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

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(L. to r.) Astrid Bennett Gutierrez, Teresa Tomeo and Janet Morana in the Priests for Life Studio

New TV Show: The Catholic View for Women!

Janet Morana, Executive Director of Priests for Life, along with Teresa Tomeo and Astrid Bennett Gutierrez co-host "The Catholic View for Women," a new miniseries on EWTN and a good antidote to "The View." Check out www.TheCatholicViewForWomen.com for details and to give your input!

How to Preach About Abortion

The occasion of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade (Jan. 22) provides an additional pastoral motive for preaching about abortion. Priests for Life has been providing resources for two decades regarding preaching on abortion. Here are some of the suggestions we have:

- a) Any homily on abortion should stress the simple point that no abortion is necessary, and that the Church, along with thousands of pregnancy centers, is providing alternatives every day. Extend the invitation to every woman who is pregnant and in need, no matter what her ethnic or religious background, to come to the Church and the pro-life movement for help. Give to the people the information they can use to save lives. The Option Line (1-800-395-HELP/4357) and its website www.PregnancyCenters.org connects people with alternatives to abortion, wherever they may live.
- b) A homily on abortion also needs to stress the urgent invitation to forgiveness and healing. We who reject abortion do not reject those who have abortions.

At www.AbortionForgiveness.org, Priests for Life, through the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, provides a search mechanism to find the nearest abortion healing programs to where one lives.

- c) The message of alternatives and forgiveness demonstrates that the Church's response to people amidst the abortion culture is to say what Jesus says to us all: "I am with you." We do not raise hands of condemnation; rather, we extend hands of mercy and strength, to lift people out of despair both before and after abortion. The pro-life movement does not aim to take away people's "rights"; rather, it aims to take away their despair.
- d) The members of our congregations, for the most part, know abortion is wrong. But they are not sure it is any of their business to stop someone else from doing it. A key purpose of pro-life preaching is to help them to see that *it is their business*, because ours is the business of love, to intervene to save those in danger or in need. Pro-life preaching aims to help people understand that the rationale for intervening to stop an abortion is exactly the same as the rationale behind our efforts to stop crime, acts of terror, drug abuse, child abuse, or any other kind of violence.
- e) The theme of pro-life can *always* be derived from, and is *always* consistent with, the Sunday readings. At www.priestsforlife.org/liturgy, you will find homily hints for the Sunday readings of the entire year in all three cycles. These homily hints (along with General intercessions and a paragraph for the bulletin) are also available weekly via email (send request to clergy@priestsforlife.org) and as an iPhone app (search iTunes store for "Priests for Life").
- f) One of the most powerful dimensions of pro-life preaching is to share the experiences of those who have lost children to abortion and have been forgiven and healed by the Lord. These experiences cut through the rhetoric of the debate that often confuses people. Hundreds of testimonies can be quoted from www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org.
- g) Pro-life preaching should convey *confidence*. We have confidence in the victory of this cause, because Christ has already conquered the kingdom of death. We have confidence in the power of God's truth to convert minds, hearts, cultures, and political systems. We have confidence in the willingness and ability of our people to engage this battle in a compassionate and courageous way.

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

Father Leonard Klein

By Leslie Palma, Communications Director, Priests for Life



Fr. Leonard Klein

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The Catholic Church's unwavering stance against abortion led Father Leonard Klein to seek ordination to the Catholic priesthood more than 30 years after he became a Lutheran minister.

As associate pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Wilmington, Del., he is well-positioned to wage war against abortion: Delaware has the fifth highest abortion rate in the country.

In addition to his parish duties, he serves on the board of directors of *A Rose and A Prayer*, whose goal is to halve the number of abortions in the state.

Father Klein also has served on the Diocesan Respect Life Committee and was the associate director of Catholic Charities' Family Life Bureau for the diocese. He has been deeply involved in the resistance to embryonic stem cell research.

Married for 40 years, the father of three and grandfather of five, Father Klein had his case for ordination recommended to the Holy Father and was ordained a Catholic priest in April 2006. Even though he goes home to a wife instead of a rectory, "I feel like I'm one of the guys."

Raised in the theologically conservative Missouri Synod, he served churches in congregations that became part of the more liberal Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As some parishes lapsed into "wild and silly liberalism," Father Klein called for "more sanity and sobriety." Instead what he encountered was a pension plan that pays for abortion.

"It made it pretty clear to me that my theology and spirituality were becoming increasingly Catholic," he said. "It's bad enough to wink at sexual sins, but abortion was a lot worse. I couldn't stay."

Pro-Life Novenas

Please join us at www.PrayerCampaign.org in praying and promoting our Novena of Reparation for Roe vs. Wade, from January 14-22.

Beyond that, please link to this site from your parish or organization's website for special pro-life prayers and novenas throughout the year!

Prayer Intentions

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

JANUARY INTENTION:

That as the United States marks 38 years since Roe vs. Wade, God may grant the nation more judges who discern the dignity of every human life.

FEBRUARY INTENTION:

That Christ's faithful may both hold and practice a correct understanding of the consistent ethic of life.

Featured Products

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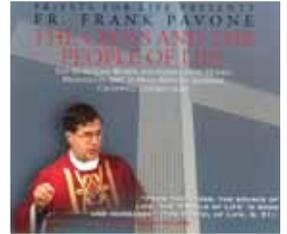
Lenten Prayer Card

Lent is a season of repentance, which leads to life. Priests for Life urges all Christians to join us in saying the Lenten Pro-life Prayer. Order as many prayer cards as you need for you and your parish, *free of charge*.



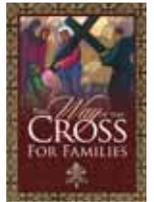
The Cross and the People of Life: The Seven Last Words and a Good Friday Homily

This 2 CD set is Fr. Frank Pavone preaching the Seven Last Words at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT. Weaving the themes of the Passion and the pro-life cause, Fr. Frank gives a Biblically based, stirring call to draw strength from the cross to advance the Gospel of Life. Also includes his homily at the Liturgy of the Passion.



The Way of the Cross for Families

The Way of the Cross for Families is a collaborative effort of Priests for Life and the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family. This is a special gift and blessing for families, and there is a deep connection between the mysteries of Our Lord's Passion and the mystery of the family.



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