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Long-time Priests for Life Legislative Strategy Enacted!

On Tuesday, April 7, Governor Sam Brownback, a long time friend of Priests for Life, signed into law in Kansas the "Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act." This is the first of what we hope will be many similar laws across the country, protecting children from the most common form of second trimester abortion, called "D and E" ("Dilation and Evacuation"). A similar law is also in effect in Oklahoma, and other states have begun the process.

Since Congress passed the ban on partial-birth abortions in 2003,...

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In April 2015 Fr. Frank spoke at the Divine Mercy Conference in the Archdiocese of New York, and here concelebrated the Mass with Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit.

Priests for Life To Hold Major Pro-life Event at World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia

Last summer, Priests for Life rallied national pro-life leaders, and 70 of them signed a letter to the Holy Father, to the Pontifical Council for the Family, and to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia expressing excitement and support for the upcoming Eighth *World Meeting of Families*, scheduled for September 22-27, and culminating in a visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia.

In response to the interest of the pro-life leaders, the World Meeting of Families granted to Priests for Life a slot on Wednesday evening, Sept. 23, to have a pro-life event from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Philadelphia Convention Center, where the other sessions of the World Meeting of Families will occur. This event, involving a public presentation from 6 to 8 p.m. and then a private reception of pro-life leaders from 8 to 9, will

focus on the fact that nothing destroys the family more than abortion, and that family strength requires, first of all, that we protect the family's youngest members, and that we heal the wounds of abortion.

Groups will be able to exhibit at the evening event and meet pro-life activists and leaders from around the country and around the world. Please mark your calendars, and find out more at ProLifeWorldEvent.com.

Not just a book – A Pro-life Manifesto!

*"In **Abolishing Abortion**, Father Frank Pavone has written a compelling and eloquent book about the importance of protecting human life. It raises provocative questions not only about abortion's influence on this nation but also about the church's role in defeating the culture of death."* -- Gary Bauer, President, American Values

Brothers and Sisters,

I have been looking forward for a long time to tell you about my new book, *Abolishing Abortion*, which is coming out this August, published by Thomas Nelson/HarperCollins publishers.

Abolishing Abortion is a rallying cry to both Church and State, and the individuals who belong to each, to end the ongoing violence of abortion. It is a manifesto for the pro-life movement, asserting that no task is more urgent than restoring protection to the most basic right we have -- life.

While invoking the most fundamental principles of this movement -- principles that shaped America at its founding and that are also at the heart of the Gospel -- this book at the same time invokes well-developed practical strategies that recognize the value of incremental steps and psychologically compelling messaging.

This book points out that both Church and State have duties toward human rights, and both have failed in the duty to protect the children in the womb. This manifesto calls for the Church to face its own self-censorship when it comes to politics and elections. A sober assessment of the shaky basis of the Johnson Amendment is combined with a direct and honest critique of the way that the institutional Church exaggerates the dangers of "losing its tax-exempt status."

This book is a clear call for increased vigor, passion, and ...

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Fr. Denis Wilde and Fr. Frank Pavone joined Archbishop Charles Chaput in Philadelphia for Mass on March 31, the 10th anniversary of the death of Terri Schiavo.

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... priority in the task of ending abortion. It identifies specific dynamics that account for the continuation of legal abortion, as well as specific motives for confidence that we will eliminate this evil. It calls us to look at abortion in terms of victims rather than just viewpoints, and bloodshed rather than just beliefs; moreover, it shows how the increasing testimonies of those who have had abortions helps to break the perceived conflict between the interests of the mother and those of the child.

Both Amazon at **AbolishingAbortion.com** and Barnes & Noble at **AbolishingAbortion.org** are already taking preorders for this book. Please go there now and order some copies for yourself and for others, and throw in a copy for your pastor as well.

Incidentally, the more preorders these companies get, the more they will buy, and the more momentum the publisher will have to make them available on a wider basis. Let's make this effort a big success, like the children deserve!

-- Fr. Frank Pavone

Pray with us for Life

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

May 2-10: Mother's Day Novena

May 14 - May 24: Pentecost Novena for Life

June 13-21: Father's Day Novena

June 26-July 4: Prayer of Thanks for our Nation's Independence

May intention: That the unborn be remembered at graduation ceremonies nationwide.

June intention: That post-abortion ministries may be successful in their efforts to reach more and more people with compassion and healing.

Our Board of Directors

Priests for Life is governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Directors, elected by the current members of the Board. We are proud of our Board members, who bring significant financial, legal, political, ecclesiastical and pro-life experience to their service of this apostolate.

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On March 24, the eve of the 20th Anniversary of the encyclical "The Gospel of Life," Fr. Frank Pavone helped lead a major prayer service in Rome sponsored by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family.

Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy: It's all about Life

Priests for Life welcomes with joy the news of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, to begin on December 8, 2015 and continue until November, 2016. Shortly after the announcement, Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, spoke at a major Divine Mercy Conference in the Archdiocese of New York and also interviewed, for our EWTN program *Defending Life*, some of the Church's top experts on Divine Mercy who were present there: Father Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, and Dr. Robert Stackpole.

Fr. Frank also traveled to Rome and spoke with officials who are assisting the implementation of the Jubilee Year of mercy.

In these various presentations and discussions, three key themes emerged and will be the focus of Priests for Life:

Jesus Himself is Divine Mercy. His first act of mercy is to create us. Mercy brings life, and mercy impels us to defend the most defenseless to save their lives.

