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### **“Is This What You Mean?” Project The Abortion Procedure Revealed**

#### *A Challenge to Politicians and Voters*

Priests for Life has launched a special project called “Is This What You Mean?” It aims to:

- 1) Reveal the nature of the abortion procedure to the public, and
- 2) Challenge public officials and candidates who support the legality of abortion to admit what abortion is.

The project is explained in its entirety at [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).

The project makes use of You Tube videos at [www.YouTube.com/frfrankpavone](http://www.YouTube.com/frfrankpavone), and of quotes from abortionists, found on the project page at [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).

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### **40 Days for Life**

Fr. Frank Pavone and the entire Priests for Life organization call on Christians of every denomination to go to the places where the killing occurs and to intervene for the children scheduled to be killed. Decades ago, it was asked whether a sign could be placed at every abortion clinic that says, “Open with the Gracious Permission of the Local Church.” That question remains today.

Priests for Life is at the forefront of calling on people to participate in the “40 Days for Life” campaign occurring in cities throughout the nation this Fall. For a period of 40 days, Christians are asked to surround the abortion facilities with constant prayer and presence, that these places may close. Please join with us in this effort!

### **Priests for Life is Supported Only by You!**

Priests for Life is not subsidized by dioceses, the Bishops’ Conference, or the Vatican. We rely completely on donations from individuals like you!

All contributions are tax-deductible, and may be designated for specific projects if you so choose.

You may donate at [www.priestsforlife.org/donate](http://www.priestsforlife.org/donate). On that web page you will find several options:

1. Make a one-time donation by credit card, or by electronic charging of your checking or savings account.
2. Allow us to charge your credit card, checking, or savings account each month.
3. Sign up for monthly mailings that will remind you to send your donation.
4. Call us at 718-980-4400, ext. 232 to discuss other options, including remembering Priests for Life as a beneficiary when you do your financial planning.

At any time, of course, you may write a check payable to “Priests for Life” and mail it to PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314.

### **Three Summer Novenas**

This summer, we invite you to participate in and promote three special novenas. The details, and the prayers for each, in English and Spanish, can be found at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org). Please mention these in your emails, on your websites, and in newsletters and parish bulletins.

Novena leading to the 40th Anniversary of  
Humanae Vitae: July 17-25

Assumption Novena for Life: August 7-15

Novena to Blessed Mother Teresa: August 28 – Sept 5

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## “Is This What You Mean?” Project

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We are asking people to

- a) view the videos we made about the abortion procedure;
- b) read the quotes we provide from abortionists, and
- c) use that information on blogs, in editorials, at town hall meetings, and in public and private sessions with abortion supporters to ask them, “When you say the word “abortion,” is this what you mean?”

This effort, in which anyone can participate, draws a line in the sand and gives candidates and office-holders alike this challenge:

***If you're going to take a position on abortion, then you're going to have to come clean about what it is.*** We are no longer going to let you obscure or trivialize the issue. Whether people agree with you or not, you owe it to them to be honest about what you're talking about.

Therefore we issue this simple call to honesty: ***We will describe abortion to you, and you tell us if that's what you're talking about.***

That's it, pure and simple. This is not a debate, nor a threat. It's a call to clarity, a demand for honesty. That is not partisan, nor is it unreasonable; it is not fanatical or inappropriate in any way. Nor is this about religion or morality.

We just want to make sure that we're hearing you. When you say “abortion,” we just want to make sure we're both talking about the same thing.

