

# PRIESTS FOR LIFE

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### Cardinal Advisors Encourage Priests for Life

Priests for Life has various advisors among the bishops and Cardinals of the Catholic Church. Two of them are Cardinal Renato Martino and Cardinal Christoph Schönborn. Cardinal Martino served at the Vatican as the President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and also President of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People. From 1986 to 2002, he served as the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations. Cardinal Martino blessed the current headquarters of Priests for Life in New York back in 2001.

Cardinal Schönborn is the Archbishop of Vienna. After his visit to the Priests for Life office several years ago, he established a chapter of Priests for Life in Austria and also had various members of the Priests for Life team come to Vienna to address his priests. He commented to Fr. Frank that the work of Priests for Life and of the pro-life movement in the United States provides a much-needed sense of confidence that things can really change in favor of the Culture of Life.

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### Pope Francis and the Wounds of the Babies

In his daily homily on July 3, 2013, Pope Francis said,

*“We find Jesus’ wounds in carrying out works of mercy, giving to our body – the body – the soul too, but – I stress – the body of your wounded brother, because he is hungry, because he is thirsty ... naked ... humiliated ... a slave... Those are the wounds of Jesus today. ... We need to touch the wounds of Jesus, we must caress the wounds of Jesus, we need to bind the wounds of Jesus with tenderness, we have to kiss the wounds of Jesus, and this literally. Just think of what happened to St. Francis, when he embraced the leper? The same thing that happened to Thomas: his life changed.”*

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### Pro-life Manifesto Published

Fr. Frank’s manifesto for the pro-life movement, called **Abolishing Abortion**, has been published by Thomas Nelson publishers.

One of the chapters of this book is called “The Irrepressible Spiritual Imperative,” and builds on the theme expressed

elsewhere in this newsletter, and by Pope Francis, that our love and care for the vulnerable is fueled by our physical proximity to their wounds. Something awakens within us, at the deepest levels of our humanity, so that we identify with the victim. The book shows how this was operative in the lives of the apostles, other early saints, and in more modern movements like that which eradicated the slave trade and segregation.

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### Stand True Pro-life T-Shirts Make an Impact!



*Pictured above, one of Stand True’s pro-life t-shirts featuring a photo of the Virgin Mary and the phrase: “Our Mother Chose Life”*



We are proud of our Priests for Life Youth Ministry, **Stand True**, headed by Bryan Kemper, and the pro-life t-shirts they produce.

*Pictured left is the pro-life t-shirt with the phrase “Let God Plan Parenthood”*

Order these and similar shirts at [www.ProLifeProducts.org](http://www.ProLifeProducts.org).

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## Pope Francis on the unborn:

“ Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us ... this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right.”

– *Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium*, Nov. 24, 2013, n. 213.

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Both Cardinals recently wrote very encouraging letters to Priests for Life. Photos from their visits, and excerpts from their letters, follow.

*From the letter of Cardinal Martino:*

“In response to your recent update about your many activities, I wish to encourage you and your team to continue the fruitful work that Priests for Life is doing. You have every reason to proceed with confidence, because you have welcomed the assistance of the Church to strengthen your ministry as it continues to grow around the world. At the inception of Priests for Life in 1991, when it was given recognition as a Catholic Association of the Faithful, it was a relatively small apostolate focused within the United States on assisting priests to proclaim the Gospel of Life.



*Cardinal Renato Martino, left, joins Fr. Frank Pavone for the monthly Mass for the Priests for Life staff and pastoral team in the chapel at Priests for Life headquarters in New York.*

in many other countries to defend the most vulnerable human lives. You have also become an NGO at the United Nations and continue to assist the Holy See Mission.

...

“Please know, then, of my continued support as an ecclesiastical advisor and friend. I encourage all the supporters of Priests for Life to increase that support and work harder than ever to build on the progress you have already made in bringing about a Culture of Life.”

*Cardinal Renato Martino, May 29, 2015*



*Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, right, listens to presentations from Fr. Frank Pavone, Janet Morana, and the Priests for Life pastoral team during his visit to the Priests for Life headquarters in New York.*

*From the letter of Cardinal Schönborn:*

“In my capacity as a member of your Episcopal Advisory committee, as well as Grand Chancellor of the International Theological Institute (ITI) and as Patron of the International Catholic Legislators Network (ICLN), I have seen first-hand what are the many fruits of your work. Thank you for all the assistance Priests for Life and its various ministries, including Rachel’s Vineyard, Silent No More, and the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues, have provided over the years to the Archdiocese of Vienna, the ITI and the ICLN through expert speakers and seminar leaders to meet with students, parliamentarians and others both in Austria and Rome. I offer you my continued support and prayers in furthering your important work.”

*Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, January 16, 2015*

### Encyclical Addresses Environment and Life

The encyclical of Pope Francis entitled “*Laudato Si*,” issued in June of 2015, contains many themes pertaining to the pro-life message. Note, in particular, the following paragraphs:

**117. ... When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected.**

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“Since then it has grown and diversified into an entire family of ministries, and an international apostolate. While continuing to be faithful to your original vision of assisting and training the clergy, you have sought to follow the Spirit’s lead and respond to the needs of the pro-life movement, and therefore have integrated into your ministry the work of Rachel’s Vineyard, Silent No More, the Youth Outreach of Stand True, outreach to Hispanic and African-American communities, and much more.

