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## Fr. Frank is now broadcasting online!

Many of you have seen Fr. Frank on television and heard him on radio. But now, you can watch and listen to him at the click of your computer any time you want! Fr. Frank has begun online broadcasting! Watch, for instance, his clips at ProLifeStraightTalk.com, where he unveils the lies behind abortion, no matter what the cost. See the powerful one-minute video clips available at PriestsForLife.TV.

And, of course, Fr. Frank's You Tube channel is a popular place, at YouTube.com/frfrankpavone. Fr. Frank keeps all of these channels updated. One of the best ways you can educate the people in your life about abortion is to share these videos online! Start today, and witness the power of these tools!

## Thank You, Pope Benedict!

Fr. Frank Pavone



Pope Benedict has served the Church well; he will continue to serve the Church with his witness of a life of prayer. My own interaction with him has been in the arena of the defense of human life from abortion. Not only has he continued to articulate the Church's pro-life teachings, but

has taken important initiatives to implement them.

How very encouraged we all were, a couple of years ago, when he began the Advent season with a special prayer service dedicated to the unborn, and urged bishops around the world to do the same. And in his planning of this Year of Faith, Pope Benedict put on the calendar of official events the day in honor of the Gospel of Life, to be observed in Rome on June 16. (Incidentally, you are invited to join us on our pilgrimage to Rome, June 10-17. See details at GospelOfLifePilgrimage.com.) I suspect that this will be the start of an annual "Day of Human Life" to be observed in the Church.

This year's message for the World Day of Peace, moreover, stressed the fact that there can be no peace if we allow abortion to continue. And in his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, Benedict XVI pointed out how the fight for the right to life is integral to the Church's commitment to social justice, and cannot be subtracted from it.

Thank you, Pope Benedict! We will continue to pray for you, and your successor, as you pray for us!

## Priests for Life and a Week of Marching for Life

March for Life 2013 and its surrounding events provided a powerful witness to the whole world that Americans have not abandoned the unborn.



*Janet Morana speaks at the Supreme Court.*

The 40th commemoration of the tragic Roe v. Wade decision sent what many estimated as half a million people into the streets of Washington, D.C., on Jan. 25 to mourn the massacre of 55 million children and to renew the commitment of the entire pro-life community to work toward ending abortion.

Priests for Life and our affiliate ministries played an integral part in the various events of that week across the country.

On Jan. 22, the actual date of Roe v. Wade, Father Frank Pavone, National Director, was in Jackson, Mississippi, where the state's lone abortion mill is likely to close because of new regulations it can't meet. Father Frank presided over the funeral for an aborted baby boy while in Jackson. "I have been asked to honor the body of this child with appropriate prayers and rituals and a public viewing," he said. "We honor in daylight a child who was killed in darkness."

After the funeral, Fr. Frank led a national webcast Hour of Prayer (see RememberingRoe.com), at the request of Heartbeat International and with the assistance of the clergy of the National Pro-life Religious Council, of which he serves as President.



*Bryan Kemper (using the bullhorn) and 600 others gathered outside of Planned Parenthood.*

In D.C., Fr. Frank and Bryan Kemper, Youth Outreach Director, spoke forcefully to some 600 people gathered for a prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood on January 24. As young women continued to enter the baby-killing facility, Fr. Frank read the names of hundreds of women killed by legal abortion.

He also handed the crowd a copy of the new, powerful flier called "Safe and Legal," which relates the story of Marla Cardamone, whose parents released the autopsy photos showing how her

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abortion killed her. See [Priestsforlife.org/Marla](http://Priestsforlife.org/Marla) (but only if you are ready).

Kemper later hosted a March for Life Youth Rally attended by more than 1,000 young people. Fr. Frank, Janet Morana, co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, and the campaign's Matt and Kelly Clinger were among the speakers.

"The days of legal abortion in America are numbered," Father Pavone promised the youth. "This evil will end and we will see it end."

On the morning of the March for Life, Fr. Frank preached at the National Prayer Service marking 40 years since Roe v. Wade. During this 19th annual National Memorial for the Preborn and Their Mothers and Fathers, Fr. Frank brought the crowd to its feet repeatedly. (See more about the National Memorial elsewhere on this page)

Holding signs that said, "I Regret My Abortion," Georgette Forney, co-founder of Silent No More, and several women from the campaign were on the stage for the March for Life Rally.

Later, Father Frank was in the vanguard of the March and he was joined at the Supreme Court by the men and women of Silent No More. More than 60 of them shared their deeply personal, heart-breaking stories about making the "safe and legal" choice to have an abortion.

