

# PRIESTS FOR LIFE

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## Priests for Life Celebrates 25 Years: 1991-2016

### Priests for Life vs. HHS in Supreme Court with Six Other Cases

Priests for Life is in the Supreme Court: the organization, along with three of its leaders (Fr. Frank Pavone, Janet Morana, and Alveda King), were joined by 33 other petitioners as the Court combined seven cases (including the Little Sisters of the Poor, two dioceses, various schools and ministries of various denominational backgrounds, and other private citizens) to challenge the HHS mandate and its “accommodation” that would force us to be morally complicit in the provision of abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives in the insurance plans we offer our employees.

A decision is expected in June, if not before. Find out details at [www.IStandWithPFL.com](http://www.IStandWithPFL.com) and join in the prayer campaign at [www.SupremeCourtVictory.com](http://www.SupremeCourtVictory.com).

### Elections 2016!

Hopefully by now you have signed up to help do something about the 2016 elections at [PoliticalResponsibility.com](http://PoliticalResponsibility.com). We are looking forward to a year when, in record numbers, we will elect public servants who know the difference between serving the public and killing the public!

Fr. Frank’s book *Abolishing Abortion* challenges this year the mistaken notions, sometimes found in legal advice given to Churches, that we risk our tax exempt status by urging people to vote pro-life. Nothing could be further from the truth. ***How ironic it would be in this election season, while the Church is fighting mandates of the government that restrict religious freedom, for the Church to issue her own internal mandates that restrict religious freedom,*** by discouraging such things as the distribution of non-partisan voter guides.

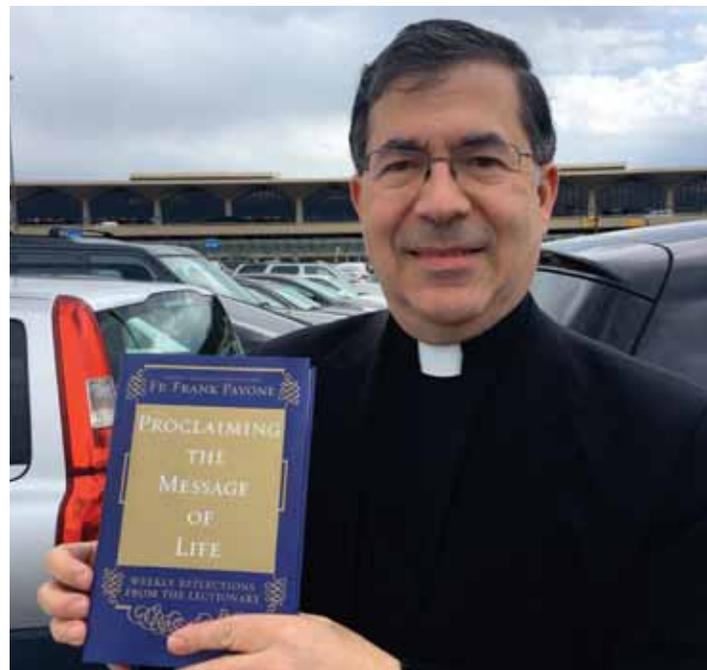
Find out the difference between sober advice and exaggerated, mistaken advice in the book *Abolishing Abortion*, which you can order at [AbolishingAbortion.com](http://AbolishingAbortion.com).

In this presidential race, some have made (and then corrected) mistaken statements that the women who get illegal abortions should be punished. (In reality, those who have abortions are already in prison, spiritually and emotionally, and we seek to set them free! It is the abortionist who should face legal sanctions.) But then other candidates have said that abortion should be unrestricted, throughout pregnancy, and have been unable to

identify any circumstance in which they would be OK with protecting an unborn child by law. And those statements were not corrected or retracted.

So which mistake is more easily corrected? And which is more damaging to the moral fabric of our nation, and to the lives of countless children?

### New Book on Preaching About Abortion!



Upon arriving at Newark airport from a recent trip, Fr. Frank received the first copy of his latest book, *Proclaiming the Message of Life*. This book gives to clergy and laity pro-life reflections on the readings of every Sunday of the year (for all three years of the liturgical cycle), and guidance for the clergy on how to preach on abortion.

Bishop Michael Sheridan of the Diocese of Colorado Springs states, “Clergy and laity alike are called to root their pro-life commitment in the Word of God. Fr. Pavone’s new book gives all of us an effective way to do that, and I recommend it to those in the pulpit and those in the pews as well!”

For more information, and to place your order, visit [www.ProclaimingTheMessageOfLife.com](http://www.ProclaimingTheMessageOfLife.com).

