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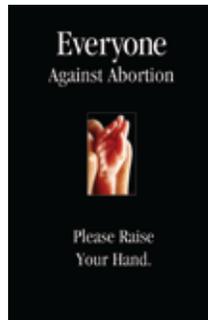
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Everyone Against Abortion, Raise Your Hand!

Priests for Life recently released a powerful new brochure, which you see on the right. It is a personal invitation to get involved in ending abortion. Imagine all the hands that would go up if everyone in America were told, "Everyone Against Abortion, Raise Your Hand!" This movement is a fellowship, a vast network of people engaged in the greatest – and most basic – struggle for human rights in all of history.



The brochure has a surprising element to it, however. When you open it up, you see what appears on the opposite side of this newsletter....

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Priests for Life – Our International Expansion



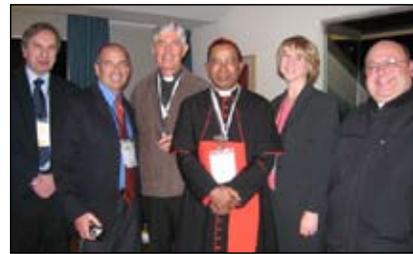
His Eminence Cardinal Ennio Antonelli, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family (center), with (from left to right), Bob Lalonde and Michele Velasco, Co-Directors of International Outreach for Priests for Life, Anthony DeStefano, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, and Fr. Victor Ghio.

While maintaining primary focus on the United States, the ministry of Priests for Life is international. At the request of leaders around the world, we are expanding that international outreach. Here are a few updates.

In February, Robert Lalonde and Michele Velasco, Co-Directors of International Outreach for Priests for Life, along with Anthony DeStefano and Jerry Horn met with His Eminence Cardinal Ennio Antonelli, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family at the Vatican, to discuss future collaboration between the two groups. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, worked at the Pontifical Council for the Family in the late '90's.

His Eminence listened intently as the team updated him with Priests for Life's various international outreaches, including the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Rachel's Vineyard.

The team assured His Eminence of Priests for Life's immense gratitude for the Council's leadership as well as its continued determination to assist the Council fully, just as it did under the leadership of the late Cardinal Trujillo. Calling Priests for Life



His Eminence Cardinal Telesphore Toppo, Archbishop of Ranchi, India (center), with (from left to right) Dr. Antoni Zieba, Bob Lalonde, Director of International Outreach at Priests for Life, Bishop D. Eugene Hurley of the Diocese of Darwin, Australia, Michele Velasco, Co-director of International Outreach, and Fr. Victor Salomón, Priest Associate of Priests for Life

"instruments of God's grace," Cardinal Antonelli concluded the meeting by imparting his apostolic blessing on the gathered team and on the entire organization.

In conjunction with the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), Priests for Life co-sponsored 128 students attending the Second International Student Pro-Life Conference on March 6-8, 2009 in Edinburgh, Scotland. This dynamic event featured personal stories behind the "hard cases" of abortion and focused on the theme "I Am Here." Keynote international pro-life speaker Rebecca Kiessling, who was conceived after her mother was raped, was joined by professionals in bioethics and post-abortion counseling. In addition, Margaret Cuthill, the Regional Coordinator for Priests for Life's Silent No More Awareness Campaign, gave a testimonial "I chose abortion".

In January 2009, Priests for Life participated in the Vatican's Sixth World Meeting of Families in Mexico City by meeting with pro-life leaders, bishops and cardinals from around the world, formally addressing approximately 12,000 congress participants, and distributing thousands of pro-life brochures, signs and prayer cards.

Additionally, our Rachel's Vineyard and Silent No More ministries have spread internationally by working hand-in-hand with local lay leaders and clergy. Rachel's Vineyard currently offers close to 600 retreats worldwide for healing after abortion for women and men. Countries offering retreats include the United States, Canada, England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Australia, Mexico, Uruguay, Spain, Taiwan, Russia, and the Cameroon, among others.

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign holds events at which women and men publicly speak out about the devastating emotional, psychological and physical impact that abortion has on them and their families. The Campaign currently maintains a network of regional coordinators in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, France, Spain, Ireland, and Uganda. In 2008, the Campaign held 348 gatherings worldwide!

This newsletter is available by email, along with a bi-weekly column written by Fr. Frank. Subscribe free of charge at subscribe@priestsforlife.org.

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The photograph you see here is of “Baby David,” whose body was found by pro-life activists Debbie Huddnal and Chad Traywick at the Women’s Pavilion clinic in Houston, Texas in 1989. Baby David was aborted at 28 weeks gestation in a D&E abortion (dilation and evacuation), during which his arm and his head were ripped from his body.

Debbie and Chad photographed Baby David in order to expose the violence he had suffered.

When photo developers and police saw the photographs, they thought a terrible crime had been committed. Only after they searched the activists’ homes did they discover that the violence against Baby David was entirely legal. It was the violence of abortion. Police accounts covering the case prove the authenticity of this photograph.

Ever since I started doing pro-life work, I have been urging the mass media to show the American people what an abortion is. Abortion is a reality so horrific that words alone can never convey its meaning. Only seeing abortion can bring us to the kind of indignation needed to end this injustice. If abortion is too upsetting to see, then abortion should be too upsetting to tolerate!

One of the key things you can do is to help us spread this powerful “Raise Your Hand” brochure video all over the country! Send people the link to www.unborn.info so they can see the video. We are getting an amazing response from people who are strengthened, enlightened, and converted as a result of seeing it. Help us to spread the impact, because there are some people that only you can reach! We rely on you to do so!

Here are just a few ways you can make a difference:

- Send the brochure and/or email the video to ten of your friends. Include friends who are “on the fence” regarding abortion!
- Add the video to your Facebook, You Tube, MySpace, and other social networking pages.
- Add the video to your personal web site or blog.
- Post a link to www.unborn.info on online forums or blogs that you visit.
- Share the brochure and video with your prayer groups, Knights of Columbus councils, pastors, deacons, Respect Life committees, etc.

Prayer Intentions

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

MAY INTENTION:

That people may have a greater awareness of the dangers of abortion.

JUNE INTENTION:

For the success of efforts to represent the pro-life message in the secular media.

Order form

Order at 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.

Everyone Against Abortion, Please Raise Your Hand!

The message in this powerful brochure is about Baby David, killed by a D&E abortion. His hand, which was torn from his body, is shown on the cover.

Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Pro-Life Movement

By Fr. Frank Pavone

This pocket-sized booklet, published by Liguori, will renew your love for the Blessed Mother and your commitment to the pro-life cause. Pastors, Order a supply for your parish bookrack! Available in English and Spanish.

- Send me _____ Everyone Against Abortion, Please Raise Your Hand! brochure (#2172) at \$0.20 each, for total of \$_____
- Send _____ Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Pro-Life Movement Booklet (#1948) at \$1.00 each, for total of \$_____
- Send _____ Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Booklet (#1949) at \$1.00 each, for total of \$_____
- Send _____ The Virgin Mary and Abortion Brochure (#949) at \$0.20 each, for a total of \$_____

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