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Looking back at the accomplishments of 2018: Part 2

The year 2018 was a very productive year at Priests for Life. In the January newsletter we printed part one of this report; part two follows here.

The midterm elections, of course, kept us busy.

Consistent with its activities in past elections, and with civil law and canon law, Priests for Life again launched its voter education and mobilization efforts for the 2018 elections. Seminars were held on the ground and online to explain Church teaching on voter responsibility and the moral significance of electoral issues. In addition, practical activities to inform voters and get them to the polls were explained.

The current focus in the pro-life movement on late-term abortion was highlighted as an electoral issue, as were the rights of citizens to distribute informative voter education material letting them know the positions of the political parties and candidates on a range of issues. It was also made clear, after the November elections, that the work for the 2020 election cycle, incorporating many of the same activities, was beginning immediately.

Our media influence continued to grow in 2018. Every several days, an op-ed by one or another member of the Priests for Life pastoral team appears in an online publication that is influential in the pro-life movement and beyond. Fr. Frank Pavone and some of our other team members are regular columnists for outlets like Newsmax.com, Breitbart, LifeNews.com, and many others. The team is regularly called on to give opinions on hot button issues for the media - print, radio and TV.

Some of our projects for 2018 included:

- Continuing to expose the reality of late-term abortion in the U.S.
- Supporting the nomination of now-Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh
- Supporting the Supreme Court case NIFLA vs. Becerra by submitting a Friend of the Court brief. The case, in which NIFLA prevailed, set a precedent in establishing that pregnancy help centers do not have to refer their clients for abortion.
- Calling hundreds of priests around the country who have asked for our assistance or participated in our projects, so that we could encourage these

priests in their mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Life.

- Sponsoring the annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, which gathers pro-lifers across the country at gravesites of and memorials to children killed in legal abortion.
- Advocating on behalf of Baby Alfie Evans and his parents as they fought to save his life in Great Britain, where a hospital and courts had determined he had no right to life.

The various branches of our ministry also had a very busy year.

Rachel's Vineyard founded by Dr. Theresa and Kevin Burke, is the largest ministry in the world for healing after abortion, and operates as a ministry of Priests for Life. Theresa and Kevin, as well as the staff of the international RV headquarters, are employed as full-time associates of Priests for Life. Rachel's Vineyard offers retreats for healing, as well as group and individual follow-up. An international leadership conference in 2018 was a tremendous success.

Under the leadership of our full-time associate, Evangelist Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King Jr., we have continued the work of "Civil Rights for the Unborn," which promotes among all communities, and through a variety of educational and media efforts, the message that the civil rights movement of today is the pro-life movement, and that the dream of her uncle Martin cannot survive if we murder our children.

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign, a joint project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life, is the largest mobilization of mothers, fathers, and families who have lost children to abortion. They have found healing and, through this ministry, share their stories publicly so that those tempted to abort will realize that abortion does not solve their problems, but only creates new ones, and so that those who have made this mistake will realize that hope and healing are available.

To see detailed reports on all of the activities of Priests for Life and its affiliated ministries, please go to PriestsForLife.org/EndOfYearReports.



Fr. Frank Pavone giving opening remarks before the women and men of the Silent No More Campaign share their testimonies at the 2019 March for Life.



Clergy from many denominations took part in the National Prayer Service which Fr. Frank led once again this year on the morning of the 2019 March for Life.



At least 750 pro-lifers, mostly teens, lined both sides of the street in front of the Planned Parenthood in Washington, DC. for the national protest led by Fr. Frank Pavone and Bryan Kemper the day before the 2019 March for Life.



Janet Morana and Kevin Burke were interviewed by Teresa Tomeo on the EWTN live coverage of the 2019 March for Life.



