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PRIESTS FOR LIFE LAUNCHES SPECIAL CAMPAIGN OF DAILY PRAYER TO END ABORTION

As you know, Priests for Life led an intense campaign of prayer prior to Election Day. Now, this prayer movement continues with a "Daily Prayer to End Abortion", reprinted here, with the Spanish version on page 2. We are asking all Christians to make a commitment to say this prayer each day, and to indicate that they have joined this effort by going to www.PrayerCampaign.org to sign up. If you do not have internet access, please use the form on page 4 to indicate your participation in this effort.

You may obtain prayer cards from us, in quantity, with this prayer on them. Contact orders@priestsforlife.org or call 888-PFL-3448, ext. 237 to request them. You may also mail or fax the form on page 4 of this newsletter.

Here are some other suggestions for using the prayer: Have students recite it in classrooms; use it as a prayer to begin or end meetings of pro-life groups; have your parish insert it in the front of the hymnal and encourage parishioners to pray it before or after mass; obtain the prayer cards from us and distribute them to friends; make a link from your website to www.PrayerCampaign.org; alert your email list to this site with an encouragement to join the campaign.

Priests for Life Mass Cards Available

We have begun our 2005 series of Mass cards, which you can request from us in any quantity free of charge. Then, when you want to enroll a deceased friend or loved one, you can use the card, and the person will share in the benefit of all the prayers and Masses of the Priests for Life Association worldwide.

Contact our orders department to place your order today: 888-PFL-3448, ext. 237, orders@priestsforlife.org, Fax 718-980-3900, or write to Priests for Life Mass Cards, PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314. You may use the order form on page 4 of the newsletter.



The human embryo at 7 weeks

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

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PLAN TO ATTEND...

The National Memorial for the Pre-born and Their Mothers and Fathers!

Pray for an end to abortion, for our national leaders and the victims of abortion on Monday, January 24, 2005 starting at 8:45 AM in the United States Senate, Washington, DC. (Doors will open at 8 AM)

Join Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, Dr. Paul Chaim Schenck, Executive Director of Gospel of Life Ministries, Rev. Kirk van der Swaagh, Vice President of the National Pro-Life Religious Council and many other Pro-Life Clergy and Laity for the only pro-life prayer service in the US Capitol itself.

Priests for Life, Gospel of Life Ministries, The National Clergy Council and The National Pro-Life Religious Council will host the eleventh annual Memorial for the Pre-Born at the Capitol in Washington. It is ecumenical in scope, with more than fifty clergy from numerous churches and Christian traditions leading a beautiful liturgy for the victims of abortion. Come be a part of this magnificent and historic witness to life in the United States Senate. This year's service will be held in the Russell Senate Building Room 325 (Senate Caucus Chamber). No reservations are needed.

Invite your pastors, youth ministers, Respect Life and pro-life groups, social justice committees and everyone to come with you! Young people are especially needed and welcome.



The Most Blessed Herman, Archbishop of Washington Metropolitan of All America and Canada, presents Fr. Frank Pavone with an icon at a recent prayer breakfast in Pennsylvania.

Parish Websites

Please provide a link to www.priestsforlife.org from your parish website, so that your parishioners can take advantage of all our resources!

A WORD OF THANKS FOR YOUR ELECTION ACTIVITIES

Brothers and Sisters,

Many of you have written to thank us for what we did for the Elections of 2004. But we want to thank you! You truly proved what happens when the Body of Christ, across denominational lines, bears witness to the Gospel of Life in the voting booth! Thank you for the voter registration drives you conducted, the phone calls you made, the emails and letters you sent, the homilies you preached, the literature you distributed, and countless other activities. I would be delighted if you would take a moment to drop me a note and tell me about your activities and experiences with this past election! And please prepare now for the Elections of 2006, which provide us another opportunity to shape the US Senate into a body which will advance protection for the unborn rather than obstruct it.

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director

SPANISH VERSION OF THE PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Oración para abolir el aborto

Dios Padre, te agradezco por el obsequio de mi vida,
por las vidas de todos mis hermanos y hermanas.
Sé que no hay nada que destruya la vida más que el aborto,
y me regocijo al saber que Tú has conquistado la muerte
con la Resurrección de Tu Hijo.
Estoy listo para poner de mi parte en la lucha para abolir el aborto.
Este día me comprometo
a nunca más quedarme en silencio,
nunca más quedarme pasivo,
y nunca más olvidarme de los no nacidos.
Me comprometo a ser activo en los movimientos pro vida,
y nunca dejar de luchar por la vida
hasta que todos mis hermanos y hermanas sean protegidos,
y que nuestra nación sea de nuevo una
nación con libertad y justicia
no solo para algunos, sino para todos,
Por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amen!

