



PRIESTS FOR LIFE

an outreach of Gospel of Life Ministries

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

Sept - Oct 2013 Vol. 23

www.priestsforlife.org

Number 5

The Year of Faith – A “Yes” to Life!

As the Church's *Year of Faith* enters its final weeks, we at Priests for Life are grateful for the way in which this observance gives us more tools to activate the Church's response to abortion. As our *Year of Faith* resources (see p.4) indicate, the “Yes” of Faith is a “Yes” to human life, and to our duty to defend it.

To underline that fact, the Church observed the *Day of Life* on June 16, with special events in which representatives of Priests for Life participated in Rome. We brought 150 of the faithful with us from the United States. Among the highlights, Fr. Frank was the principal celebrant and homilist for a Mass at the main altar of the Pope's cathedral, Saint John Lateran! See more photos and videos at ProLifePilgrimage.com.



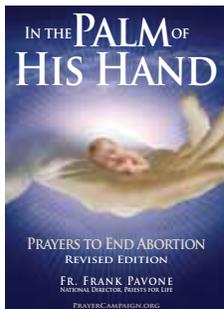
Fr Frank greets the Pope after the Mass on the Day of Life (June 16)



Our Executive Director, Janet Morana, was chosen to greet the Pope after the Mass on the Day of Life (June 16). She updated him about the work of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Rachel's Vineyard, and he spoke to her about his awareness of and appreciation for this work, including in Argentina.

Open Letter to Nancy Pelosi

Tens of thousands of people have signed on to Fr. Frank's “Open Letter to Nancy Pelosi,” urging her to answer a question she has refused to answer, namely, *What is the difference between a late-term abortion and killing the baby outside the womb, as Kermit Gosnell did?* Fr. Frank furthermore points out that she is contradicting herself by claiming support for legal abortion and at the same time claiming to be a “serious and respectful Catholic.” Read the full letter and sign onto it at LetterToNancy.com.



For Respect Life month, order our revised pro-life prayer book for your family, organization, and parish! Order on P.4.



For more information scan with your smartphone



Fr. Frank appears on FOX News to reinforce his message to Nancy Pelosi to stop supporting abortion and misrepresenting Catholicism.

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

Will to Live, NOT Living Will.

Some may ask if it is acceptable to sign a “Living Will.” Obviously, we cannot predict the future, or know in advance what form of sickness or disease we may be afflicted with in the years ahead. We do not know what treatments we will need or what will be available.

We therefore cannot make decisions to accept or refuse treatment before we even know the disease. Yet that is what some legal documents try to do.

Not every medical treatment is always obligatory. But to figure out which treatments are obligatory, morally speaking, and which are only optional, one must know the medical facts of the case. These facts are then examined in the light of the moral principles involved.

Doctors are already free to withhold or withdraw useless procedures that provide no benefit to the patient. Some people fear that medical technology will be used to torture them in their final days.

But in the climate of today’s culture, the danger is not that you will have all kinds of treatments you do not want. Rather, the danger is that you will **not** receive the treatments that **you do want**.

Moreover, if the living will indicates one does not want “to be kept alive by medications” or “artificial means” what does that mean? An aspirin is “medication,” is it not? Drinking through a straw is “artificial.” People can construe meanings for these words which the signer of the document never intended.

There are alternatives to a Living Will. A safer route is to appoint a health-care proxy who can speak for you in those cases where you may not be able to speak for yourself. This should be a person who knows your beliefs and values, and with whom you discuss these matters in detail. In case you cannot speak for yourself, your proxy can ask all the necessary questions of your doctors and clergy, and make an assessment when all the details of your condition and medical needs are actually known. That’s much safer than predicting the future. Appointing a health-care proxy in a way that safeguards your right to life is easy.

That is precisely what the “Will to Live” does. It indicates that you want those treatments that make sense, and that will benefit you, and that decisions made – whether by you or your proxy – are to be made in accordance with your faith and the moral law. There is a “Will to Live” document prepared for each state, in accordance with that state’s laws. Call us at Priests for Life (888-735-3448) or go to Priestsforlife.org/WillToLive to order your copy today.

Invite us to preach a Weekend at YOUR parish!

By Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA, Associate Director

Now in my 15th year of travelling around the continent for *Priests for Life*, I am so grateful for the honor, awe and admiration I sense in meeting and mingling with parish and school pro-life leaders across the United States and Canada in now some 750 venues to promote the Gospel of Life. The focal point of our priests’ outreach remains the same: celebrating and preaching the pro-life message at the weekend Masses. This is the “meat and potatoes” where we best encounter our Catholic communities’ deepest expression of faith and family. In this Year of Faith we want to acknowledge enthusiastically the manifestation of our people’s Faith at its very core: Word and Sacrament in the Sunday (and Saturday vigil) Masses celebrated each week in 50,000 assembly hours across the continent’s parishes, missions, campuses and shrines.

There is no substitute for on-the-scene personal presence, and you would be amazed how often I hear people leaving Mass stating: “*We rarely hear that message, Father! Thank you for coming here to give it! We surely need it!*”

So ... we want you to take advantage of our priests here at *Priests for Life*. Encourage your pastors to have us visit or revisit to inspire your parish to stand up to defend innocent life – from womb to tomb – beginning with those who have no “choice,” from the personal and national destruction from abortion. Remind all that social *action begins in the womb*.

Keep up with Fr. Frank at FrFranksBlog.com!

Priests for Life News briefs

Day of Remembrance – Find out about the exciting project of simultaneous memorial services at some thirty gravesites of aborted babies across the country on September 14. Visit AbortionMemorials.com.

Keep up on our lawsuit – We have taken the Obama Administration to court again, and will not obey the HHS mandate. We are confident of victory. Visit Priestsforlife.org/HHSMandate for details.

Fr. Frank’s 25th anniversary – On November 12, Fr. Frank celebrates his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood. Find out how you can honor him and his work at PriestsForLife.org/Anniversary.

(Continued on page 3)

Priests for Life News briefs

(Continued from page 2)

Get ready for January – Join us on January 22, 2014, the day of the March for Life, for a morning Mass and interdenominational service at Constitution Hall. See NationalPrayerService.com for details. Below, Fr. Frank brings the crowd to their feet at the 2013 prayer service.



Jurists' conference – Fr. Frank will speak at the Vatican's conference for Catholic Jurists from September 19-21, sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Family and focusing on the theme, "Charter on the Rights of the Family, Thirty Years Later."



Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family, addresses the group Priests for Life brought to Rome for the Day of Life. Next to him is Janet Morana, our Executive Director.

Bury the Babies! – Priests for Life sponsored a press conference (seen in the photo below) and prayer vigil outside the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's office on July 19. The bodies of babies killed by Kermit Gosnell were in that building at the time, and Fr. Frank, joined by other pro-life leaders, renewed the request to receive those bodies for a proper burial.



Fatherhood Forever

By Kevin Burke, Pastoral Associate, Priests for Life

Jason Baier is featured in one of the chapters of my book on men and abortion entitled **Redeeming a Father's Heart**. Jason's story is a harrowing account of his experience of learning the exciting news that his longtime partner was pregnant... only to find that the mother of his child saw abortion as the only solution. He was powerless to stop her.

After the abortion he was devastated and tried to find help. None of the counselors, psychiatrists or medical professionals he saw acknowledged the reality of post abortion trauma in women, let alone men. In their assessments they ignored the abortion and put him on psychiatric medication that failed to treat his underlying condition...a heart broken by abortion grief and loss. This ignorance by mental health and medical professionals can be deadly.

One evening when he could no longer stand the pain, Jason sat poised with a bottle of sleeping pills in his hand, filled with anger, grief and despair and wanting to end his life. Thankfully at that very moment he experienced a miraculous infusion of God's peace and love leading him to drop the bottle of pills and pour out his heart to the Lord.

Jason realized he needed to learn about post abortion suffering and find resources for his own healing. He wanted to reach out to other men, who regretted their participation in abortion, and were isolated in their pain and at risk. Jason understood that after abortion many men feel powerless, confused and isolated with feelings and symptoms that not only affect them personally, but also impact them as husbands, fathers, and in the workplace.

Jason developed the website FatherhoodForever.org for men suffering after abortion. He later had a powerful healing experience on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat which together with the *Silent No More Awareness Campaign* is part of the Priests for Life Family of Ministries.