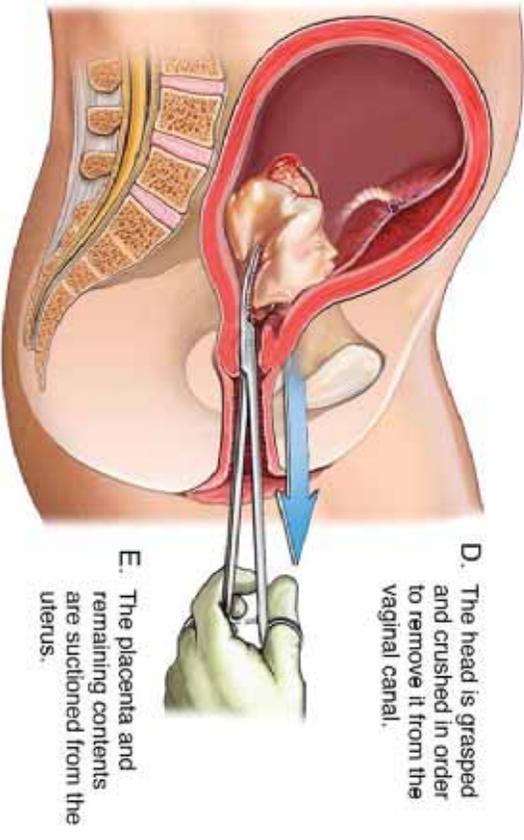
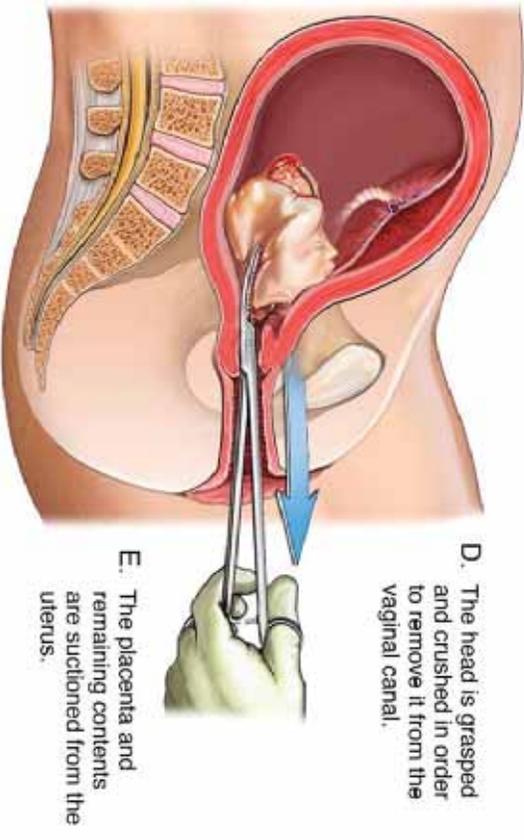
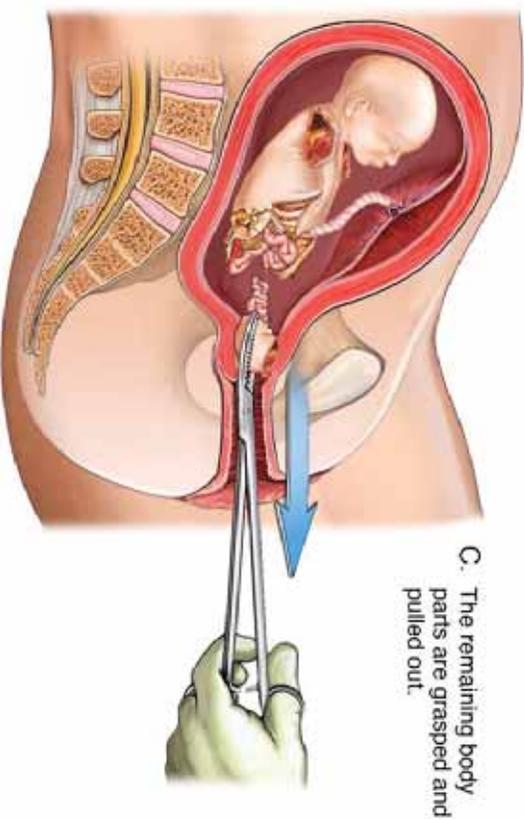
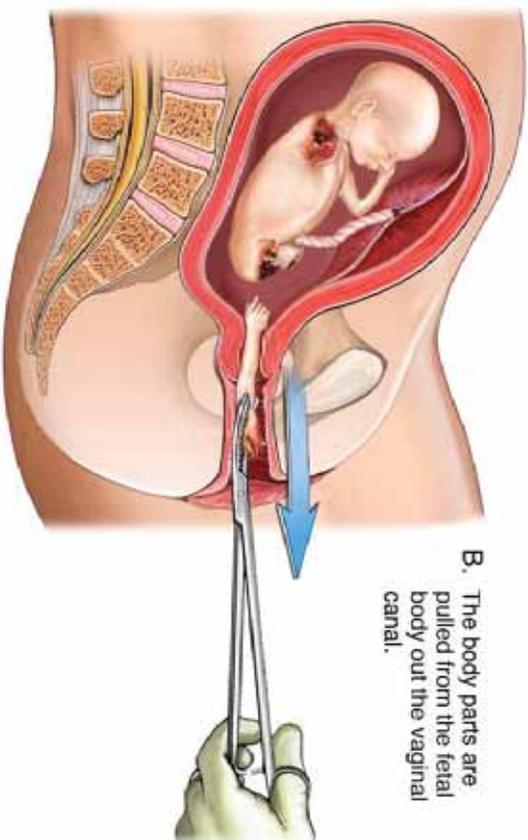
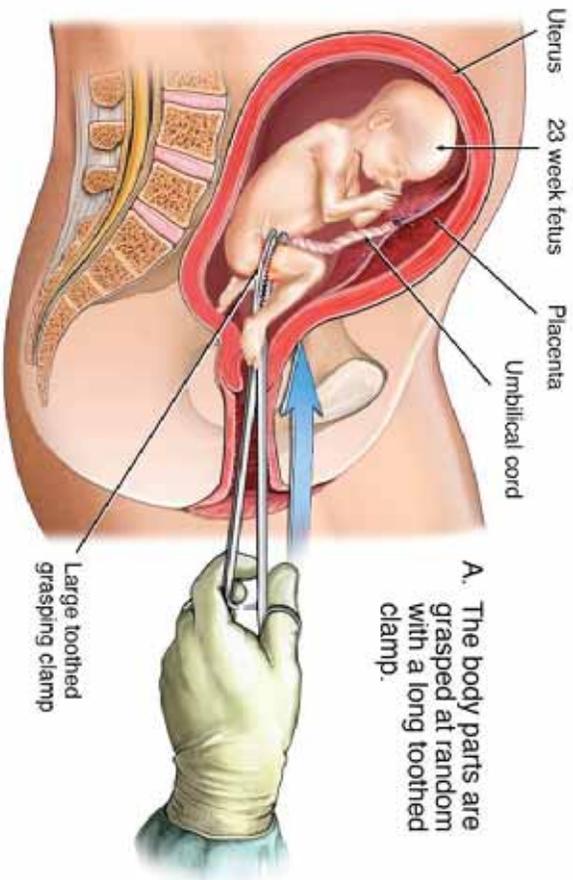
Follow Fr. Frank Pavone on Twitter. Priests for Life is a leading force for pro-life social media. Here is one of the recent tweets on Fr. Frank's Twitter account, @frfrankpavone. Please make sure you're following him there!

