from a church began to bleed profusely. The host remains enshrined in a silver monstrance in the church to this day.

Our next stop was Fatima, where we spent two nights. This was just a few days before the anniversary, and the canonization there of St. Francisco and St. Jacinta, two of the three Fatima children. Both died during an

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influenza pandemic within three years of the Fatima apparitions. Their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, became a Carmelite sister. She died in 2005 and her cause for canonization is progressing. A highlight of the tour was a visit to their childhood homes.

We took part in a nighttime rosary and Eucharistic procession throughout the area of the shrine, where apparitions took place on the 13th of each month for six consecutive months in 1917.

During different times on the tour I was able to give talks about our work at Priests for Life, and also to talk about the links between Fatima, Russia and abortion. On July 13, 1917, the third time Mary appeared to the children, she asked the children to pray for the consecration of Russia and said the world would be saved by the conversion of this nation. What happened instead was that the Communists claimed Moscow in October 1917 and began their expansion. In 1920, the Soviet Union became the first nation to legalize abortion. How Mary's heart must have broken.

After we left Fatima, our bus crossed the border into Spain, where we visited the university city of Salamanca and Avila, where we had Mass in the chapel of a Carmelite monastery. Our next stop was the city of Burgos and then we were on to the Shrine of St. Ignatius of Loyola for Mass.

That evening we traveled to Lourdes in France, where we spent three days. We had a private Mass in the chapel in one of the basilicas. I also had a chance to celebrate Mass right next to the Grotto for seven English-speaking groups visiting Lourdes at the time.

For the first time, I was able to bathe in the healing waters at Lourdes and as I immersed myself in the water, I prayed for the conversion of sinners and an end to abortion. I was able to bring some Lourdes water home with me.

While in Lourdes we also visited the home of Bernadette Soubirous, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared 18 times in 1858.

I found the tour to be a deeply enriching, moving experience. Mary's main message to us was that we should pray for the conversion of hearts, and of nations. Clearly our nation needs to be converted away from the prevalent culture of death and into a culture of life that welcomes children and cares for the frail and the elderly. I found my traveling companions ready to become immersed in this effort.

When the tour was over, I flew to England to stay with the Augustinians and visit some churches, including St. Martin, Ludgate, an Anglican church where the parents of William Penn were married. Penn is famous for becoming a Quaker, a champion of religious freedom and the founder of Pennsylvania. That was a nice connection to make before ending my trip and coming home - to Pennsylvania.

Olympic Gold Medalist Silent No More About Her Abortion

In her new memoir, *Chasing Grace: What the Quarter Mile Has Taught Me About God and Life*, Olympic gold medal sprinter Sanya Richards-Ross wrote about her abortion, saying that it broke her, and that she wants to be silent no more, and help others to find healing. She had the abortion one day before boarding a plane for the Beijing Olympics in 2008. She was favored to win gold in the 440 meter race but she took home only the bronze medal, and a team gold in a relay race.

People magazine excerpted the following quotes from the book:

Of the decision to abort, made with her fiancé (now husband) Aaron Ross:

"Over the phone, we didn't go into details. As if not saying it would alleviate some of the guilt and the shame."

"Everything I ever wanted seemed to be within reach. The culmination of a lifetime of work was right before me. In that moment, it seemed like no choice at all. The debate of when life begins swirled through my head, and the veil of a child out of wedlock at the prime of my career seemed unbearable. What would my sponsors, my family, my church, and my fans think of me?"

"I made a decision that broke me, and one from which I would not immediately heal. Abortion would now forever be a part of my life. A scarlet letter I never thought I'd wear. I was a champion - and not just an ordinary one, but a world-class, record-breaking champion. From the heights of that reality, I fell into a depth of despair."

"The name of the book is called 'Chasing Grace.' Chasing is something I've been doing all my life. I'm chasing gold medals; I'm chasing records, and chasing the best version of myself. So, for me, if I didn't share the toughest moment in my life where I felt God's grace the most, it would be disingenuous to this journey. I think there are lots of young girls who experience this, especially female athletes. I look forward to having more discussions about it and helping young women heal from it."

Years after the abortion, she and her husband discussed it for the first time:

"(Ross) explained to me that he was as burdened by the decision as I was. He believed that our child in 2008 was a blessing we had rejected by always wanting to be in control."



Fr. Frank Pavone and Bob Lalonde attended the Annual dinner of the Path to Peace Foundation which honored two peacemakers, Cardinal Mario Zenari, Papal Nuncio to Syria with the Path to Peace Award for his courageous commitment to the people of the war-torn country and Sister Mary Angel Acayo with the Servitor Pacis Award for her work serving women and girls in Uganda. In the picture Fr. Pavone and Bob are accompanied by Archbishop Auza, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and President of the Path to Peace Foundation and Cardinal Zenari.

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