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## Fr. Frank to present Pro-life Award to Pam Tebow in Washington on March for Life Day

On the morning of the March for Life, at the National Prayer Service, Fr. Frank Pavone will present to Pam Tebow, mother of Tim Tebow, the National Pro-life Recognition Award for 2017. (See [www.NationalPrayerService.com](http://www.NationalPrayerService.com) for details about participating.)

As the daughter of an army colonel, Pam Tebow lived all over the world until she was seventeen, when she entered the University of Florida. She graduated with honors in Journalism and Communication. While in college, Pam met Bob, and they were married upon graduation. The Tebows have five children, who are active in various ministries--- and seven precious grandchildren.

Pam and Bob are considered pioneers of homeschooling, and have served as missionaries in the Philippines, where Bob continues to have an ongoing ministry, the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association.

Pam loves speaking for women's groups, nonprofit fundraisers, and various events in many cities across the country.

Her notoriety increased when Tim Tebow, her youngest son, won the Heisman Trophy following his sophomore football season with the Florida Gators. Because ESPN aired the portion of the interview with Pam that focused on her refusal to abort "Timmy" when she was advised to do so, she has been given a national platform to encourage the prolife message. In 2010, Pam and Tim were in a Super Bowl commercial that celebrated family and life, which, according to a Barna survey, resulted in 5.5 million people "having cause to rethink their stand on abortion."

We invite you all to join us for this special event. The National Prayer Service is held in DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St., NW (18th and D St) and is preceded by a Mass at 7:30am and then the interdenominational service from 8:30 to 10:30am, during which the award is presented.

We will also be blessed by the music of Tony Melendez, the



*Pam Tebow*

famous guitarist without arms, and Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation.

Large groups are welcome, admission is free of charge, and no tickets are required,

although we encourage you to let us know that you are coming by signing up at [www.NationalPrayerService.com](http://www.NationalPrayerService.com).

## Receive a Prayer Card touched to the Miraculous Medal that Mother Teresa gave us!

Mother Teresa of Calcutta has been canonized, and she is certainly a model and inspiration for the pro-life movement. She is particularly special to us here at Priests for Life because she knew and encouraged our ministry.

When Fr. Frank visited with Mother Teresa, she gave him some miraculous medals, as was her custom.

Now, we would like to send to you a prayer card that was touched to one of those medals that Mother Teresa personally handed to Fr. Frank.

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## Receive a Prayer Card touched to the Miraculous Medal that Mother Teresa gave us!

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The card is our Prayer to End Abortion. Mother Teresa asked us at Priests for Life to pray each day for an end to what she called the terrible war against unborn children. As we send this card to you, we are confident that you will join us in this prayer each day and that you will draw strength and encouragement for your own pro-life work from Mother Teresa's words and example.

Please request one of these prayer cards at [www.PriestsForLife.org/MotherTeresaCard](http://www.PriestsForLife.org/MotherTeresaCard) or fill out the order form on page 4:

*(And if you have not already received the prayer card which is a third class relic of Pope Saint John Paul II, having been touched to the first class relic of his blood, go to [www.PriestsForLife.org/Relic](http://www.PriestsForLife.org/Relic) to request one, or check the box on the order form.)*

## Remember us in your Will

May I invite you today to join our “**Priests for Life Legacy Family**.” You can continue to protect the children whose lives our ministry saves even after the Lord calls you home!

There are various options you have when you do your estate planning, in conjunction with those who advise you.

Our team can discuss various ways you can make a bequest, or benefit from a Charitable Remainder Trust. Consider Priests for Life when reviewing the beneficiary clauses of your pension fund, IRA accounts, Life Insurance, or Annuities.

All inquiries are treated with complete confidentiality.