COMMISSION YOUR RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Each year, many parishes and schools hold commissioning services for various ministerial groups: servers, catechists, choirs, and so forth. How about commissioning the respect life group? Promoting the sacredness of life is certainly a ministry. It is a work that especially requires fortitude and prudence.

A suggested format would be to call the members forward after the homily, ask them some questions, say a prayer of blessing, and present them with a symbol of their mission.

Questions could be:

Are you resolved to promote the church's teachings on the dignity of human life, as outlined in The Gospel of Life?

Are you ready to work together with your pastor, under the guidance of the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro Life Activities, to pray, educate, shape public policy, and provide concrete assistance to women in crisis pregnancies?

The prayer of blessing can be:

Father of all life, we thank you that you have called us into being and made us the people of life. Bless our brothers and sisters who dedicate themselves to be a voice for the voiceless, a defense for the defenseless. By their example enable all of us to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the Gospel of Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The symbol given to members of the committee can be the Precious Feet, the pro-life rose, or a copy of The Gospel of Life. Such a ceremony could be done at any time of the year. If your parish decides to do this commissioning, please let us know at Priests for Life!

PRIESTS FOR LIFE RECEIVES CLEAN AUDIT

This October, Priests for Life had an independent audit done of its financial books, for the year ending December 31st, 2003. As expected, we were issued a very clean auditor's report and finished last year with a surplus of \$150,287. This is a significant achievement considering the myriad of negative factors that have recently impacted Catholic not-for-profit associations, including, the events of September 11th, the downturn in the economy and stock market, the priests scandal, etc. We are very grateful to our loyal benefactors! If you have any questions about our annual audit, please do not hesitate to contact the Priests for Life Finance Department at (718) 980-4400, ext. 261.

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P.O. Box 141172 • Staten Island, NY 10314 or fax to 718-980-3900
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Defending Life Series 2004

Enjoy thirteen half-hour episodes (on three video tapes) of Fr. Pavone's TV series with guests discussing diverse aspects of the pro-life movement. Learn what YOU can do to end abortion! Learn how to help others who have had an abortion or are considering it! Learn startling facts about the abortion industry! Includes one episode never before seen on TV! Great for viewing in your local

church, school and political groups! Makes a fantastic gift for your pro-life friends or your parish priest! So order today! Use the form below, or call 888-PFL-3448, x237, or email orders@priestsforlife.org

Priests for Life note pad or cube pads

Great for home or office, these note pads will be a daily reminder that you are part of the Priests for Life family!

Priests for Life Prayer Cards

Order the Priests for Life daily prayer of commitment to end abortion. Available in quantities of 25... excellent for pro-life events, parishes, schools.

Priests for Life Mass Cards

Friends and loved ones who have died will be remembered in the prayers and Masses of Priests for Life. Our new Mass cards are available free of charge. You may send in your offering for each enrollment when you use it.

Solidarity with Women

Priests for Life continues to expand its service to women through the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Rachel's Vineyard. These ministries provide opportunities for those wounded by abortion to find healing and also, if they wish, to reach out to others with compassionate help. Retreats for post-abortion healing are available worldwide, and fathers of aborted babies are also welcome to find the healing that they need. More info:

www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org

www.RachelsVineyard.org

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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STATE/ZIP _____

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I will commit to say the Prayer to End Abortion daily

Defending Life Series 2004: product #1697

Quantity _____ Sets @ \$40.00 each for Total \$ _____

Prayer Cards to end abortion: product #1708

Comes in sets of 25 cards.

Quantity _____ Sets @ \$2.50 per set for Total \$ _____

Mass Cards: product #1708

Quantity _____ (Free)

Priests for Life Notepads: product #1670

Quantity _____ 5.5x8.5 @ \$1.50 each for Total \$ _____

Quantity _____ 4x4 cubed @ \$3 each for Total \$ _____

Additional Donation \$ _____

Total Donation \$ _____

I have made my check payable to: Priests for Life

I made my donation online at www.priestsforlife.org/donate

Please charge my contribution to my credit card:

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

You are encouraged to remember the following intentions as you pray the Liturgy of the Hours:

JANUARY INTENTION: That all bishops will be strong and fearless defenders of innocent children in danger of abortion.

FEBRUARY INTENTION: For pregnancy resource centers, especially those that need more volunteers.