"Thank you for all the wonderful...books and resources. I was able to give an entire deanery the wonderful resource of pro-life themes.. We appreciate the opportunity to share the good work you have done. Your resources will empower priests and ministry workers on being effective evangelizers for the Gospel of Life."
- Kathy Schmutge, Director, Office of Family Life
Diocese of Charleston

Procedure Diagrams

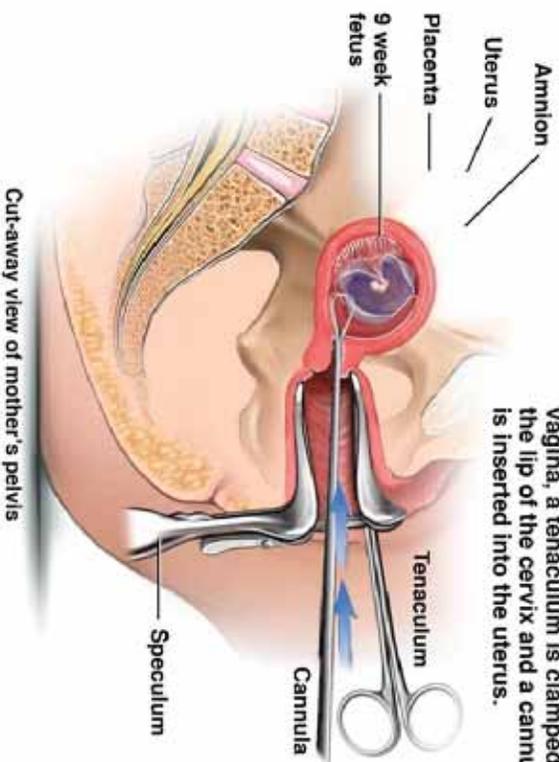
Priests for Life is sending to all the members of the new 116th Congress the medical diagrams that you see on the next two pages, showing exactly how the two most common methods of abortion are carried out. When pro-abortion politicians talk about abortion, they only pretend to talk about it, because they never show or describe what these diagrams show. It's time to confront everyone with the truth.

Dilation and Evacuation Abortion (D&E) of a 23 Week Old Fetus

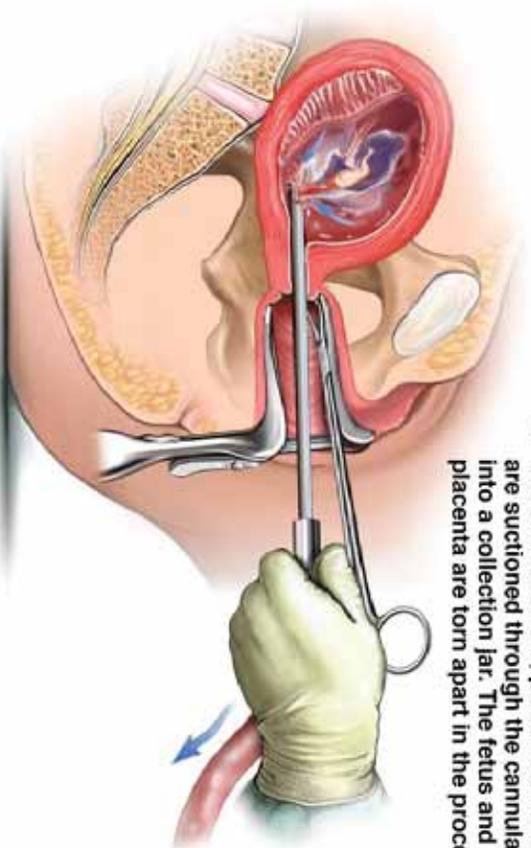


Suction and Curettage Abortion of a 9 Week Old Fetus

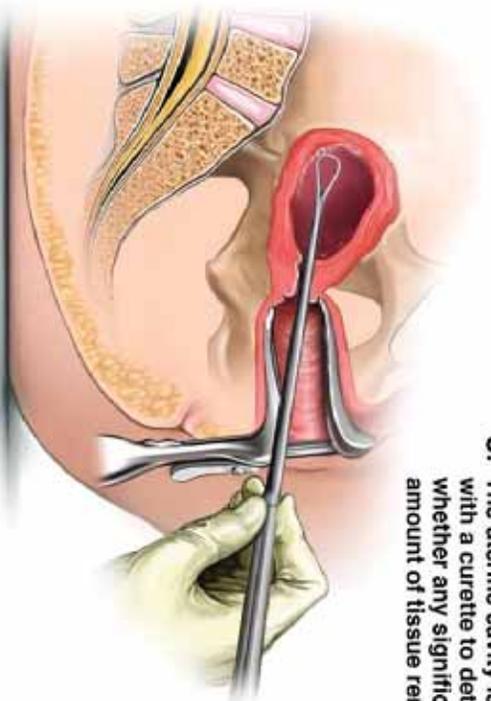
A. A speculum is placed in the vagina, a tenaculum is clamped to the lip of the cervix and a cannula is inserted into the uterus.



B. The amniotic fluid, placenta and fetus are suctioned through the cannula into a collection jar. The fetus and placenta are torn apart in the process.



C. The uterine cavity is scraped with a curette to determine whether any significant amount of tissue remains.



D. Blood, amniotic fluid, placental tissue and fetal parts are placed in a jar. The contents of the jar are then examined to assure that all fetal parts and an adequate amount of tissue commensurate with estimated gestational age are present.



