

International Outreach - Priests for Life (PFL) - 2018

Through global television programming, social media, travel and our ministries, such as *Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues*, *Silent No More*, *Civil Rights for the Unborn*, *Youth Outreach*, and *Rachel's Vineyard* and our collaborators in some 93 countries, in 2018, PFL continued to make a significant global impact.

In 2018, PFL marked its 15th year of international outreach at the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council by participating in critical conferences in New York including the *56th Session of the Commission on Social Development* (January-February), the *62st Session of the Commission of the Status of Women* (March), and the *51th Session of the Commission on Population and Development* (April). In conjunction with the *Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues*, PFL contributed written statements available at <http://www.priestsforlife.org/generalpfl/ngo.htm> that were published in several languages by each of the three aforementioned conferences.

Other critical UN meetings PFL participated in included the *Youth Forum of UN ECOSOC* (January), *The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (February), *4th Informal Multi-Stakeholder Hearing of the preparatory process of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration* (February), *Committee for Development Policy 20th session* (March), *Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities* (June), *High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development* (July).

PFL took part in various *Holy See Mission at the UN* sponsored events throughout the year, including the annual *Path to Peace Foundation* award ceremony (May) honoring outstanding service to the international community, the conference on *The Work of the Santa Marta Group against Human Trafficking* (May), the *Annual Prayer Service* on the occasion of the opening of the *73rd Session of the UN General Assembly* (September), the *Practical Solutions to Eradicate Human Trafficking conference* (November) and an event highlighting *The Declaration of Human Rights at 70: Its Foundations, Achievements and Violations* (December).

PFL gave representations to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which was charged with leading its delegation to the *71st World Health Assembly and held an informal Stakeholder Listening Session* (May).

PFL participated in the Organization of American States' *48th Regular Session of General Assembly* (June) and the *OAS Host Forum on 70 Years of the Organization* (November).

PFL provided international aid and support, conducted legal research (civil and canonical), wrote, and published on Pro Life themes.

PFL also took part in the international work of *The Forum for Catholic-inspired NGOs*.