

# PRIESTS FOR LIFE

## an outreach of Gospel of Life Ministries

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

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### Pray with us for Life

*PrayerCampaign.org is our prayer website. Visit there often for prayer campaigns, intentions, and resources.*

November intention: For an increase in pro-life attorneys and judges.

December intention: For a greater awareness of pain management options for the terminally ill.

Nov 30-Dec 23, 2014: Advent Prayer for Life

Dec 4-12, 2014: Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

### 16,433 Children in One Grave

I had a quick visit to the West Coast on September 14 that included praying at a gravesite that contains the bodies of 16,433 children killed by abortion.

The prayer service was part of the *National Day of Remembrance*, a project organized by Priests for Life, Pro-life Action League and Citizens for a Pro-life Society. On this day, simultaneous memorial services are held at the graves of aborted babies around the nation.

The gravesite at which I prayed, located in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in East Los Angeles, is the largest of the mass graves of children killed by abortion.

That's when workers discovered what was in it -- the bodies of aborted babies, totaling 16,433. The bodies were taken into the custody of Los Angeles County.



*Fr. Frank Pavone prays at the grave of 16, 433 children.*

This made news and touched off a firestorm about what should be done with the babies. Pro-life people and public officials got together to call for the release of the bodies for proper burial. Meanwhile, pro-abortion groups, including the ACLU, went to court to block any religious service, or even burial, for these babies. They claimed that the 'separation of church and state' prohibited the state from facilitating a religious service.

The court agreed. However, the pro-abortion groups wanted...

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### Who are We and What Do We Do?

#### Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries

Brothers and Sisters,

Priests for Life has come to signify two distinct but related movements within the wider pro-life movement.

On one level, as described below, Priests for Life refers to a very specific effort to galvanize the clergy to preach, teach, and mobilize their people more effectively in the effort to end abortion and euthanasia.

On another level, Priests for Life represents a *family* of ministries that reach and enrich every aspect of the pro-life movement, for clergy and laity alike, in a wide variety of activities. This has come to pass precisely because *priests are not ordained for themselves, but for the people*. So in activating clergy, we are activating all the segments of the Church, the pro-life movement, and the wider society in the defense of life.

We refer to this wider family of ministries as Gospel of Life Ministries, to indicate that what unites them all is the Gospel of Life, the good news that life is victorious over death!

So whether you are clergy or laity, young or old, active or inactive, and whatever your religious or ethnic background, you're in the right place if you want to do something to restore protection to the most vulnerable members of the human family!

God bless you!

Fr. Frank Pavone  
National Director, Priests for Life  
President, National Pro-life Religious Council

*Read more about our ministries on Page 2*

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)

*Under Church law, the competent authority of Priests for Life is Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York.*

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## Our Family of Ministries

### **Priests for Life** (*direct ministry to priests*)

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a founder of the abortion industry who later became pro-life, has said that he and his pro-abortion allies would never have gotten away with what they did if the clergy had been united, purposeful, and strong. Priests for Life works to ensure that clergy of all denominations become more united, purposeful, and strong, so that those who promote the culture of death will not get away with what they are trying to do. See [PriestsForLife.org](http://PriestsForLife.org)

### **Deacons for Life**

Deacons are also members of the clergy, and often have opportunities not available to priests to promote the Gospel of Life. We train, encourage, and mobilize them, too. See [DeaconsForLife.org](http://DeaconsForLife.org).

### **Seminarians for Life**

Those who are training for the ministry need to know, from the beginning, the ways in which they can prepare to be effective advocates for life. We therefore reach out to seminarians and provide them the tools and the example by which they can proclaim, celebrate, and serve the Gospel of Life. See [SeminariansForLife.org](http://SeminariansForLife.org).

### **Missionaries of the Gospel of Life** (*pro-life spirituality for clergy and laity*)

Being pro-life, and doing pro-life activities, is not a hobby or simply rooted in an ideology or political platform. It is a *spirituality*, and is rooted in our discipleship. We therefore teach both clergy and laity the spirituality of being a Missionary of the Gospel of Life, and how that spirituality shapes pro-life strategy and tactics. See [MissionariesoftheGospelofLife.org](http://MissionariesoftheGospelofLife.org)

### **Rachel's Vineyard**

Under the Priests for Life umbrella is the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion. Rachel's Vineyard holds hundreds of retreats each year for men and women who have lost children to abortion. See [RachelsVineyard.org](http://RachelsVineyard.org).

### **Silent No More Awareness Campaign**

A project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life, the Silent No More Awareness Campaign is the world's largest mobilization of men and women who have lost a child to abortion, have experienced healing, and now want to share their testimony. The Campaign promotes healing and a greater awareness of the wounds abortion causes. See [SilentNoMore.com](http://SilentNoMore.com).

For searchable healing resources, see [AbortionForgiveness.com](http://AbortionForgiveness.com).