Kelly Clinger convinced herself twice that the life inside her was not yet a baby when she had her abortions. After the second procedure was botched, she learned that parts of her baby had been found in her womb. "When they find hands and feet inside you," she said, "it's hard to deny what you've done."



*Eighty-nine men and women from the Silent No More Awareness Campaign marched in Washington.*

March for Life weekend concluded with the Students for Life of America's annual conference, where Father Pavone was honored with the "Defender of Life" award.

On that same day, Priests for Life and the Silent No More Awareness Campaign were well represented at the

West Coast Walk for Life, where our full-time associate Kevin Burke addressed the crowd and helped Mrs. Forney lead the gathering of testimonies. Our spokesmen, Jennifer O'Neill and the Clingers, also addressed the marchers.

## Priests for Life has initial victory over HHS Mandate

In February of 2012, Priests for Life was the fourth group to launch a federal lawsuit against the Obama administration and its HHS mandate, which tries to force Priests for Life and virtually all employers to offer their employees health insurance coverage for morally objectionable practices such as abortion-inducing drugs.

Priests for Life does not qualify for a religious exemption in

the eyes of this administration. But exemption or not, we have made it clear that we will not obey this mandate, and that the only satisfactory solution is to rescind it completely.

In December, we gained an initial victory when the Obama administration entered into a stipulation that it will not enforce the mandate against us. Praise God!

But our lawsuit does not stop there. We want permanent protection, and not only for us, but for all employers across the country.

Find out more at [PriestsForLife.org/HHSMandate](http://PriestsForLife.org/HHSMandate), and learn how you can join your voice to ours in declaring, "We will obey God rather than men!"

## Religious Leaders Stand Up Enthusiastically for Life: 40th Anniversary of Roe Energizes Pro-Life Movement

By Ernest Ohlhoff, National Right to Life

Washington, DC – Hymns, Scripture readings, and inspirational sermons echoed in historic DAR Constitution Hall on the morning of January 25th in memory of the 55 million pre-born babies killed by abortion during the past 40 years.



Eighty-two Bishops, Pastors, and Clergy representing dozens of different denominations participated in the 19th Annual Memorial for the Pre-Born. Twenty-five choir members raised their voices filling the hall with spirit-filled songs and hymns.

The event was attended by nearly a thousand pro-life marchers from every corner of America. They represented every denomination, race, ethnicity, and color. And in spite of the political setbacks in the November elections their spirit was not dampened. They were energized and displayed a new level of commitment and determination. They were filled with a willingness to get to work and restore legal protection for all innocent human life.



In his sermon, Fr. Frank Pavone, President of the National Pro-Life Religious Council (NPRC) brought the crowd to its feet when he told the attendees that the fundamental responsibility of government is to protect life saying, "We must recall the government to its fundamental role: to protect the rights God has given us, not to be God over us. We must recall public servants to their fundamental duties. We need public servants who know the difference between serving the public and killing the public. And if they don't, they do not belong in public office."

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During the service, numerous inspirational prayers and scripture readings were read by the clergy participating in the Memorial. There was no question that all were united in their commitment to work enthusiastically for restoring legal protection for all innocent human life.



NPRC presented a special award to Reggie Littlejohn, President of Women's Rights Without Frontiers, for her tireless efforts to end the one-child and forced abortion policies in China and for her efforts to end sex selection abortion which is rampant in Eastern cultures.

Michael Schwartz also received an award from NPRC as well as the Cardinal John J. O'Connor Award presented by Legatus, for his 40 years of dedicated and selfless service to the pro-life movement. Michael served in many capacities with numerous pro-life organizations. Most recently he served as Chief of Staff to Senator Tom Coburn. Sadly, Michael died on February 3, 2013.



Priests for Life served with National Right to Life on the Organizing Committee.



The National Pro-Life Religious Council is an ecumenical organization made up of pro-life groups working within a wide variety of religious denominations. NPRC is entering its thirtieth year of

working to protect all innocent human life from abortion, euthanasia, physician assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, health care rationing, and infanticide.