Recently Jason decided to entrust his excellent website to the Campaign, which was already expanding its outreach to men. We are excited that Fatherhood Forever has now been incorporated into the Silent No More Awareness Campaign for men who *Regret Lost Fatherhood*.

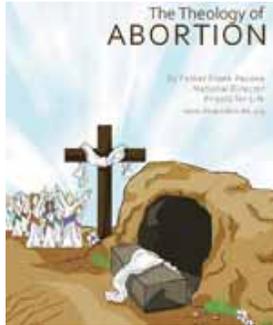
Such men are becoming a powerful force in the pro life movement as they attend healing programs and speak out publicly. They effectively proclaim the need for fathers to defend the life of the unborn children entrusted to them, no matter how difficult the circumstances, and call men suffering after abortion to healing.

Featured Products

We have created two new products to help you observe the Church's Year of Faith and understand its pro-life dimensions.

The Theology of Abortion E-book

The first is an e-book called "The Theology of Abortion." In this downloadable book, Fr. Frank Pavone shows how the "Yes" of Faith is a "Yes" to life. He looks at our belief in the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Church, the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, and more, and probes what these truths of the faith tell us about our defense of the unborn. Many passages of Scripture are also discussed in their pro-life dimensions. **Go to PriestsForLife.org/Ebooks to get this e-book for only \$2.99.**



Day of Life Pilgrimage to Rome: Homilies

The second new resource is a CD of the homilies Fr. Frank Pavone gave to the Priests for Life pilgrimage group that went to Rome for the "Day of Life" celebrated by Pope Francis on June 16, 2013. Preaching at the Pope's Cathedral (St. John Lateran), at the Tomb of St. Francis in Assisi, and at other key Churches, Fr. Frank links the significance of these Churches with the Year of Faith and the pro-life cause. Also hear a homily by Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family, as he welcomes the Priests for Life group to Rome.

Another new product...

The Kermit Gosnell Case: What does it mean for the pro-life movement?

Many have heard of the murder trial and conviction of Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell. But where do we go from here? How do we draw good out of evil and make this trial a turning point for the pro-life movement? That is exactly what

Fr. Frank Pavone discusses in this new CD, which contains a talk he gave to other leaders about the significance of this case for the pro-life movement. You will also hear the homily Fr. Frank gave at the prayer service on Ascension Thursday 2013, when he gave names to the dozens of babies whose aborted bodies were found in the clinic of Kermit Gosnell when it was raided in 2010.



Pray with us for Life

PrayerCampaign.org is our prayer website. Visit there often for prayer campaigns, intentions, and resources, and to join the over 87,000 people in our cause "Pray to End Abortion."

September intention: For the continued growth of post-abortion ministries.

October intention: That Respect Life month may invigorate the pro-life efforts of all parishes and institutions

October 8-16, 2013: St. Gerard Majella (Patron Saint of Pregnancy and Childbirth)

October 19 - 27, 2013: Novena for Priests, leading to Priesthood Sunday

- Send ___ **CD(s) of Fr. Frank homilies from Rome Pilgrimage** (#3420) at \$10.00 each for a total of ___.
- Send ___ **CD(s) on the Kermit Gosnell case** (#3421) at \$10.00 each for a total of ___.
- Send ___ **In the Palm of His Hand prayer booklet** (#125) ___1 for \$3.00; ___2 for \$5; ___12 for \$25; ___25 for \$50; ___50 for \$75; ___100 for \$125; ___500 for \$500.
- Send me the **Will to Live** for my state. (See page 2.)

Don't forget to go to PriestsForLife.org/Ebooks to order *The Theology of Abortion* for only \$2.99.

Additional Donation \$ _____ Total Donation \$ _____

I made my check payable to: Priests for Life.

Please charge my contribution to my credit card:

VISA MASTERCARD

AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER

Card #: _____ Exp: ___/___

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Order at ProLifeProducts.org or use this order form and mail in the enclosed envelope to Priests for Life, PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314

Shipping and Handling

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| \$0.00 to \$25 ... \$7.95 | \$100.01 to \$200...\$24.95 |
| \$25.01 to \$50...\$12.95 | \$200.01 or more...\$34.95 |
| \$50.01 to \$100...\$16.95 | |

Follow us on Twitter! @frfrankpavone
Connect on Facebook.com/ProLifePage
Watch videos: YouTube.com/frfrankpavone