



# The International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church



The Most Rev. Craig W. Bates  
Patriarch

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Saints Cyprian and Cornelius

The Rev. Fr. Frank Pavone  
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Dear Fr. Frank,

Congratulations on your twenty-fifth anniversary to the Priesthood and your twentieth anniversary as director of Priests for Life. I am not sure I will be able to be with you on the evening those two milestones are celebrated. Be assured of my prayers for you and my continued solidarity in the efforts to end the murder of the pre-born not only in the United States but around the world.

Appropriately at the Mass and Banquet people will celebrate the fact that you have served our Lord Jesus Christ as a Roman Catholic Priest. But in fact, you have been a Priest and spiritual leader to many outside of the Roman Catholic Church. You above all have been a Priest to the millions of babies who have died in abortion holocaust. Your efforts at prayer, standing at abortion mills, doing legislative action, teaching clergy, supporting other Pro-Life groups, and working to bring unity to the voices for Life has shown the world the sacrificial love of Christ for the very least among us.

Priests for Life is a much needed voice not only in the Roman Catholic world but in the entire Christian community. Clergy and religious continually need to be reminded of the absolute need to speak forcefully for the dignity of all life.

May your ministry and that of Priests for Life continue to be blessed.

Under His mercy,

The Most Rev. Craig W. Bates,  
Patriarch, International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church

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*Non nobis Domine, sed nomini tuo da gloriam. Psalm 115:1*