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Living the Gospel of Life

Can we declare portions of our lives to be Gospel-free zones?

The answer can be found in *Living the Gospel of Life*, the 1998 document published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops three years after Pope John Paul II published *The Gospel of Life* (Evangelium Vitae). The bishops' document applied the pope's teaching to American Catholics.

All of us who are people of faith, committed to Jesus Christ by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel. The Gospel is not just something to be believed, or something for the mind to wrestle with. It is something that shapes our lives.

The first word of the document's title -- "living" -- is a tremendous challenge in and of itself. It tells us to live out this Gospel. It urges us to let the Lord, who is himself the Gospel, shape what we decide; how we live, and what our priorities, desires and plans are.



Janet Morana, Fr. Frank Pavone, Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA and Fr. Stephen Imbarrato were at EWTN in March taping another season of *Defending Life*, the longest running pro-life show on television which Mother Angelica personally asked Fr. Frank to start. For info on show content and airing times, see www.DefendingLife.TV.

If someone is going to Mass, or reading the Bible, or praying the rosary, we call that their *religious* practice or religious life. A person's spiritual life is distinct from that. It includes those religious practices but a person's *spiritual life* is defined by whether or not one is coming closer to God or moving further away from Him, growing in virtue, or growing in vice.

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Tune in to Priests for Life TV (www.EndAbortion.TV)

Priests for Life has been broadcasting video content online since before YouTube was created. Now there's a new TV station where supporters, the media and the curious can find it all: Priests for Life TV.

"It's a long time coming," said Curt Ciumei, technical director. "We've been dreaming of this for at least 15 years."

"It's been on Father Frank's mind for a very long time," agreed Sam Ranelli, web development director. "He wanted to have a place on our website where people can go to watch video 24/7 on our own internet TV channel. Improvements in internet band width and different delivery methods are making it possible for Priests for Life to have a full-time TV channel."

Priests for Life TV can be accessed at the domain EndAbortion.TV. Viewers will find live broadcasts by Father Frank, Father Stephen Imbarrato, Kevin Burke, Bryan Kemper and other members of the team as they travel the nation and the world leading pro-life events.

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Living the Gospel of Life - continued from Page 1

This is the spiritual life. Every choice we make, every hour of the day, every day of the year, will bring us closer into our relationship with Jesus Christ or farther away. Spiritual life covers everything.

In “Living the Gospel of Life,” the bishops teach that there is no Gospel-free zone. Our leisure time as well as the time we spend sleeping, traveling or working are part of our spiritual lives. Our political lives, in particular, cannot be seen as Gospel-free zones. We must live out the Gospel in our political choices.

Our choices in the voting booth bring us closer to God, or farther away from Him. Our political choices either live the Gospel or contradict the Gospel.

Some people think politics and religion don't mix but one of the things this document tells us is that politics and religion *do mix*. If we are living the Gospel, it will shape the way we vote and the causes we champion. Living the Gospel means that we do not elect those who contradict the fundamental requirements of the Gospel for public service – the first such requirement being that one knows the difference between serving the public and killing the public.

Twenty years ago, the U.S. bishops issued an important challenge to Americans, the challenge of living out the Gospel. They understood that you and I who are citizens of this nation can in fact be good Americans and good Catholics at the same time. We never have to choose between following our faith and following the law. A good Catholic is meant to be, at the same time, a good citizen who follows just laws in our society.

A follower of Christ says yes not only to the church but also to the state. While it is only to God that we give our absolute obedience, if a law is just, if it does not contradict the law of God, we are obliged to follow it. But if another human being asks us to do something wrong, even if that person is a president or governor or judge, we say no.

2 That is why policies that permit abortion can never be acknowledged as valid, and why those who support such policies should not be supported in the voting booth.

The bishops did not create this document to tell people to join one political party or another.

They are teaching, in a pastoral way, what it means to live out the Gospel. Our responsibility, then, is to take these principles and use them to judge candidates and political parties.

Look at each party and its platform. Examine each candidate and his or her policies. Then make a judgment with a mind and conscience informed by the Gospel of Life. Make sure each vote brings you closer to God.

*To order a copy of the **Living the Gospel of Life Study Guide**, prepared by the Pastoral Team at Priests for Life, to find video commentary on it, and to download the text of the document itself in English and Spanish, go to GospelofLife.net.*

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Interview segments will air featuring various pro-life leaders and people with powerful testimonies. Pre-taped talks, seminars and homilies will also be broadcast. Inspirational spots that Priests for Life has created over the years will appear between segments. Music videos will feature Alveda King, a singer, and Father Denis Wilde, a concert pianist. Promotional spots will highlight the work of the dozen ministries that fall under the Priests for Life umbrella and pastoral team members will be able to issue personal invitations for people to attend events in their own cities and states. Authors with new books, like Janet Morana's



Teresa Tomeo and Fr. Frank Pavone on the Priests for Life TV set.

Shockwaves: Abortion's Wider Circle of Victims,

have a platform to talk about their work.

The TV studio in Priests for Life's new Titusville headquarters is state-of-the-art. With four cameras, advanced video editing equipment, adjustable studio lighting, a green screen, broadcasting software and space enough to create a variety of backgrounds, “we can do what any broadcast news or TV station can do,” Curt said.