Rachel's Vineyard South American Leadership Conference

The Rachel's Vineyard team is preparing Dr. Theresa Burke for the Rachel's Vineyard South American Leadership Conference, which will take place in Ecuador from Feb. 26-March 1.

The team is working with volunteers helping to translate Theresa's presentations into Spanish. Priests for Life is always in need of translators. If you can help and would be willing to periodically volunteer your services, please let us know.

Rachel's Vineyard has just completed another year of growth. Since the ministry's inception, healing retreats have served over 320,000 individuals, couples and families, trained more than 155,500 healing professionals, educated more than 11,00 clergy, organized more than 535 educational seminars for mental health professionals, offered more than 13,000 retreats and more than 3,000 support group models, connected millions of visitors to help resources, disseminated 500,900 books and videos, empowered 500,600 volunteers, welcomed millions visitors to our websites and social media sites, garnered thousands of print, radio and television mentions, and published eight books and 51,000 Retreat manuals.

The ministry now has over 375 retreat sites throughout the world, including in prisons and in countries where abortion remains illegal and retreats must be held in secret. In 2018, new international sites were established in England, Guatemala, Slovenia, Mexico and Peru. In the U.S., new sites include those in Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana and California.

In 2013, Fr. Frank Pavone, who serves as worldwide pastoral director of Rachel's Vineyard, was told in a meeting with Pope Francis that the pope considers Rachel's Vineyard an "excellent work". This past August, the pope also wrote Theresa Burke the following letter (translated from Spanish):

"Dr. Theresa Burke, Thank you very much for your letter in which you have described to me your work in "Vinedo de Raquel" (Rachel's Vineyard) and "Del dolor a la Gracia". (Grief to Grace) It brings much comfort to me to read what you told me. These are fruitful works, that heal, that pour out mercy. Thanks for what you do. If you can send me more materials, I will be very grateful. Please, do not stop praying for me. May Jesus bless you and the Holy Virgin take care of you.

Cordially. Francisco"

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Day of the Unborn Child

Pro-life advocates around the world celebrate March 25, the Annunciation of the Lord, is the "Day of the Unborn Child", and use it to advance respect for life beginning at conception.

Liturgically, March 25, nine months to the birth of Jesus at Christmas, commemorates the Archangel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that Jesus, the Son of God, would be conceived in her womb. Mary's response, "Yes, let it be done to me according to Your word", is viewed by pro-life leaders globally as affirmation of the sacredness of life from its earliest beginnings. At that "Fiat" the Word was made flesh; God began existing in a human nature as an unborn child. This is the basis for believers to advocate for the legal protection of the unborn and to offer support to pregnant mothers.

The "Day of the Unborn Child", or a similarly themed day, is celebrated in a growing number of countries around the world with marches, campaigns, special events, educational displays, and signs of solidarity in defense of the child alive in the womb but not yet born. March 25 was first recognized as a special day for the unborn child in 1993 when an official decree was proclaimed by the Legislative Assembly in El Salvador designating March 25 as the "Day of the Right to Be Born". The first "Day of the Unborn" was officially recognized in Argentina in 1999 by then President Carlos Menem.

In recognition of Argentina's declaration, Pope John Paul II sent a letter to President Menem that included, "I express my best wishes that the celebration of 'The Day of the Unborn Child' will favor a positive choice in favor of life and the development of a culture in this direction which will assure the promotion of human dignity in every situation."

The day has grown in popularity not only in Latin America but has spread worldwide including throughout Europe, to the Philippines, and to Australia.

Commemorations vary according to country, custom and culture with many including marches for life. Slovakia has marked the "Day of the Conceived Child" with a campaign featuring the message, "Life is beautiful. Protect it from conception". Pro-lifers in Chile have marked a "Day of the Unborn Child and Adoption" during which flowers have been handed out by pregnant women as a message of hope and as a tribute to their unborn children. Romania, which has one of the highest abortion rates in Europe, has marked the day with simultaneous marches in various cities to "Say yes to life".

Priests for Life urges pro-life advocates to celebrate this day with special observances that highlight the Church's pro-life teachings. See www.PriestsForLife.org/Annunciation.

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