### **African-American Outreach**

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is the Director of African-American Outreach for Priests for Life. She declares that the civil rights movement of today is the pro-life movement! See [AfricanAmericanOutreach.org](http://AfricanAmericanOutreach.org).

### **Hispanic Outreach**

Fr. Victor Salomón is the Director of Hispanic Outreach for Priests for Life. Both in the U.S. and around the world, we are assisting communities of Hispanic heritage to build the Culture of Life. See [SacerdotesPorLaVida.org](http://SacerdotesPorLaVida.org).

### **Gospel of Life Ministries**

As already mentioned, Gospel of Life Ministries is the umbrella entity under which all this work takes place. This brings out the fact that we are interdenominational, calling the entire Body of Christ to build the Culture of Life. See [GospelOfLife.org](http://GospelOfLife.org).

### **Youth Outreach**

Bryan Kemper is the founder and president of Stand True Ministries, a Christ-centered pro-life group determined to awaken the youth of this country and share the message of life and the Gospel of Christ. He has spent years reaching out to youth and encouraging this generation to get involved, and now he continues that outreach with Stand True Ministries, which is an affiliate organization of Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries. See [StandTrue.com](http://StandTrue.com).

### **Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues (PNCI)**

Marie Smith is the Director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues (PNCI). Gospel of Life Ministries and PNCI equip and encourage individuals around the world to engage in the political process, and work to ensure that elected and appointed officials not only uphold their obligations to protect life but are assisted in such efforts. See [pncius.org](http://pncius.org).

### **Life on the Line**

Life on the Line is our broadcast ministry (radio, television, and internet), consisting of live and pre-recorded programs as well as short spots provided to media outlets around the world, including EWTN, Bott Radio Network, Relevant Radio, Vatican Radio, and much more. See [PriestsForLife.org/media](http://PriestsForLife.org/media).

### **Prayer Campaign**

All we do is rooted in prayer, which both undergirds and fosters productive action. We foster prayer campaigns throughout the year, corresponding to various liturgical and secular seasons and holidays. Join us in prayer for a Culture of Life!

See [PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org).

### **Political Responsibility**

As both citizens of heaven and citizens of this world, we are called to exercise political responsibility to elect leaders who will defend life, and to sustain those leaders on the right path. We therefore teach and mobilize voters to make a difference in the voting booth. Learn more about how you can move public policy toward the protection of life at [PoliticalResponsibility.com](http://PoliticalResponsibility.com).

### **Networking Leaders**

Priests for Life occupies a strategic place of unity in the pro-life movement. We foster relations between leaders, groups, and ministries. We facilitate strategic planning sessions on every level, as well as leadership retreats and seminars. See [ProLifeStrategy.com](http://ProLifeStrategy.com).

### **Social Media**

Priests for Life makes use of a wide range of social media platforms by which you can connect with us and many other pro-life activists. For a full list of our Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and other platforms, see [PriestsForLife.org/SocialMedia](http://PriestsForLife.org/SocialMedia).

A partial list of those sites follows:

- [Facebook.com/FatherFrankPavone](https://www.facebook.com/FatherFrankPavone)
- [Facebook.com/ProLifePage](https://www.facebook.com/ProLifePage)
- [Facebook.com/SacerdotesPorLaVida](https://www.facebook.com/SacerdotesPorLaVida)
- [YouTube.com/FrFrankPavone](https://www.youtube.com/FrFrankPavone)
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*Fr. Frank Pavone and Janet Morana walk at the front of the March with the Silent No More Awareness Campaign*

## The Role of Priests for Life in the March for Life and Walk for Life

**Join us in Washington, D.C. January 21-22 and San Francisco on January 24!**

From its inception, Priests for Life has always had a major presence at the March for Life. As the years went on, and our relationship with March for Life Founder Nellie Gray grew, we were able to help more and more in various aspects of the March and other events surrounding it.

The Priests for Life Youth Outreach Department, called Stand True and led by Bryan Kemper, is entrusted with the organization and execution of the official youth rally, to be held this year on Tuesday, January 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the D.C. Renaissance Hotel.

Then, the next morning, Priests for Life plays a major role in coordinating the annual *National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers*. Now in its 21st year, this prayer service starts off the day of the March for Life on Thursday, January 22, 2015, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at Constitution Hall, 1776 D St., NW (18th and D St), Washington, D.C. We will start with Mass, for those who wish, at 7:30 a.m. (Doors open at 7). The prayer service is interdenominational, and is marked by the presence of dozens of clergy from every major denomination. Fr. Frank Pavone will once again give a rousing homily! Admission is free, no tickets are required, and large groups are welcome.

