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Priests for Life Celebrates 25 Years: 1991-2016

25th Anniversary: History of Priests for Life, Part 2: How Can We Help You?

By Fr Frank Pavone

Priests for Life, founded in 1991, marks its 25th anniversary this year, and therefore we are providing in our newsletters some glimpses into our history as an apostolate.

When I was given permission in 1993 by Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, to devote myself full-time to defending the unborn, as I had told him I felt called to do, he told me that I could establish our headquarters anywhere within the Archdiocese of New York. The members of Priests for Life around the country had formally elected me to the position of President, and had also elected Fr. Jim Heyd of Chicago to a part-time position as Associate Director.

At that point, we had no staff, and the priests in San Francisco who originally founded Priests for Life had entrusted to the control of the new Board the bank account that contained about \$3000. I had neither a cell phone nor a computer, and I didn't even know how to operate a fax machine.

But I wasn't thinking in terms of an office; I was thinking in terms of a small bedroom - because what I wanted to do was to get on the road and immerse myself in the nationwide activities of the pro-life movement.

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Elections 2016 -- We are Raising Up an Army!

For decades, Priests for Life has been active in election cycles, and active at all other times of the year in teaching and preaching about the political responsibility of believers. This year, facing the unprecedented importance of the Elections of 2016, we are placing even more importance on the "ground game," that is, having active volunteers all over the country who are helping to educate and mobilize voters.

***We need you to sign up now!
Go to PoliticalResponsibility.com to do so!***

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Priests for Life is committed to financial accountability and has a history of 100% clean annual audits. To see our latest one, visit PriestsForLife.org/Audit.

Connect with us on Social Media!

Dear Priests for Life Family,

We are happy to announce a new website domain, **www.ProLifeSocialMedia.org**, designed to help you stay connected with all that our Priests for Life Family is doing in the world of social media.



The interconnected Family of Ministries of Priests for Life - including our outreach to clergy and seminarians, our Silent No More and Rachel's Vineyard efforts, our Hispanic and African-American Outreach (now called Civil Rights for the Unborn), and our Political Responsibility efforts, particularly important this year - play a leading role in pro-life social media. My Instagram account @frfrankpavone, for instance, has over 15,000 followers, and our main Facebook page is at well over half a million (and that's just one of many Facebook pages we administer). On Twitter, moreover, at @frfrankpavone, we are connected with over 33,000 followers - and again that's just one of many accounts.

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Shockwaves Themes for March and April

March: Healing the Grandparents

April: Healing the Siblings

Continue to follow our year-long pastoral and educational effort about how both the wounds and healing after abortion are multifaceted!

www.AbortionShockwaves.com

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At this one-stop page, **ProLifeSocialMedia.org**, you can make sure that you are connected with us on all of our platforms. We do not just want you to see what we are doing and saying, but we want to know what you are doing and saying - and, of course, that's the very nature of social media. These platforms give us an opportunity for mutual encouragement, for joint action, and for recruiting like-minded people.

Many people wonder if they are connecting with me *personally* on these platforms. The answer is that *yes, I do interact personally* on these social media platforms, and we also have a wonderful team of people working full-time to keep them up to date with relevant posts.

So please go to **ProLifeSocialMedia.org** today and Like and Follow us on all the various platforms we have! See you online!



Fr. Frank Pavone
National Director

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So I approached the pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Port Chester, NY. It was my hometown, and I knew there was extra room in the rectory. He welcomed me to use one of the spare rooms, and then, on his initiative, offered me a small office in which to get started. I accepted that offer, and remember the first time I sat down at the desk. I put my head in my hands and prayed with a sense of joyful expectation, "OK, Lord, now we begin."

And I began by going on the road, to meet systematically with every leader of national pro-life groups - by which I meant groups focused on ending abortion. I included all the different types: religious groups, non-denominational groups, educational groups, activist groups, political groups. I visited the leaders, at my own expense. I did not bother using the meager Priests for Life funds; I invested all my personal savings up to that point in my life in the startup of the full-time Priests for Life work.

And as I went to visit pro-life leaders, I told them that Cardinal O'Connor had released me to be the first full-time director of Priests for Life, and that the vision of our organization was

to activate and equip the clergy - and the whole Church - to preach, teach, and mobilize people to defend the unborn.

In that context, although they had sizable offices, staff, and budgets, I was not asking them for help, but rather I asked each leader, "How can Priests for Life help you?" And the response was one of tremendous enthusiasm, as we will see in the next installment of these articles...

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Our volunteers will help in ways that correspond to their own availability and talents. Among the activities will be to identify and register voters, distribute voter guides, and drive people to the polls during early voting days and on Election Day itself.

The importance of Elections 2016 cannot be overstated. We are living in the midst of an ongoing holocaust of abortion, and many public servants cannot tell the difference between serving the public and killing the public. They don't belong in public office. Moreover, we ourselves at Priests for Life - along with many others - are battling for our religious freedom in the Supreme Court at this very moment, and we know that those we elect will decide the direction of the Supreme Court for the next generation.

Politics is not our salvation; Jesus Christ is. But he calls us to be politically active! This is no time for weariness or cynicism. We aren't looking for perfect candidates who will do our job for us. We are simply looking for candidates who will do their own job and will let us do ours, in building a culture of life!