The full URL of the page describing this project is [www.priestsforlife.org/action/abortion-procedure-revealed.htm](http://www.priestsforlife.org/action/abortion-procedure-revealed.htm)

The specific locations of the videos are as follows:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=us\\_y9GP\\_-DA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=us_y9GP_-DA) - Dismemberment D&E Procedure and  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBOAPleF1t0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBOAPleF1t0) - Suction Abortion Procedure

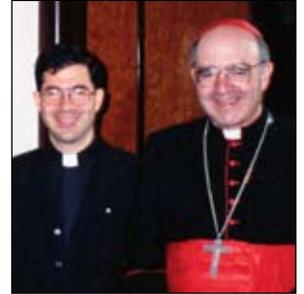
### ***How can you help with this project?***

1. Alert people to the project, the videos, and the quotes, by
  - Emailing your friends, family, everyone in your address book.
  - Going into chat rooms, blogs, message boards, etc...
  - If you have your own website or blog, announce the project there and provide links.
  - Writing letters to the editor.
  - Speaking out in town meetings or other public venues.
2. Help drive the number of views of the You Tube videos into the hundreds of thousands in a short time, so that we can make the video a news story. Seek young people who will volunteer time to reference it all over the internet.
3. Using the videos and quotes from the abortionists, diagrams, ask “pro-choice” politicians (whether they are candidates or already in public office) if this is what they mean when they say “abortion.” Yes or no. Ask it publicly. Ask it repeatedly. Ask it in all the ways mentioned above – emails, letters, internet etc..... Those whose support they are seeking deserve to know.

4. We have additional resources that reveal the nature of the abortion procedure and can also be used for this project. They are a DVD called “The Procedure,” and two diagrams of the most common procedures. See ordering information on page 4.

## Cardinal Lopez-Trujillo Called Home to God

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, expressed the sadness of the entire Priests for Life organization at the death of Cardinal Alfonso Lopez-Trujillo, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family, on April 19. The Cardinal was one of the Church's strongest advocates for the dignity of the human person and the family. He served on the Priests for Life Advisory Board of Bishops from the beginning of the organization, and invited Fr. Frank Pavone to work with him at the Pontifical Council for the Family in the late 1990's. The Cardinal encouraged bishops around the world to utilize the model of Priests for Life in their own dioceses. May he enjoy the eternal peace of the Lord of Life.



*Fr. Frank Pavone with Cardinal Trujillo in 1997 at the Vatican.*

## Ending Abortion the Church's Way

(Part 2) *by Fr. Frank Pavone*

In part 1 of this series on “Ending Abortion the Church's Way,” we reflected on the fact that the pro-life movement goes beyond the visible boundaries of the Catholic Church, and that it is a specifically Catholic attitude to embrace those of other religious persuasions in the defense of life. We also warned against a “clericalization” of the pro-life effort, as if the defense of life arose from instructions from the clergy.

In this part we reflect on the intention and goal of the pro-life movement.

Unfortunately, the pro-life movement has a name that is often too big for its own good, because it contains too much. “Pro-life,” after all, accurately describes the motivation behind any effort to save or enhance the condition of any lives at any stage of development. Are not works of tending to the sick, alleviating the conditions of the poor, and working for world peace rightly considered “pro-life?” Every aspect of social justice, to which the Church has exhorted her members for two millennia, is “pro-life.”

Moreover, as John Paul II explains in *Evangelium Vitae*, the “life” which the Church proclaims is life eternal, which is necessarily based on the natural gift of human life, but also transcends it. So the goal of the Church herself – to bring all people to integral salvation in Christ – is, inherently, pro-life.

Some people, in trying to define the goals and intentions of the “pro-life movement” according to the mind of the Church, begin to stretch the movement as large as the Church herself. Such a tendency risks losing the distinction altogether. Some will say, for instance, that the goal of the movement is holiness and conversion of hearts. But if we consider all the different religious communities

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in the Church, we see that in every case, the stated goals of these communities are, first and foremost, the conversion and holiness of the members, that is, their union with Christ. Obviously, however, there is a rationale for having many communities, and beyond that, many other movements, structures, and individual ministries in the Church. “Holiness” and “conversion of hearts” is far too broad a goal to define a specific movement. The goals and intentions of any movement must be more specific in order to distinguish it from other movements and from the Church herself.