*For more information, see [NationalPrayerService.com](http://NationalPrayerService.com).*

Then, as part of the March for Life Rally, the crowd always



*The National Memorial for the Pre-Born and their Mothers and Fathers*

hears from at least one woman who has had an abortion and now regrets it. This is arranged through our Silent No More Awareness Campaign ([SilentNoMore.com](http://SilentNoMore.com)), a joint project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life. Moreover, women and men alike who have lost children to abortion and regret it walk in the front section of the March holding their signs saying, "I Regret My Abortion" and "I Regret Lost Fatherhood." Then, when the March arrives at the Supreme Court, these men and women begin sharing their testimonies publicly in front of the steps of the court, and the marchers stop for a while to listen to and learn from them, and to pray with them. You can see videos of past gatherings at [SilentNoMore.com](http://SilentNoMore.com), and you can also indicate on that website if you or someone you know feels called to share testimony.



*The Silent No More Awareness Campaign witnesses at the March each year.*

While all of this is going on, both before, during, and after the March, various members of the Priests for Life Team provide commentary on the day's events for EWTN, Fox News, and other major secular and Christian radio, TV, and print media.

We also are always present as exhibitors and sometimes as presenters during the March for Life convention, where we not only have our Priests for Life resources available, but also those of our youth outreach, Stand True.

Priests for Life is also prominent at the West Coast Walk for Life held in San Francisco. This year, it will take place on Saturday, January 24, and prior to the start of the rally, there will also be organized testimonies given by men and women of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

Priests for Life is grateful to all who organize and participate in both of these major events each year. Let's all make this year's events more successful than ever!

## Tune in to "Gospel of Life" on Radio Maria

When Radio Maria approached Priests for Life with an offer to host a show on its network, Executive Director Janet Morana saw a golden opportunity to introduce Catholic and Christian listeners to the many ministries that fall under the Priests for Life/Gospel of Life umbrella, and to give a platform to leaders throughout the pro-life movement to talk about their work and the work still to be done to shift our culture away from death and towards light and life.

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“Gospel of Life,” co-hosted by Janet and Father Frank Pavone, debuted on April 29. Priests for Life Pastoral Team members Kevin Burke, Bryan Kemper, Alveda King and Father Denis Wilde all have been welcomed as guests, as have Rachel’s Vineyard retreat leaders and Silent No More Awareness Campaign regional coordinators. Other guests have talked about the dangers to all of us in the right-to-die movement, the abortion breast cancer link and the vital role of pro-life youth.

The show airs every Tuesday at 6 p.m. ET and is rebroadcast Sundays at midnight ET and Thursdays at 2 a.m. ET. A list of Radio Maria stations can be found at <http://radiomaria.us> and listeners can tune in online at <http://radiomaria.us/the-gospel-of-life>. All the shows are archived on the Priests for Life website at [PriestsForLife.org/radiomaria](http://PriestsForLife.org/radiomaria).

The show also gives Priests for Life supporters a chance to speak with Father Frank, Janet and our guests live on the air by calling, toll free, 866-333-6279. Questions emailed to [info@gospeloflife.com](mailto:info@gospeloflife.com) are answered on the show each week. If you want to be a guest for the “Gospel of Life,” or have a suggestion for a great guest, please call our media department at 347-286-7277 or email [media@priestsforlife.org](mailto:media@priestsforlife.org)

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... more, namely, **to not allow a burial at all.** They wanted the bodies cremated and thrown away as medical waste. And forgotten. With this, however, the court did not agree. Even the Supreme Court was petitioned in the matter, and in the end, after a three-year battle, the babies were buried on October 6, 1985. Even President Ronald Reagan got involved, and wrote a eulogy that was read at the service, calling for an end to abortion.

For many years, this mass grave had no marker or headstone, just as the children have no names. But now there is a stone, and we are going to name the babies. Supporters of abortion do not want people to see mass graves in our midst. It’s too disturbing a reminder of the humanity of the victims of abortion. When people forget, the abortion supporters win; when people remember, we win. That is why we need to keep telling the stories of these graves, and visiting them. And that is why we continue to demand that the bodies of the babies killed by abortionist Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia be released so that we can bury them.

Ironically, the 16,433 aborted children in Los Angeles could not be buried at the nearby Catholic cemetery; but who is buried there? The late-term abortionist James McMahan.

4 God help us.

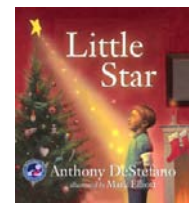
### Featured Products



**2015 Priests for Life Pro-Life Calendar**  
Special pro-life, liturgical and secular days are marked. The blocks are large enough to write in your own notes and many pro-life resources are listed on the back pages.

### Little Star *\*newly revised\**

In this touching retelling of the nativity story, best-selling author Anthony DeStefano has produced a modern Christmas classic for children.



### This Little Prayer of Mine

This book by Anthony DeStefano will help even the youngest children develop a rich prayer life that will sustain them as they grow older and face the tough challenges of life.

### Sharing Keys to Christmas

Father Denis Wilde, O.S.A., Associate Director of Priests for Life, has recorded this CD, a piano rendition of old favorites, carols and Christmas tunes, to bring in the joy of the season of Advent and Christmas to heart and home. The CD includes 11 medleys of selections familiar and beloved to all.



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