In the revelations of Divine Mercy to St Faustina, abortion was the primary sin for which God asked us to cry out for his mercy,

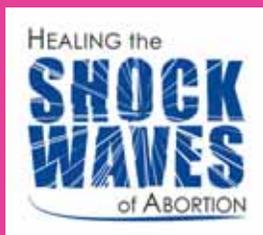
and today, the devotion to Divine Mercy deserves particular emphasis for those who have had abortions and for abortionists and clinic workers who have repented.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is a perfect time to recommit ourselves to deeds of mercy in rescuing the unborn, and works of mercy in healing the wounded, especially Rachel's Vineyard, the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, and the Society of Centurions (healing for ex-abortionists).

Learn more at JubileeOfMercy.net

Healing for Former Abortionists

From August 7-15, 2015, a special gathering for the rehabilitation of former abortionists and abortion clinic workers will take place in Victoria, BC (Canada) with pioneer researcher Dr. Philip Ney, family and child psychiatrist, who developed in the early 1990's the medical model of healing called "Centurions" for those who have performed abortions and have now repented. Fr. Frank Pavone, Fr. Terry Gensemer, and Janet Morana will assist in this process. Please spread the word about this important opportunity, and see SocietyOfCenturions.com for more details



The Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion initiative continues, whereby we focus each month on a different group of people wounded by each abortion that occurs. May is for the Moms, and June for the Dads. See AbortionShockwaves.com for more detailed info.

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...Priests for Life has been conducting an education campaign (see StopDandE.com) on dilation and evacuation abortions. Why? Because like partial-birth procedures, they so clearly demonstrate the brutality of abortion.

Seven years ago, we posted a YouTube video (see YouTube.com/frfrankpavone) using instruments and models to show what D&E abortions entail. That video has since had almost 450,000 viewings. Now, with the Kansas and Oklahoma laws, the gruesome truth about dismemberment abortion is being revealed to even more Americans.

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The law defines the prohibited activity as follows:

"Dismemberment abortion" means, with the purpose of causing the death of an unborn child, knowingly dismembering a living unborn child and extracting such unborn child one piece at a time from the uterus through the use of clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors or similar instruments that, through the convergence of two rigid levers, slice, crush or grasp a portion of the unborn child's body in order to cut or rip it off.

Let us continue to work to end D and E abortion, and all abortion!

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Priests for Life announces protocol to save babies from RU-486

Taking the chemical abortion regimen RU-486, or mifepristone, used to be a death sentence for an unborn child.

But in 2007, Priests for Life medical advisor Dr. Matt Harrison performed the first-ever reversal of RU-486. The little girl he saved is now eight years old, and in his words, "an enthusiastic cheerleader for her local football team."

Since then, a reversal protocol has been developed and 161 children are alive today because of it.

On Feb. 23, Priests for Life and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists sponsored a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., to unveil a new reversal kit and to introduce Gabriel David Caicedo, a little boy who was almost the New Year's baby in his New Jersey hometown.

Gabriel's mother, Andrea Minichini, 22, described in heartfelt testimony about not wanting to take the drug a Planned Parenthood doctor placed in her hand, but swallowing it anyway. When she ran out of the building, carrying a brown lunch bag with the misoprostol that would expel the baby after the mifepristone killed him, she tried to throw up the poison.

Twenty-four hours later, with the clock ticking, Andrea found her way to a 24-hour hotline (877-558-0333) established by Dr. George Delgado in San Diego. A nurse who answered the phone on the West Coast connected Andrea with a doctor in New Jersey willing to help.

Progesterone injections and pills, followed by a few weeks of bed rest for Andrea, reversed the mifepristone. Gabriel was born Dec. 31, 2014, two days before his due date, healthy and strong.

"It's very special to have Gabriel in our lives," said Chris Caicedo, 23, the baby's father and Andrea's boyfriend. "He's become the light of our life," Andrea said.



"The pro-life movement is about saving lives," said Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life. "We save lives by taking despair and replacing it with hope. The goal of the pro-life movement is to end all abortion, and for babies like Gabriel, who are here today because of this technique, abortion did end. It was conquered. It was overcome."

Priest's path to ordination and to Priests for Life

Father David Begany's ordination was the culmination of a journey that began at baptism, when his great-uncle, Father Michael Begany of the Philadelphia Archdiocese, placed him on the altar of the Blessed Mother. "My Mom always thought I would be a priest," he recalled.



His pro-life activism began at the Jesuit-run University of Scranton. He knew the church needed more leaders willing to become active in pro-life, and "I tossed around the idea of seminary." Eighteen years later, after working as a chemist, he spent a semester at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut. But diocesan life wasn't for him.

After his father's death in 2004, he fulfilled a dream of seeing Pope John Paul, twice, and the idea of a vocation "was rekindled."

In June 2005, Father Begany went on a retreat to Amarillo, Texas, to learn about the community Father Frank Pavone was building. "It was not contemplative," he said with a laugh. "It was very active."

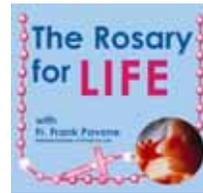
Eventually, the Missionaries of the Gospel of Life discerned it was not called to be a community but would take the approach of its parent association, Priests for Life, which trains seminarians and priests who already belong to their own community or diocese. Father Begany returned to Holy Apostles and was invited to apply to the Society of Joseph of the Sacred Heart, a community dedicated to outreach to the African-American community.

He was ordained as a Josephite on May 31, 2014, at St. Luke's Catholic Church in D.C. and is now parochial vicar at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Parish in New Orleans.

"I like preaching, hearing confessions, celebrating Mass," he said. "In the sacraments there is an aspect of fulfillment, a priestly satisfaction. I have an attachment to Priests for Life. I always will."

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