

# PRIESTS FOR LIFE

## Gospel of Life Ministries

Assisting God's people to respond to the evils of abortion and euthanasia

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*Bi-coastal weekend (photos l. to r.): Fr. Frank greets Orthodox bishops at the 2010 March for Life in Washington. To photo right of Fr. Frank is His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, Metropolitan of All America and Canada. The next day, Fr. Frank was in San Francisco for the West Coast Walk for Life and provided commentary for EWTN's coverage of the event. The same day, he provided commentary for Fox News on both events.*

### Priests for Life Forms "Vote Pro-life" Coalition

Priests for Life has formed a "Vote Pro-life" Coalition of national ministries. These groups work together to advance non-partisan activities to help the People of Life to engage the electoral process in an informed and responsible way.

The Coalition has been sponsoring monthly teleseminars that can be followed online or by phone, and that offer training for effective political action. You may listen to past calls and sign up for future ones at [www.priestsforlife.org/conference](http://www.priestsforlife.org/conference) call.

The Coalition has also designated the following dates as "Voter Registration Sundays," in which pastors of all denominations are urged to offer their congregation the opportunity and motivation to register to vote: May 23 (Pentecost), July 4, Sept. 12.

The groups in the Coalition include but are not limited to the following: American Values, Anglicans for Life, CatholicVote.org, Citizens for a Pro-life Society, Gospel of Life Ministries, The Heidi Group, The Justice Foundation, Life Coalition International, LifeNews, National Clergy Council, National Pro-life Religious Council, Operation Outcry, Priests for Life, Susan B. Anthony List, Wallbuilders.

### Archbishop Chaput Endorses Fr. Frank's New Book

"Father Pavone has served the cause of human dignity with extraordinary dedication for years. His new book *Pro-life Reflections for Every Day* is a beautiful and rewarding way to remind ourselves of the sanctity of life on a daily basis. I highly recommend it. A copy should be in every Catholic home – and well used by all." - Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Denver.

### Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna, Visits Priests For Life Headquarters

During a six-day visit to the United States, Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, archbishop of Vienna, Austria, paid a three hour visit to Priests for Life's Staten Island headquarters on Tuesday, February 2nd. The Cardinal had been familiar with Priests for Life through previous visits with Fr. Frank Pavone.

Fr. Frank was joined by members of the Priests for Life Pastoral

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*Fr. Frank and Cardinal Cristoph Schönborn in the TV studio at Priests for Life in New York*



*Fr. Frank prays at the tomb of Cardinal John O'Connor in the crypt of St. Patrick's Cathedral in February, 2010. The Cardinal died ten years ago, on May 3, 2000.*

June 24-26: National Right to Life Committee convention, Pittsburgh, PA. Join Fr. Frank and the Priests for Life team. Info: [www.priestsforlife.org/eventsnew.html](http://www.priestsforlife.org/eventsnew.html).

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

## Cardinal Christoph Schönborn...

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Team, including Associate Directors Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA and Fr. Peter West, Executive Director Janet Morana, and Dr. Theresa and Kevin Burke, Founders of Rachel's Vineyard, a ministry of Priests for Life. The team discussed with the Cardinal the work of Priests for Life and the status of the pro-life movement in general.

"We look with a certain envy to your country, where for so many years the life issue has been so central," the Cardinal said. By contrast, in Europe "very few people believe there can be a real change." The Cardinal came away personally encouraged by the progress of the movement.

Noting that it's difficult even for bishops to speak out against abortion "if you have not the people of God behind you," he congratulated Priests for Life for not only working to assist priests in their pro-life work but also for "helping the laity assume their responsibility."

Cardinal Schönborn was particularly interested to learn that men are participating in the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and seeking healing for themselves through Rachel's Vineyard retreats. He said he "will never forget" the words "Men Regret Lost Fatherhood," which are on the signs held by the men who participate in the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. "The concept of lost fatherhood is the central drama of our time," the Cardinal said.

The Cardinal is a prolific author who is perhaps best known for his work as director of the commission that published "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" in 1994.

At Priests for Life, the Cardinal also taped a television segment with Father Frank for the EWTN program "Defending Life." Later, Fr. Frank concelebrated with him at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and attended a dinner to benefit the International Theological Institute (ITI), of which the Cardinal is the Grand Chancellor.

"Do not forget us in Europe," Cardinal Schönborn implored the Priests for Life staff as he blessed them. "We need encouragement because the pro-life movement is much too weak still. We have to learn from you."

Fr. Frank was scheduled, as of this writing, to present a guest lecture at the ITI and to address the priests of Vienna at the beginning of May.

*Leslie Palma-Simoncek, Communications Director of Priests for Life, contributed to this article.*

## Free Pro-life Prayer Cards Available

Please join us in praying and promoting the following Novenas. You may also obtain prayer cards for each novena, free of charge, for distribution to your parishes and organizations. Details at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org).

May 13-23, 2010: Pentecost Novena for Life

June 26-July 4, 2010: Independence Day Novena

### Prayer Intentions

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

#### MAY INTENTION:

That Mary, Mother of Life, give all mothers courage in their pregnancies.

#### JUNE INTENTION:

That those who have had abortions find mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## Order Key Pro-life 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).

### Contraception of Grief - \*ON SALE\*

By Theresa Burke, Ph.D.

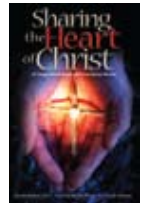
This book exposes the pain that so many women endure when they realize that the contraceptives they used caused the deaths of their children.



### Sharing the Heart of Christ

By Kevin Burke, LSW \* Theresa Burke, Ph.D. \* Fr. Frank Pavone

In this book, abortion is presented as a relational wound exploring the effects on Marriage and family life and special chapters address unique issues for clergy in their ministry. This book is for Priests, Deacons, Counselors and Laity in ministry to those suffering after abortion and in need of emotional and spiritual healing.



### Pentecost Novena Prayer Cards and Independence Day Novena Prayer Cards - FREE!

Join Priests for Life in these upcoming pro-life novenas. Order as many prayer cards as you need for you and your parish, free of charge.



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