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On March 22, Fr. Frank and Janet Morana were invited to join members of Congress for a press conference sponsored by Rep. Trent Franks in support of Priests for Life and the other petitioners challenging the HHS Mandate. Pictured from left to right are Janet, Fr. Frank Pavone, Rep. Virginia Foxx, Rep. Vicky Hartzler, Rep. Trent Franks (at podium), Rep. Mike Kelly and Rep. Jody Hice. Also in attendance were Rep. Joe Pitts, Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, Rep. Diane Black, and Rep. Dan Lipinski (a pro-life Democrat).

## The Joy of Love

All of us at Priests for Life welcome the document issued in April by Pope Francis called *“Amoris Laetitia”* (*“The Joy of Love”*), which summarizes his teaching following the two worldwide synods of bishops held in the last two years on the topic of the family.

We encourage all the clergy and laity to carefully read, study, discuss and apply this document, which repeats the Church’s teaching on life, marriage and family, and urges all of us to encourage one another with compassion and care as we strive to live that teaching.

In regard to our own ministry in defense of the unborn, we thank the Holy Father for the beautiful words of this document about pregnancy and motherhood, in particular the following passage:

*“Every child growing within the mother’s womb is part of the eternal loving plan of God the Father: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer1:5). Each child has a place in God’s heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator’s eternal dream comes true. Let us pause to think of the great value of that embryo from the moment of conception. We need to see it with the eyes of God, who always looks beyond mere appearances.” (n. 168)*

## Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion

May: Healing the Moms  
June: Healing the Dads

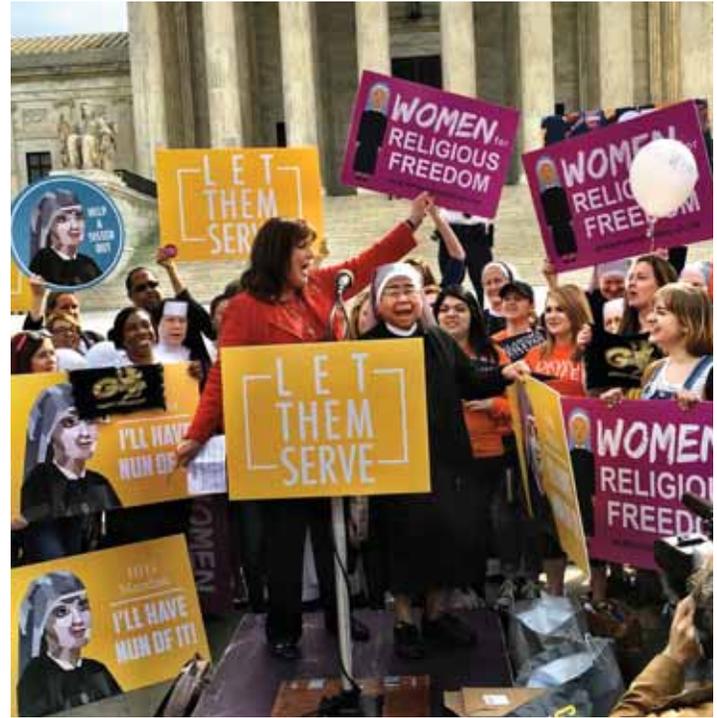
Continue to follow our year-long pastoral and educational effort about how both the wounds and healing after abortion are multifaceted!  
[www.AbortionShockwaves.com](http://www.AbortionShockwaves.com)

He states in section 83, *“Here I feel it urgent to state that, if the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of*

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*a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother’s womb, that no alleged right to one’s own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which is an end in itself and which can never be considered the “property” of another human being.”*

The Holy Father also encourages adoption, stating, *“Adopting a child is an act of love, offering the gift of a family to someone who has none.” N. 179*



Our Executive Director Janet Morana, a petitioner in our Supreme Court case, pumps up the crowd at the March 23 rally in front of the Supreme Court as the Priests for Life case is heard.

## 25th Anniversary of Priests for Life – Part 3: Thank you, Mother Angelica!

As we continue to reflect on the history of Priests for Life in these newsletters during our 25th anniversary year, we have recently mourned the passing of Mother Angelica, Foundress of EWTN. She died on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 and Priests for Life was among the first to announce her passing about three hours after it happened.

I was privileged to concelebrate her funeral Mass on Friday, April 1, along with with Archbishop Chaput, Archbishop Viganò (the Papal nuncio to the USA), and other bishops and priests.