So please join us today, and utilize **PoliticalResponsibility.com** for all the information you need about how to engage the political process in a way consistent with the Gospel of Life!



Pope and Patriarch Call For Defense of the Unborn

Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia met in Havana, Cuba on Friday, February 12 and signed an historic joint declaration. In that declaration they stated the following about the unborn:

"21. We call on all to respect the inalienable right to life. Millions are denied the very right to be born into the world. The blood of the unborn cries out to God (cf. Gen 4:10)."

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“As the Pope stands in solidarity of those who want to cross the border of the United States, let us stand in solidarity with those who want to cross the border of the womb.”

Fr. Frank Pavone

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Priests for Life is grateful for this declaration and urges all local churches to take up the cause of defending the unborn with new strength and confidence!

Two Crucial Prayer Campaigns

Priests for Life is leading a national coalition of pro-life and religious groups in two crucial prayer campaigns that we ask each of you, as individuals, families, and parishes, to participate in.

The first is for victory in the Supreme Court cases on religious freedom. The Court is currently hearing seven consolidated cases challenging the HHS mandate, which puts many Catholic and other Christian ministries, including Priests for Life, under threat of government punishment for living out their faith. *Priests for Life vs. HHS* is one of these cases that the Supreme Court is hearing, along with the Little Sisters of the Poor and five others.

The prayers we have composed for victory in this case and for the reversal of the HHS mandate can be found at **www.SupremeCourtVictory.org**.

The second prayer campaign is for our national elections of 2016. We pray for God’s wisdom for voters, and this interdenominational, non-partisan prayer is at **www.ElectionPrayer.org**.

Please let us know that you are joining in these prayer campaigns by signing up at these sites, where you will find the text of the prayers and where you can also order prayer cards!

Other prayer intentions and novenas at **www.PrayerCampaign.org** are as follows:

March intention: For a proper and balanced understanding of the consistent ethic of life.

April intention: That those seeking to adopt a child may have courage and success.

March 27-May 5, 2016: Easter Prayer for Life

March 31, 2016: Anniversary of the death of Terri Schiavo (11 years)

April 4, 2016: Annunciation

April 28, 2016: St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Patroness of Mothers and Physicians - 54th Anniversary of her death

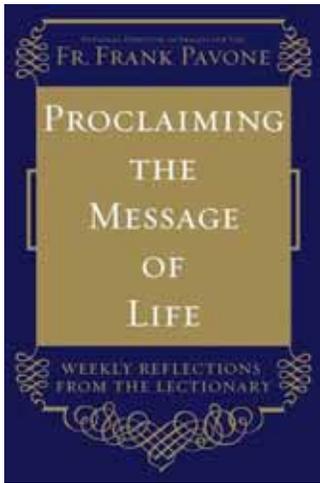
April 30-May 8, 2016: Mother’s Day Novena

Civil Rights 4 the Unborn

Our African-American Outreach at Priests for Life, led by Evangelist Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr., has taken on a new name! To emphasize what our message has been from the start, it is now called “Civil Rights for the Unborn.” Thanks, Alveda, for your continued leadership, and your message that the civil rights movement of today is the pro-life movement!

Fr. Pavone Releases New Book on Preaching on Abortion

This Spring, Servant Books is publishing Fr. Frank Pavone’s latest book, *Proclaiming the Message of Life*. You can visit our store, ProLifeProducts.org, for information on how to order it.



Combining decades of experience in preaching in different churches every weekend about abortion, Fr. Frank accomplishes in this book three distinct goals. First, he gives an overview of some basic principles of preaching on abortion, in the light of doctrinal and liturgical norms and of his knowledge of where the American people stand right now on abortion and how church congregations respond to the pro-life message. Second, he addresses specific concerns that some clergy

have regarding preaching on this subject. And finally, the majority of the book contains homily hints for each Sunday of the year, for all three liturgical cycles, based on the readings of that particular Sunday.

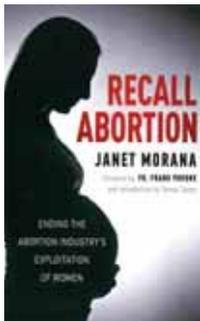
Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P., Editor-in-Chief of Magnificat, calls Fr. Pavone's new book "a thoughtful, and much-needed pastoral resource for preaching about abortion." And Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, of EWTN, writes, "People frequently ask me why their priests do not preach more about life and against abortion. Now I can recommend Fr. Frank Pavone's book ... Not only can priests learn from this book, but so can Christ's faithful laity learn how to bring the message of life better and more integrated to God's sacred Word."

Please spread the word about this important book and, along with your own copy, purchase one for the priests and deacons you know!

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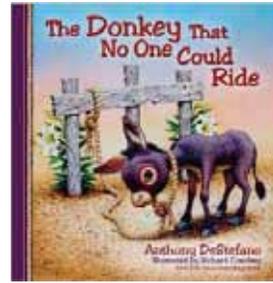
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her death. Use these resources to educate others about Terri and all whose lives that are threatened in the same way as hers was. Bundle consists of a pack of 100 *Prayer in Remembrance of Terri Schiavo* Prayer Cards and a pack of 100 brochures: *Terri Schiavo's Final Hours: An Eyewitness Account*. #9999. \$15 including shipping and handling.

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