Visit [www.PriestsForLifeLegacy.com](http://www.PriestsForLifeLegacy.com) or contact us in the following ways:

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God bless you!  
Fr. Frank Pavone

## Priests for Life Coordinating Key Events During March for Life

Along with the assistance our Youth Outreach Department usually gives to the March for Life Youth Rally, to be held on the day before the March, Priests for Life will again be

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organizing the National Prayer Service, on the morning of the March (Friday, January 27). See the separate article about it in this newsletter. Likewise, at the conclusion of the March, join us at the steps of the Supreme Court where, together with Anglicans for Life, we will host the Silent No More Awareness Gathering, where many will share their pain and healing after abortion. For full details of our schedule, visit [www.PriestsForLife.org/MarchForLife](http://www.PriestsForLife.org/MarchForLife).

## Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion: Third Year of Project begins

In January, Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life launch the third year of Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion ([www.AbortionShockwaves.com](http://www.AbortionShockwaves.com)). This is an initiative of our Silent No More Awareness Campaign ([www.SilentNoMore.com](http://www.SilentNoMore.com)), and brings to light the fact that every abortion harms countless people, starting with the child who is killed, extending then to the parents, and then the grandparents, siblings, other relatives, friends, abortionist and staff, and the pro-life advocates who tried to save that life but failed.

The Shockwaves initiative raises awareness of these multiple wounds, fosters healing, and then provides a platform for testimony. Indeed, the repentance and healing of each of these wounded individuals facilitates the healing of the rest. At our gatherings -- such as the one we will hold on the day of the March for Life in Washington, DC -- when, for instance, a grandparent expresses regret that he or she did not do more for



*Gathered at the March for Life, representatives of the “Shockwaves” initiative give their testimonies.*

a daughter who was tempted to abort, that daughter is helped to heal the anger and resentment she may have toward her parents because of the abortion. Find out more about this special initiative and help us to spread the awareness and the healing!

## Pray with us for Life

[PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org) is our prayer website. Visit there often for prayer campaigns, intentions, and resources.

**November intention:** That the disabled may be recognized and protected as persons at all times.

**December intention:** For the healing and reconciliation of all who have had or participated in abortions.

~ November 27-December 24, 2016: Advent Prayer for Life

~ December 4-12, 2016: Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

The Priestly Society of John Henry Cardinal Newman sponsors *The Catholic Response* and Newman House Press. TCR is a bi-monthly periodical committed to a robust proclamation of Catholic truth in keeping with St. John Paul II's call for "a new evangelization" and Pope Benedict XVI's encouragement of a revival of apologetics to explain and defend the Faith. Their Press has the same orientation and has published works originally released by the Vatican Press and translated for English-speaking audiences, as well as original works. Both apostolates have a strong pro-life orientation and have been most supportive of Priests for Life over the years. We enthusiastically encourage friends of PFL to become friends and supporters of *The Catholic Response* and Newman House Press. If you identify yourselves with PFL, you will receive a 25% discount on any subscriptions or book orders. Visit their website at: [johnhenrycardinalnewman.org](http://johnhenrycardinalnewman.org).

## Are you tuning in to The Gospel of Life on Radio Maria?

Time flies when you're on the radio!

In 2014, Radio Maria asked Priests for Life if we would like to host a pro-life show on the Catholic network that broadcasts to stations in seven states, and all over the country online. We took them up on that offer.

The Gospel of Life debuted in April 29, 2014 for a trial period, after which Radio Maria enthusiastically renewed it, and then eventually said they wanted to keep the show on as one of the most popular programs they offer. In our 6 p.m. ET slot on Tuesday, co-hosts Janet Morana and Father Frank Pavone have interviewed some of the best known pro-life leaders in the nation, including Joe Scheidler of the Pro-Life Action League and Troy Newman of Operation Rescue. The show also gives us a chance to highlight the work of the many ministries under the Priests for Life/Gospel of Life umbrella and to catch up to the great work that our supporters are doing for the unborn.