*Note: Among the leading clergy present at the prayer service were Archbishop Craig Bates, Patriarch of the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church; Dr. Robert H. Turrill, President & CEO, Evangelical Church Alliance; Bishop John Bradosky, presiding bishop of the North American Lutheran Church, and Archbishop Robert Duncan, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America.*

*The hymns, prayers, and readings of the service, as well as Fr. Frank's sermon (in text, audio, and video formats) are available at [NationalPrayerService.com](http://NationalPrayerService.com).*

*Next year, the service will again be held in DAR Constitution Hall on the morning of the March for Life, Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Mass will be held at 7:30am followed by the interdenominational service from 8:30 to 10:30am. Stay tuned to [NationalPrayerService.com](http://NationalPrayerService.com) for details.*

### Rest in Peace, Jennifer and Madison

Late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart began an abortion procedure in early February on 29-year-old Jennifer Morbelli, who was about 33 weeks pregnant with her daughter Madison.

These abortions are legal, and he performs them at his killing center in Germantown, MD. She developed complications. The abortionist could not be reached. She was taken to the emergency room by private vehicle, and she died.



*Fr. Frank helps lead prayer vigil and press conference outside of Carhart's mill in MD after Jennifer and her baby were killed.*

Three things need to happen here. First, the state of Maryland has to shut down Carhart's killing business. Second, every person who cares about this needs to spread the word immediately about this tragedy, to awaken the consciences of our neighbors.

This includes pastors speaking out about the harm abortion does, and it includes all of us telling the stories of those harmed and killed by abortion (see [RecallAbortion.com](http://RecallAbortion.com)).

Third, we need to redouble our efforts to mobilize people in the pro-life cause. If this latest tragedy isn't enough evidence that the time to end abortion is now, then what is?

### Prayer of offering by the sick for the unborn

Priests for Life invites all believers who are ill or suffering in any way to offer their sufferings to God, in Christ, for the sake of the unborn. This prayer of offering can be used each day for that purpose. See [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org)

### Obama's inaugural gesture was ironic, not symbolic

By Alveda King  
Director of African-American Outreach



When President Barack Obama was inaugurated on Jan. 21 -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -- he placed his hand on a Bible once owned by my uncle, Reverend King, and on one owned by President Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator.

The historic struggle for African-Americans' equality under the law was represented at this ceremony by the Holy Scriptures belonging to the man who freed the slaves and the man who led the civil rights movement. The fulfillment of this struggle would be represented by our nation's first black President.

Unfortunately, the gesture was not symbolic. It was ironic.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed God's Word. He took his Bible very seriously; so seriously that he repeatedly risked his life to proclaim its message of love for God and love for neighbor. Uncle M.L., like everyone, was far from perfect, but he loved the Lord. It was God's Word that he used to unite a movement and change a nation.

But Obama's support of abortion, same-sex marriage, and free contraception under his unpopular Obamacare reform is difficult to reconcile with my uncle's legacy as a man of God.

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I had hoped and prayed that when the president handled the Bible, it would accidentally open to where it says "choose life," or "God hates the shedding of innocent blood." I was hoping it would just shake him up a little bit. I don't know if that happened, but I keep praying that my uncle's belief in the sanctity of all human life will change our president's heart. I hope everyone will join me in praying for a change of heart for the president.

Legal abortion has turned into genocide for the African-American community. The man with his hand on my Uncle Martin's Bible is aiding and abetting this terrible injustice.

## Why Recall Abortion?

By Janet Morana, Executive Director



Unborn babies are not the only victims of abortion. Women are still dying of this procedure that is touted to be so safe and beneficial. Jennifer Morbelli went to LeRoy Carhart's killing center in Maryland this past February and never came home. She died after complications from her abortion.

Why do we allow this deadly procedure to take place more than 3,000 times a day? Why do we allow women to be killed or injured, left infertile and emotionally wounded, after making this choice?

To read more about how abortion hurts women, visit RecallAbortion.com. If you would like to order my new book, "Recall Abortion," I will send you an autographed copy. Together we can get abortion off the market. **On this site, you can also sign the petition by which we will show the government that we want abortion recalled! Sign it today and urge others to do so! RecallAbortion.com**

## Enjoy the Blessing of Supporting our Work

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:

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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

## Praying for Life!

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

**March intention:** For pro-life organizations which are just starting.

**April intention:** That in this Year of Faith, preachers will show their people how the Word of God impels us to save lives from abortion.

Pro-Life Novenas

Please join us at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org) in praying and promoting the following Novenas:

April 5, 2013: Terri's Day - Prayer in remembrance of Terri Schiavo

March 31 - May 8, 2013: Easter Prayer for Life

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**Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief:** An 8 DVD series featuring Theresa Burke, Ph.D., Kevin Burke, MSS, LSW and Fr. Frank Pavone. The series contains 14 lessons that touch on elements that are critical to understand abortion and the trauma it causes on the psychological, emotional, familial and spiritual levels.



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