The “pro-life movement,” specifically, arises out of the historical problem that an entire segment of the human community – that is, those in the first nine months of their existence – has in many nations been deprived of the recognition of their right to life and are being systematically destroyed through abortion. The term “pro-life” does not attach to the movement because it is a movement engaged in every battleground where life has to be defended, but rather because the specific problem it addresses denies the most fundamental right – life itself. This movement, therefore, has as its goal the restoration of the recognition, respect, and protection of that most basic right for that specific community of people from whom it has been deprived, the children in the first nine months of their existence.

The fact that the goals of the Church encompass the bestowal of eternal life, conversion, salvation, and holiness for all people, does not imply that movements conducted according to the mind of the Church abandon or blur their more limited, specific goals. Moreover, the fact that the Church defends human dignity on every front does not prevent any movement in union with the Church from having a specific focus, while at the same time agreeing with the goals of other movements that are beyond that specific focus.

If we are going to end abortion the Church’s way, we have to start by proudly and unambiguously stating our specific, historically-defined, limited goal and intention, that is, restoring our unborn brothers and sisters to full recognition and protection of their right to life.

“Our movement has a name too big for its own good...”

## Babies Discarded Like Trash

On Saturday, May 3, 2008 the Archdiocese of Detroit provided a funeral Mass and burial for about 25 aborted babies retrieved from the trash dumpsters behind Woman Care abortion clinics—owned and operated by Alberto Hodari. In February and March 2008 pro-lifers, including members of Citizens for a Pro-life Society and some of our Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, retrieved these babies from the dumpsters of Hodari’s abortion clinics.

Monica Migliorino Miller, director of Citizens for a Pro-life Society, reports that along with the aborted babies, there were also “bloody suction gauze tubing used in abortions, blood drenched surgical paper, dozens of glass medicine vials, used syringes, IV bags with tubing and sharps, numerous condoms and condom wrappers probably used for ultra-sounds, bloody surgical gloves, dozens of bloody suction canulas used in abortions and over 200

patient records.” Miller’s group posted a video on You Tube that records their March 2, 2008 discovery of bio-hazardous waste and finding of aborted babies in Hodari’s Lathrup Village dumpster. A full record of the searches of the Woman Care dumpsters may be found at [www.prolifesociety.org](http://www.prolifesociety.org). You can also view the babies at [www.priestsforlife.org/images](http://www.priestsforlife.org/images).

What happened here is reminiscent of many stories from the history of the pro-life movement.

In the early 80’s, the 16,500 bodies discovered in a large receptacle in Southern California, in the Woodland Hills home of a former medical laboratory director. Ron Gillette described his reaction at seeing the babies. “...It’s filled with bodies...dismembered bodies...hands, torn right off...Grown men were weeping and vomiting,” not at the smell, but at the grim reality of the violence they were seeing.

In Corpus Christi, Texas, a city worker noticed dogs tearing at a plastic bag, and inside the bag found three aborted babies, one estimated at four and a half months’ gestation, another at six months’ gestation, and the third at nearly full-term.



*Limbs from babies found this Spring in Michigan dumpsters*

Sanitation workers were collecting trash from the curb in front of a house in Loveladies, an affluent section of Long Beach Township, NJ. A cardboard box ripped open and out came quart-size mason jars. The workers noticed a tiny hand or foot inside a jar. The several jars contained body parts of between 40 and 100 babies.

“Grown men were weeping and vomiting...”

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin one spring evening, a call came into the police station that children were throwing stones from a bridge. When the police arrived and asked

the children what was in the containers they were throwing around, the children responded, “little people.” In those containers were the bodies of 6 to 8-week-old aborted babies that the children had found in a trash dumpster behind the Mill Medical Center.

It’s not enough to know that abortion kills children. If we’re going to find the spiritual strength to bring an end to this injustice, we’re going to have to let the grim reality of it stir the very depths of our souls and those of our fellow citizens.