This past summer, listeners had a chance to get acquainted with Betty Gorey, a 103-year-old Californian who has been going to daily Mass for more than 60 years. And we like to keep listeners updated on Josh and Rosary Comeau, a young

couple from Indiana expecting their sixth child. They never lost faith as Josh battled a rare and deadly brain cancer that doctors said he wouldn't survive. His latest MRI showed no new growth. And Rosary's latest ultrasound showed a baby due around Christmas. Praise the Lord! It's easy to listen online. Just go to <http://radiomaria.us> and click "Listen Live." You can also call in with a question or comment while we're on the air by dialing 866-333-6279. You can also email questions to [info@gospeloflife.com](mailto:info@gospeloflife.com). In addition to our Tuesday time slot, the show is rebroadcast at 2 a.m. ET Thursday, and you can listen to archived shows at [www.PriestsForLife.org/RadioMaria](http://www.PriestsForLife.org/RadioMaria).

## Christmas for the unborn

This Advent and Christmas season, whether you are a preacher or simply a Christian who likes to meditate on the deeper meaning of these special times of year, you will enjoy reading "*Christmas for the Unborn*," a collection of reflections written by Fr. Frank Pavone. This booklet looks at unborn children, and our duty to protect them from the violence of abortion, through the lens of the various theological, historical and spiritual dimensions of Advent and Christmas. You may order the book at [www.ChristmasForTheUnborn.com](http://www.ChristmasForTheUnborn.com).

Among the reflections are "*Advent Reconciles Mother*" and "*Preborn Child*," "*God in Human Language*," "*What the Shepherds Understood*," "*Grown-up Christmas List*," "*The Political Meaning of Christmas*," and "*The Empty Manger*."

You may order it online as a PDF file from [www.ChristmasForTheUnborn.com](http://www.ChristmasForTheUnborn.com).

### Here is an excerpt from the booklet:

Christmas is universal. "*Behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people...A Savior has been born for you*" (Luke 1:10-11).

Christ the Savior becomes man precisely for all who share human nature. He excludes nobody. The good news of Christmas is for all people of all times and places. "*Joy to the world.*"

All of this leads to an inescapable conclusion: Christmas is also for the unborn. The Savior has come also for the children yet living in their mothers' wombs. The Gospel message is addressed also to our youngest brothers and sisters.

In fact, we can say it is addressed especially to them, because they are the most helpless. That good news was announced first precisely to the lowly, not to the great and powerful. The ministry of the One who was born for us continued to follow that pattern: He consistently sought out those who were on the outskirts of society.

His Church does the same today, not failing to take a preferential option for the poor. The “poor” are not simply those deprived of material goods. The poor are those who have no defense, those who cannot help themselves, those who have only God...and God’s people.

“This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond—unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, and victims of injustice and oppression” (US Bishops, Faithful Citizenship, 2007).

To welcome the Savior means to welcome the obligations which His mission places on us. He is, in the words of the Prophets, one who will establish “justice” on the earth. In Biblical terms, this indicates He will intervene for the helpless, bringing deliverance to those held in bondage.

The best known English translation of the Christmas hymn “O Holy Night” was authored by John Sullivan Dwight (1813-1893), a Unitarian minister. As we read in ErasOfElegance.com, “Dwight felt that this wonderful Christmas song needed to be introduced to America, and he saw something else in the song that moved him beyond the story of the birth of Christ. An ardent abolitionist, Dwight strongly identified with the lines of the third verse: *“Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains shall be break, for the slave is our brother; and in his name all oppression shall cease.”* The text supported Dwight’s own view of slavery in the South.

And the text supports our view of abortion in America. Our Christmas cannot be complete until we join in the great effort to end the oppression of the unborn once and for all, and let them hear that for them, too, a Savior has been born. In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and more active than ever in the pro-life cause.



Elections 2016: Priests for Life held a press conference at the National Press Club, Washington, DC on October 20 to urge citizens to vote pro-life.

## Featured Products:

### Christmas for the Unborn

~ (see article on page 3) - Download for \$1.00 at [www.ChristmasForTheUnborn.com](http://www.ChristmasForTheUnborn.com)

### Little Star

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

### Sharing Keys to Christmas

~ Father Denis Wilde, O.S.A., 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.

### Proclaiming the Message of Life

~ A Great gift for Priests and Deacons

### Find more Christmas gift ideas at [ProLifeProducts.org](http://ProLifeProducts.org)

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