As I said farewell to Mother Angelica during that solemn Mass, I reflected on how much she was a part of the history of Priests for Life. In my very first year of doing this ministry full-time, as pro-life groups in local communities across the country began inviting me to come to encourage and train their people and preach in their Churches, the pro-life groups in Birmingham, AL, were among those who invited me. Among the events they planned was an appearance on Mother Angelica’s Live Show. Mother and I talked about Priests for Life and the work we do in ending abortion. She called it “courageous,” and

the next day she had me meet with her in her office. “I’d like you to tape a series for this network about abortion,” she said to me, and she picked up the phone right then and there and called one of the producers. “Please schedule Fr. Frank Pavone to tape a series on abortion.” We taped it within a few months, and in January of 1995, the series *Defending Life* began airing on EWTN. It still airs to this day, as we produce 26 new episodes each year on this longest running, farthest-reaching program on abortion ever aired.

### Pray with us for Life

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

May intention: That many graduates may devote themselves full-time to the pro-life movement.

June intention: For fathers who are trying to save their unborn children from abortion.

May 5-15, 2016: Pentecost Novena for Life

June 11-19, 2016: Father’s Day Novena

June 26-July 4, 2016: Prayer of Thanks for our Nation’s Independence

By personally welcoming me to the network and requesting that I start this series, and then by having me frequently on many Live Shows since then, Mother Angelica was responsible for much of the growth of Priests for Life. Countless people from across the United States and around the world write to us and say, “We watch your program on EWTN.” Moreover, among them are so many who say, “You changed my mind on abortion,” or “You inspired me to get active in the pro-life movement,” or “I had an appointment for an abortion and after I saw your show I canceled it.” I have been privileged to visit some of the mothers who were dissuaded from abortion thanks to our *Defending Life* program on EWTN.

So, thank you, Mother Angelica, for opening the door for Priests for Life to a worldwide audience that continues to support us, encourage us, and carry out the activities we initiate!

### Fr. Frank Pavone Re-Elected

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of Priests for Life, Fr. Frank Pavone was re-elected as National Director at a recent meeting. Also, the Board of Directors of the National Pro-Life Religious Council recently re-elected him, also by unanimous vote, to be the President of that interdenominational pro-life organization.

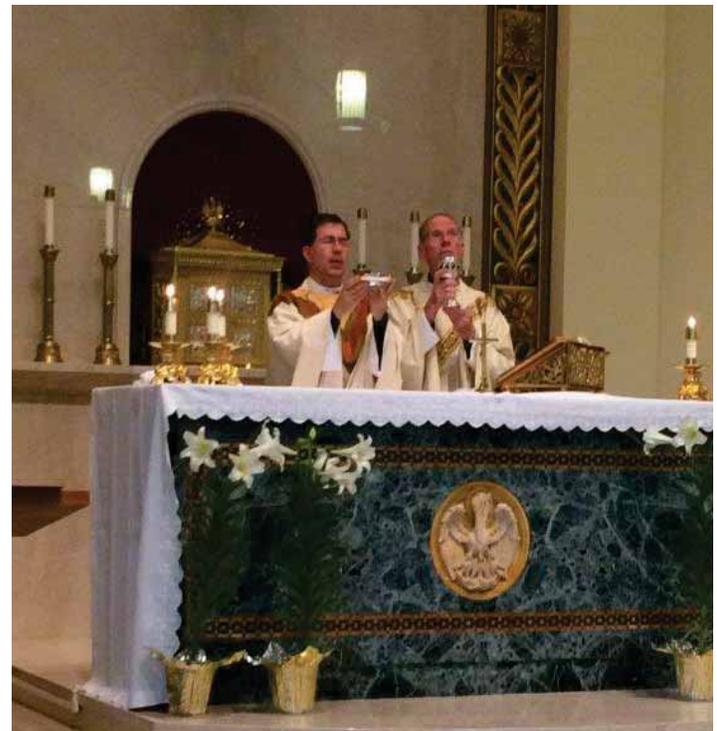
Congratulations, Fr. Frank!

### Connect with us on Social Media!

At [www.ProLifeSocialMedia.com](http://www.ProLifeSocialMedia.com), you will find the many platforms on social media with which you can connect with Fr. Frank Pavone and the whole team of Priests for Life.

For starters, connect with us on these platforms to talk about how we can build a culture of life together:

-  [facebook.com/fatherfrankpavone](https://facebook.com/fatherfrankpavone)
-  [Twitter.com/frfrankpavone](https://Twitter.com/frfrankpavone)
-  [instagram.com/frfrankpavone](https://instagram.com/frfrankpavone)
-  [youtube.com/frfrankpavone](https://youtube.com/frfrankpavone)
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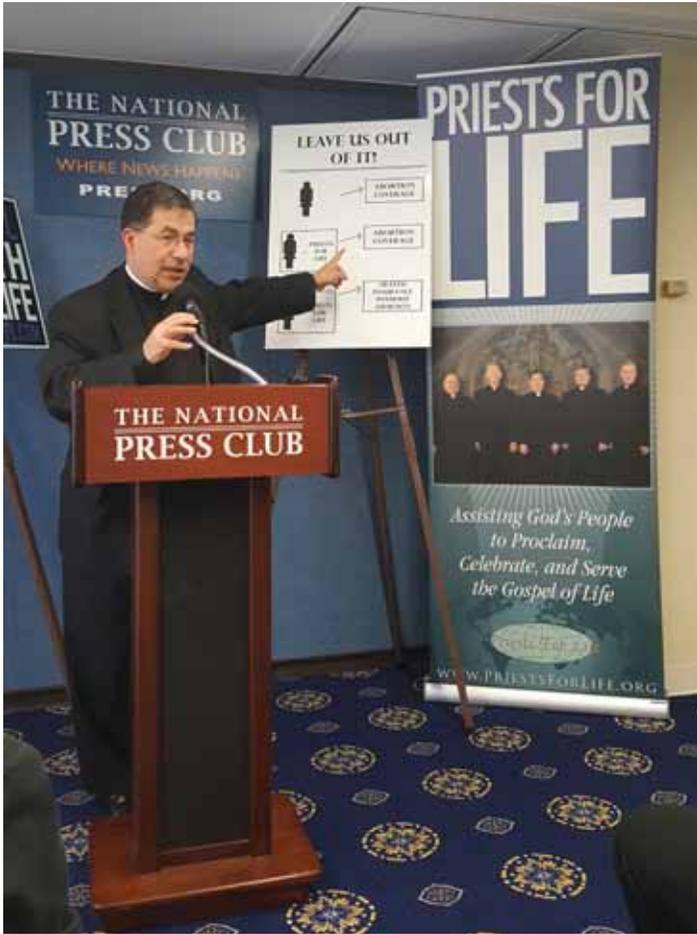


*Fr. Frank was the main celebrant and homilist at the 11th Anniversary of the death of Terri Schiavo at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA, Associate Director of Priests for Life, concelebrates.*

### Financial Transparency

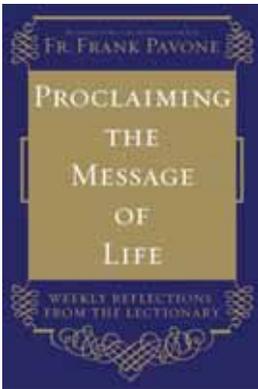
Priests for Life and its Board of Directors are committed to financial transparency. The organization has always had clean annual audits, the last of which can be found at [www.priestsforlife.org/audit](http://www.priestsforlife.org/audit). We are grateful to the financial experts on our Audit Committee for their hard work in assisting us in these matters.

We invite you to be part of our success by donating to us at [www.priestsforlife.org/donate](http://www.priestsforlife.org/donate). You can also become a monthly donor and can also make plans to include Priests for Life in your will or other forms of planned giving. Call us to discuss your options at 888-735-3448.



On March 22, Priests for Life held a press conference at the National Press Club about our Supreme Court case against the HHS mandate.

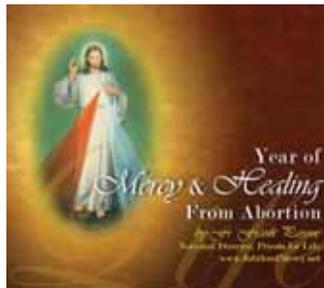
### Featured Products



**\* New Book \***

**Proclaiming the Message of Life: Weekly Reflections from the Lectionary**

See the article on the front page about Fr. Frank Pavone's exciting new book.



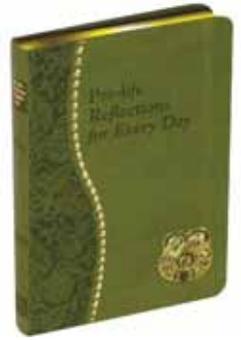
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**Year of Mercy and Healing from Abortion (CD)**

In the talks on this CD, Fr. Frank Pavone speaks on Divine Mercy, its meaning and its connection to the Pro-Life movement. He gives us a deeper understanding of what Pope Francis has given to the Church by declaring the "Year of Mercy". Talk One: "Diving Mercy: Rescuing the Helpless" 22:56 Talk Two: Mercy & Forgiveness after Abortion" 28:54

**Prolife Reflections for Everyday**

This book by Fr. Frank Pavone will enrich your daily prayer life with new vigor to stand up for the unborn! This is a devotional prayer book, one of the "Spiritual Life" series that Catholic Book Publishing Company has produced for years. The book is 192 pages with a ribbon. In exchange for one minute a day, your spiritual life will be nourished throughout the day with pro-life vigor!



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