

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign

End of Year Report 2017



At the Gathering of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign in front of the Supreme Court on January 22, 2015, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, then the personal representative of Pope Francis to the United States, opened with a prayer, blessing, and special message of mercy from the Holy Father.

Introduction

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign (www.SilentNoMore.com), a joint project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life, was co-founded by Janet Morana (Executive Director of Priests for Life) and Georgette Forney (President of Anglicans for Life) in preparation for the 30th anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* in 2003. The Campaign is the largest mobilization of women, men and families who have lost children to abortion, regret that fact, and share their testimonies of pain and healing.

The Campaign does not have legislative or political goals but rather is focused on raising awareness of the harm that abortion does and the healing that is available. The Campaign helps those who have come through such healing to then discern if they are called to share their

testimony. For those who do so, the Campaign provides opportunities for such sharing in the media, online, and at pro-life events. At these "Gatherings," moms, dads, and relatives of the aborted children share their experience of abortion and of the forgiveness, healing and peace that are found in Jesus Christ.

Basic Campaign Statistics

- Currently there are 18,071 people registered with the Campaign representing 77 countries around the world.
- As of October 2017, the Silent No More Awareness Campaign has held 1,858 Gatherings in 17 countries and 50 states with 6,328 women and men sharing their abortion testimonies.
- Testimonies have also been shared at 138 high schools and universities in the last 8 years.
- There are 2,620 testimonies posted on the Campaign website – 479 of these are video testimony.
- Women and men who are not ready to join the Campaign are invited to *register their abortion regret* on the Silent No More website.
 - So far, 5,565 women and 645 men have said they regret their abortion or lost fatherhood.
 - 680 women and men have posted memorials to their children.

Campaign Media

The weekly radio program “**The Gospel of Life**” on Radio Maria, hosted by Priests for Life Executive Director Janet Morana and Fr Frank Pavone has provided a national and international forum for women and men of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign to share their personal abortion experiences, raise awareness about the symptoms and impact, and to share recovery resources.

EWTN’s television series **Defending Life** and **The Catholic View for Women**, produced and hosted by Janet Morana, with other Priests for Life team members, also provides an opportunity to present women and men who are part of the Silent No More Campaign and share their powerful testimonies.

Multiple op-eds, interviews, radio spots and internet broadcasts carried out by our team also bring awareness to the campaign around the world.

The Shockwaves Initiative

The Shockwaves of Abortion is an ongoing initiative of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. Through the website (AbortionShockwaves.com), and ongoing preaching and public presentations by members of the Campaign and the Priests and Pastoral Associates of Priests for Life, the initiative helps raise awareness about the wider impact of abortion loss.

The *Shockwaves of Abortion* extend far beyond the epicenter of the procedure, which is the death of the baby. With each abortion, shockwaves of pain, complicated grief, and the symptoms that flow from that loss reverberate out impacting not only the mother and father but others closely associated with the abortion decision and procedure, their families and communities.

Each month of Shockwaves focuses on different groups impacted by abortion and provides special prayers, educational materials, media kits, video and written testimonies to help raise awareness and call those wounded to recovery programs.

Here are few of the monthly groups Shockwaves focuses on:

- **Grandparents** who were unaware of the abortion and were unable to prevent the death of their grandchild – others were active in encouraging their son or daughter to have an abortion.
- The impact on **Siblings** who lost brothers and sisters to abortion and those born since 1973 who escaped the fate of millions of their generation because they were a "*wanted child.*"
- Pro lifers on the front lines who are unable to prevent the death of an unborn child despite all their efforts. For instance, and **ultrasound technician** who reveals the child in the womb to a pregnant mother, hoping she will choose life, often has to face the fact that the mother decides to abort her unborn child anyway.
- Many abortion stories feature a number of people serve as accessories in the child's death; friends, family, health care professionals, counselors, teacher or minister that was in some direct way part of an abortion decision/procedure.

Former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino performed 1,200 first and second-trimester abortions. Recently, Inspired by the Shockwaves of Abortion Initiative, Dr Levatino marched with the women and men of Silent No More to the steps of the Supreme Court in Washington DC, holding one of the Shockwaves signs that can be seen by all in the area that read, "***I Regret Performing Abortions.***"

Standing side by side with the women and men holding signs saying “I Regret my Abortion; “I Regret Lost Fatherhood and Grandparents and siblings of aborted children they all shared testimonies of their pain and healing.

From this powerful live visual representation of the Shockwaves of Abortion Initiative, Dr Levatino shared:

“As an abortionist, I was at the epicenter of the earthquake but since I stopped doing abortions and became involved with pro-life efforts, I can clearly see how abortion affects everyone connected with the child who dies...I regret performing abortions and will never perform another one again.”

Special Website for Healing Resources

The Campaign continues to grow and provides a great vehicle for people to find healing after an abortion by visiting the Campaign’s special website, www.Abortionforgiveness.com, at which a person enters his or her zip code and finds the healing resources closest to home.