## Prayer Intentions

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

### JULY INTENTION:

For those who suffer persecution and discrimination for speaking up for the unborn.

### AUGUST INTENTION:

For the healing of fathers of aborted children.

## Elections 2008: What You Can Do

Many resources and activities are available year round at our election website, [www.PoliticalResponsibility.org](http://www.PoliticalResponsibility.org). In particular we recommend:

Homily hints, bulletin inserts, and links for your parish website are all at our election website.

Parish voter registration – Help those not yet registered to register at Church! See our website for details on how to do this. In particular, ministry to the homebound can include helping such parishioners to register, especially if they have moved, and then, during voting season, to obtain and prepare their absentee ballots if they will not be able to get to the polls.

Get out the vote – If your state has “early voting,” give your parishioners the details regarding how to utilize that option, as this increases the number of those who will actually vote.

Study Sessions: Equip your parish with the teachings of the Church regarding political responsibility by offering study groups based on the US Bishops’ document Living the Gospel of Life. The study guide is available online on our election website.

Legal issues: In this election season, the James Madison Center for Free Speech ([www.jamesmadisoncenter.org](http://www.jamesmadisoncenter.org)) and the Alliance Defense Fund ([www.alliancedefensefund.org](http://www.alliancedefensefund.org)) will respond free of charge to inquiries by churches, pastors, and priests on permissible political activities. On our website, you will also see links to various legal guidance, including from the USCCB.

## Order our Products!

Order at [www.priestsforlife.org/store](http://www.priestsforlife.org/store) or mail your order to: Priests for Life, P.O. Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314; Or fax: (718) 980-3900; Or Email: [orders@priestsforlife.org](mailto:orders@priestsforlife.org).

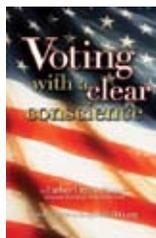
### **New Resource!** Pro-life Spirituality and Activism: A Training Seminar (9 CD Set)

Fr. Frank Pavone has trained pro-life leaders across the country. Now you too can benefit from his seminars! This will renew and perfect your pro-life work like never before. Topics include: Spirituality of Pro-Life Work, Public Education and Prayer and Repentance.



### Voting with a Clear Conscience – *Revised!*

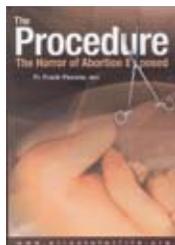
When you vote in this year’s elections, do so with a clear conscience! This 47 page pocket size booklet will tell you how. This booklet meets all legal requirements for distribution by Churches and other 501 (c)(3) organizations. Available in a Catholic version and an Ecumenical version.



### Products to help you to participate in our special project: “Is this what you mean?”

#### The Procedure: The Horror of Abortion Exposed

Learn what an abortion actually is from doctors and women who have had abortions.



### Professional Medical Diagrams: Dilation and Evacuation (D&E) abortion procedure and Suction and Curettage abortion procedure

These 8.5 x 11 sheets have four frames each depicting two common abortion procedures. These images were prepared by medical and legal experts. We will send you as many as you want. (They are protected by copyright.)

### Ten Responses to Pro-Abortion Politicians Brochure

- Send me \_\_\_\_ Pro-Life Spirituality and Activism: A Training Seminar (#2027) at \$75.00 for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Send me Voting with a Clear Conscience Booklet(s) \_\_\_\_ Catholic (#1921), \_\_\_\_ Ecumenical (#2118) at \$2.00 each or \$1.75 each for 100+ or \$1.50 each for 500+, for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Send me \_\_\_\_ The Procedure DVD(s) (#1983) at \$10.00 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Send me \_\_\_\_ Suction Abortion Diagram(s) (#1596) at \$0.50 for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Send me \_\_\_\_ D&E Abortion Diagram(s) (#1534) at \$0.50 for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Send me \_\_\_\_ Ten Responses Brochure(s) (#1659) at \$0.20 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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