The studio is also equipped to connect with other broadcasting studios. Father Frank has been interviewed on Newsmax TV and One America News from the new studio, and interviews have been recorded for Priests for Life's “Defending Life” and “The Catholic View for Women,” both on EWTN. “The advent of Facebook Live was a great thing for Priests for Life, but having our

own channel allows us to do so much more,” Father Frank said. “We are still building the channel with both new, live content and video drawn from our vast virtual warehouse. Our viewership is rising steadily and we look forward to future opportunities to expand our ministry through PFL TV.”

Missionaries of the Gospel of Life

Priests for Life has declared 2018 “The Year of The Missionaries of the Gospel of Life (MEV).” The MEV is a pro-life spirituality of Priests for Life that encompasses both contemplative and active aspects of the spiritual life for those who desire to work in pro-life ministry. Priests for Life has over 250 MEVs worldwide and in the coming year is seeking to achieve two goals: 1) Deepen the spiritual lives of existing MEVs and 2) Recruit more pro-lifers into the MEV program.

We began the year with a call to action webcast hosted by Fr. Frank Pavone and Fr. Stephen Imbarrato for existing MEVs and for those interested in learning more about pro-life spirituality and more will take place throughout the year. Hear past webcasts and find out about what’s upcoming at www.MissionariesOfTheGospelofLife.com.

Pastoral Team members get their passports stamped this spring

The Priests for Life Pastoral Team is crossing borders and datelines this spring, bringing the pro-life message all over the globe.

Dr. Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel’s Vineyard, traveled to Perth, Australia, in April. She gave a presentation to the Dawson Society, which was founded to promote cultural activities that emphasize spirituality. She also led a Rachel’s Vineyard training, and a presentation for priests and seminarians.

Janet Morana, the co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, traveled to Ottawa for the March for Life in Canada, where she was a keynote speaker. Then it was off to Rome for that city’s March for Life, where she also was a speaker.

Also this month, Bryan Kemper will tour New Zealand, with pro-life talks scheduled in churches and town halls. He will visit Whangarei, Auckland, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch.

Canadian Pro-life Hero passes at age 70

Pro-life warrior Cyril Winter passed away Friday, March 9, 2018 from surgery to place stents in his arteries. He was a daily presence for seven years outside the Morgentaler abortion clinic in downtown Ottawa, Canada. Cy Winter’s pro-life activism started when he retired. He was motivated to get involved after seeing graphic images of abortion and hearing Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life explain our obligation to stop this violence. Fr. Frank gave a talk where he said, “Unless you see the horror of abortion, you won’t act against abortion. You must become broken-hearted and then remain broken-hearted.” Deeply convicted, he stood on the sidewalk in front of the Morgentaler clinic every day, rain or shine, from early 2011 until early March 2018.



Cyril Winter

Cy wore a sandwich board featuring graphic abortion imagery. He would change the sign periodically as he felt led through prayer. He gave out Jesus tracts and only spoke when spoken to first. “Love the babies in Jesus’ name.” Winter would respond, “God bless you with a conversion.” Still, Cy was spat upon, punched, splashed by buses, criticized in the media, charged for violating the law, cursed and had his life threatened. But he remained steadfast.

“His love for Jesus was second to none,” a close friend said. “Cy had a deep, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and walked in the joy of the Lord, because he knew *that he knew* that Jesus was the way, the truth and the life.”

Pray with us for Life

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

May intention: That people may have a greater awareness of the dangers of abortion.

June intention: For the success of efforts to represent the pro-life message in the secular media.

May 5 - May 13, 2018: Mother’s Day Novena

May 10-May 20, 2018: Pentecost Novena for Life

June 9-17, 2018: Father’s Day Novena

June 26-July 4, 2018: Prayer of Thanks for our Nation’s Independence

Donate to Save Lives!

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You can also sign up to be a monthly donor, which helps us plan future events more effectively! See the options on our website, or call (321) 500-1000 for assistance!

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Tears of the Fisherman by Kevin Burke, LSW

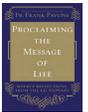
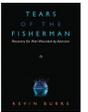
This book will help readers understand the wider impact of abortion on men, their relationships, families, faith and work lives. www.TearsOfTheFisherman.com

Proclaiming the Message of Life by Fr. Frank Pavone

Weekly reflections from the lectionary to systematically guide clergy and laity alike through the pro-life themes found in the Sunday readings of all three cycles. Makes a great gift for your spiritual fathers on Father's Day.

Spiritual Enrollment Cards for the Deceased and Spiritual Bouquet Cards for the Living

For Father's Day, enroll your dad, living or deceased, to share in the fruits of all the prayers, Masses, and good works of the priests of Priests for Life! Cards are free of charge. When you use them, send us the name, with your offering.



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-  facebook.com/SilentNoMoreJanet
-  [twitter: @frfrankpavone](https://twitter.com/frfrankpavone)
-  instagram.com/frfrankpavone
-  [snapchat: frfrankpavone](https://snapchat.com/frfrankpavone)
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