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Gospel of Life Ministries

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

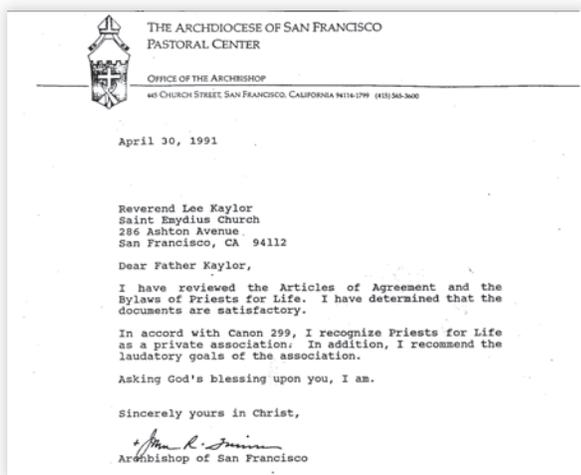
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Priests for Life Twentieth Anniversary



Twenty years ago, Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco wrote the letter above, recognizing Priests for Life as an Association. We are grateful to the Lord that for two decades, priests and laity alike, all over the world, have been able to network with each other and find through Priests for Life the tools they need for effective pro-life work. We will persevere in this task until the day that the nightmare of abortion is over!

Dr. Nathanson and Priests for Life



On February 21, 2011, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, who, as he said, "uncaged the abortion monster" in the United States, was called home to the Lord. As he describes in his book *Aborting America*, he and his colleagues launched the abortion rights movement and organizations, feeding false statistics to the media about the numbers of women dying from illegal abortion, and doing everything possible to marginalize

the teaching authority of the Church, which they saw as their biggest potential obstacle.

Dr. Nathanson ran the largest abortion clinic in the Western World and was responsible for some 75,000 abortions, including an abortion procedure by which he killed his own child.

He eventually became pro-life through the evidence of science, and then through the love of the pro-life movement, came to believe in God and in Jesus Christ. He was baptized and received into the Catholic Church by Cardinal John O'Connor of New York in 1996.

Dr. Nathanson said he and his colleagues had stolen the abortion issue from the Church and caught the Church asleep. Speaking to clergy, he maintained, "We would have never gotten away with what we did if you had been united, purposeful, and strong." That is why he had such a high regard for Priests for Life. In an interview with Fr. Frank Pavone in 1999, Dr. Nathanson said, "Well, you know *Priests for Life* is an extraordinarily fine group. I don't say that in order to make anybody feel better or flatter anyone. It's an unusual and a very unique group in that most of the priests whom I have encountered across this country and indeed around the world, shy away from the subject of abortion. They somehow want to keep it under the rug and only pull it out when they're ordered to. In my own experience as a Catholic convert for the last several years, I've attended a great many Masses and listened to a great many homilies and I believe in three years I've listened to only one homily on the subject of abortion and that was here in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Other than that, priests seem not to want to talk about it and *Priests for Life* is the Paul Revere of this whole gestalt. That *Priests for Life* are riding around trying to galvanize the rest of the clergy into getting engaged in what is one of the most appalling revolutions of the 20th Century and I am enormously grateful to them and I admire their work enormously. But unfortunately, I believe that there are not enough, that *Priests for Life* should have a staff twenty times what it has now."

Fr. Frank Pavone was able to visit Dr. Nathanson about a week before he died. "How goes the crusade?" Dr. Nathanson asked, speaking words of encouragement to pro-life leaders. Upon being informed of Dr. Nathanson's death, Fr. Frank wrote, "I will never forget the workshop at which I introduced him at the 1994 Human Life International Conference in Irvine, CA. He was supposed to talk about chemical abortion, but at the last minute decided instead to speak of his spiritual journey. At the end of the talk, he said that he was standing on the brink of conversion to the Catholic Church. The room exploded. People were leaping into the air. He said that he hoped God could forgive him, and I said, 'Dr. Nathanson, he already has.' And I reminded him of that exchange just last week."

Priests for Life was represented at Dr. Nathanson's funeral by our consultant for international affairs, Bob Lalonde, and by our Associate Director, Fr. Peter West. Fr. West wrote, "The story of Dr. Nathanson is one of mercy and redemption. A man caught in the darkness of evil, but never abandoned or rejected by God. His life is a

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reminder to us all of the power of God's love and mercy which is limitless and stronger than death. Pray for others stumbling in the darkness, caught in the web of the culture of death, that they may see the light of truth and embrace it as fervently as Dr. Bernard Nathanson did."

Prayer Intentions

You are encouraged to remember the following intentions in all your prayers, and please join our Facebook prayer cause at: www.ProLifePrayers.com

May intention: That graduates may use their academic and technical skills to advance the pro-life cause.

June intention: That more people may dedicate some of their leisure time to pro-life activities.

Pro-Life Novenas

Please join us at www.PrayerCampaign.org throughout the year in praying for life according to the liturgical feasts and seasons, and other special holidays. Coming up are the following novenas, for which prayer cards are also available, free of charge, for your entire parish, school, or pro-life event:

June 2-12, 2011: Pentecost Novena for Life

June 26-July 4, 2011: Independence Day Novena

National Right to Life Convention

Join us at the National Right to Life Convention from June 23-25 in Jacksonville, FL. Hundreds of pro-life activists will gather from around the country to sharpen their skills in talking about abortion, lobbying for pro-life laws, electing pro-life candidates, and healing those wounded by abortion. For information on how to register for this conference, visit www.priestsforlife.org.

Baby Joseph!



Here you see a picture of "Baby Joseph," whose parents, Moe and Sana, contacted Priests for Life because they could not get the medical care that they wanted for their baby in Canada. It became clear that a transfer to a United States hospital was the only way to help him.

After some pressure, the hospital finally agreed to release him. On Sunday, March 13, we got Baby Joseph out of the Canadian hospital... and he, his Dad, and I boarded a special high-tech "air ambulance" donated by Kalitta MedFlight. We took him to Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, in St. Louis, MO which agreed to give Baby Joseph the care he needed.

We were able to accomplish this thanks in part to tens of thousands of pro-lifers who sent e-mails to Canadian officials after receiving several Priests for Life Alerts (www.priestsforlife.org/alert). This victory just goes to show that when enough good people get involved and work together, miracles happen.

Priests for Life is paying the significant costs we agreed to incur

for rescuing Baby Joseph and we've established a special "Baby Joseph Fund" to help pay his medical bills. Go to www.priestsforlife.org/babyjoseph to help.

We made it clear throughout this whole ordeal that our Christian duty is to cherish life over the bottom line because though there is such a thing as a worthless treatment, there's no such thing as a worthless life.

Visit our website, www.priestsforlife.org/babyjoseph to see photos, videos and articles about this story.

Featured Products

I Regret My Abortion:

EWTN's *Life on the Rock* DVD

Janet Morana, Executive Director appears on EWTN's "Life on the Rock" with women of the Campaign sharing their powerful post-abortion testimonies.



The Catholic View for Women:

EWTN Live Show DVD

Janet Morana, Executive Director of Priests for Life, Teresa Tomeo and Astrid Bennett Gutierrez talk to Fr. Mitch Pacwa about their new EWTN series, "The Catholic View for Women."



Novena Prayer Cards:

Pentecost and Independence Day

Join us in praying for life!

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Or fax: (718) 980-3900; Or Email: orders@priestsforlife.org.

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