“Of particular note, you have integrated into your family of ministries the international work of Marie Smith and the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues, assisting lawmakers

120. Since everything is interrelated, *concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion.* How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of the new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away.

### Pray with us for Life

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

September intention: That schools and universities teach the full truth about the abortion issue.

October intention: For strong and effective pro-life homilies throughout the Church

### Pope Francis and the Wounds of the Babies

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This exhortation of the Holy Father is particularly important for the pro-life movement. As you see in this photo of the Priests for Life administrative team holding an aborted baby, the abortion tragedy is not just about viewpoints; it's about victims. It's not just about beliefs; it's about bloodshed. And the more we come face to face with the victims in all their humanity, and embrace their bodies, the more energized we will be to love them and save them.

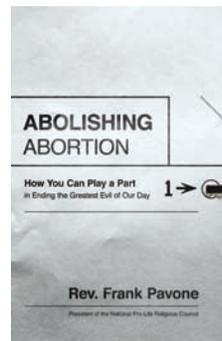


Fr. Frank Pavone and other members of the Priests for Life team 'embrace the wounds' of an aborted baby.

This is one of the many reasons for the **National Day of Remembrance** on the second Saturday of every September, when we (along with Pro-life Action League and Citizens for a Pro-life Society) co-sponsor memorial services at dozens of gravesites of aborted babies.

See [www.AbortionMemorials.com](http://www.AbortionMemorials.com) for information on how to be part of this.

[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)



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Among endorsements for this book are the following:

*"Fr. Frank Pavone has been my friend since 1995 and was the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church. He is a guide for our movement. I pray that Church leaders and their congregations will follow his message in his new book, **Abolishing***

*Abortion.*" -- Norma McCorvey, plaintiff Jane Roe of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion (1973)

*"Just as my uncle, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. fanned the flames of the civil rights movement, so today Rev. Frank Pavone is doing the same for the movement to end abortion. Fr. Frank's book **'Abolishing Abortion'** is another step in that great task."* -- Dr. Alveda King, Niece of Martin Luther King, Jr.



*Order your copy of the book at [www.AbolishingAbortion.com](http://www.AbolishingAbortion.com)*

### Financial Audit for 2014 Complete

In the coming weeks, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Priests for Life will present to the Board the final audit and 990 Forms for Priests for Life for the year 2014. We thank the accountants, auditing firms, attorneys and financial experts who have assisted us over the years and continue to assist us in exercising our financial stewardship.

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. Our Board consists of:

- **Fr. Frank Pavone**, *National Director and Chairman of the Board, Priests for Life*
- **Fr. Walter Quinn, OSA**, *Priest Associate of Priests for Life*
- **Fr. Denis G. Wilde, OSA**, *Associate Director, Priests for Life*
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- **Mark Crutcher**, *President and Founder, Life Dynamics, Inc.*
- **Dr. Alveda King**, *Director, African-American Outreach, Priests for Life*
- **David Rosa**, *Insurance Agent and past candidate for Congress in the 20th Congressional District of Texas*
- **Andrew Smith**, *State Director of the Texas Pro-Life Action Team; former Communications Director for Respect Life Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas*

Priests for Life thanks the Pontifical Council for the Family, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and the World Meeting of Families for allowing us to plan and carry out, on behalf of the pro-life movement of the United States, the *International Pro-Life Symposium* on the evening of Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

See [www.ProLifeWorldEvent.com](http://www.ProLifeWorldEvent.com) for information both before and after the event.

### Planned Parenthood Sells Body Parts of Babies It Kills

Priests for Life has been involved for many years in the effort to expose the fact that Planned Parenthood sells the body parts of the babies it kills by abortion.

Here is what the Senior Director of Medical Services, Dr. Deborah Nucatola, said in an undercover video:

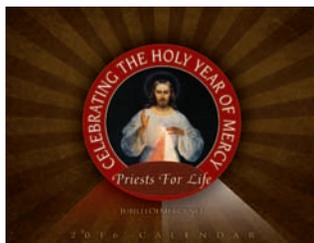
*“We’ve been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I’m not gonna crush that part, I’m gonna basically crush below, I’m gonna crush above, and I’m gonna see if I can get it all intact.”*

The sale of body parts violates both state and federal law. Partial-birth abortion, often used to more easily obtain the parts intact, also violates state and federal law. Priests for Life is publicizing additional undercover information about Planned Parenthood, coming from research of the Center for Medical Progress. *We call on our people to contact their representatives in Congress to urge them to defund Planned Parenthood.*

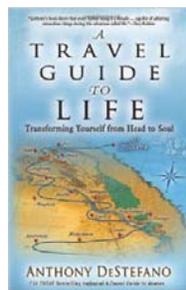
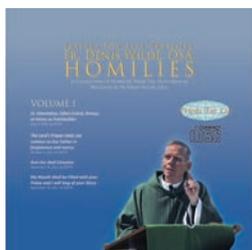
See the details of these revelations and the action you can take at [www.BabyBodyParts.com](http://www.BabyBodyParts.com).

### Featured Products

**Priests for Life 2016 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. *\$10.00 each.*



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