



Activating God's People to End Abortion  
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## REVIEW OF 2018 ACTIVITIES

### 1. Dedication of New Headquarters

Having relocated our main office building in 2017 from New York City to Titusville, Florida, Priests for Life officially dedicated this new and expanded space with a Celebration of Thanks held on April 28, 2018. It was attended by federal, state and local officials, national pro-life leaders, clergy of numerous denominations, and major Priests for Life benefactors.

The year 2018 has seen us more fully settle into our new headquarters, hire an adequate number of staff to replace (and go beyond) the ones who could not come with us from New York, and build relations with the local community.

### 2. National Strategy Meetings of Pro-life Leaders

In conjunction with the April 28 Celebration of Thanks, Priests for Life held on that same day another of the national strategy sessions with pro-life leaders that we have convened for many years.

Over 40 national leaders spent the afternoon mapping out pro-life strategy. The session, led by Fr. Frank Pavone, built on the consideration of strategic memos and exchange of ideas that the leaders conducted with one another online prior to the meeting. Various areas of consensus emerged from the meeting with commitment to further joint action.

It was agreed upon at that meeting that a longer and more intensive summit meeting was needed, and work was done on planning for this during the rest of the year. The meeting will be held in February of 2019.

Meanwhile, Priests for Life continued its role throughout 2018 of facilitating the quarterly meetings of national pro-life leaders.

### **3. Launch of Internet TV Channel Priests for Life TV**

Residing at [EndAbortion.TV](http://EndAbortion.TV), the internet broadcasting channel of Priests for Life was launched in the first part of 2018, once Priests for Life had hired sufficiently qualified staff, fully settled into our new television studio, and obtained the necessary technical equipment. The channel has begun, with a mixture of live and pretaped programming as announced, and will eventually expand into 24/7 broadcasting on all aspects of the fight to end abortion.

The broadcasting channel is comprised of programming produced by the Priests for Life team and covering pro-life events across the globe, talks and seminars, homilies and prayer vigils, interviews and press conferences, music videos and pro-life concerts, inspirational messages and promotion of pro-life products.

The channel has been used to respond to particular needs: for instance, prayer vigils and press conferences were held during the Baby Alfie crisis (see below) and special nights of prayers of reparation were conducted when the clergy abuse crisis was revealed in 2018.

### **4. The End Abortion Podcast**

This year saw the launch of the “End Abortion Podcast,” containing interviews, presentations, news commentary, sermons and more, and available on iTunes, SoundCloud, and various other podcasting venues. Our website for the podcast is [EndAbortionPodcast.US](http://EndAbortionPodcast.US).

### **5. Expansion of Pro-life Social Media**

With the hiring of a social media development expert, Priests for Life expanded in 2018 all its social media platforms, now reaching a verified 200,000 people per day on multiple platforms that have millions of followers. Keeping up on analytics and changes in the industry by the hour, Priests for Life has taken the lead in many aspects of social

media presence for the pro-life movement, and in particular has built up a strong audience through Facebook Live on the page [Facebook.com/FatherFrankPavone](https://www.facebook.com/FatherFrankPavone), which in turn feeds into the online TV channel described above.

## 6. EndAbortion.US

In order to continue to reaffirm that the mission of Priests for Life is to end abortion, and that our primary focus is in the United States, we have adopted as our main website the domain [EndAbortion.US](https://EndAbortion.US), which will also function as a “DBA” for Priests for Life. Consistent with this, we are using the domains [EndAbortionTV.US](https://EndAbortionTV.US) and [EndAbortionPodcast.US](https://EndAbortionPodcast.US) for those efforts. It is important for us that the term “pro-life” not be misused in such a way that it dilutes the urgent need for a movement focused on the specific goal of restoring protection to the children in the womb whose legal right to life has been denied and who are in danger of abortion.

## 7. Elections 2018 and Voter Training Seminars

Consistent with its activities in past elections, and with civil law and canon law, Priests for Life again launched its voter education and mobilization efforts for the 2018 midterm elections.

Seminars were held on the ground and online to explain Church teaching on voter responsibility and the moral significance of electoral issues. In addition, practical activities to inform voters and get them to the polls were explained.

The current focus in the pro-life movement on late term abortion was highlighted as an electoral issue, as were the rights of citizens to distribute informative voter education material letting them know the positions of the political parties and candidates on a range of issues.

It was also made clear, after the November elections, that the work for the 2020 election cycle, incorporating many of the same activities, was beginning immediately.

*See the attached memo for a more detailed summary of our 2018 election-related activities.*

## 8. Regular pro-life commentary

Every several days, an op-ed by one or another member of the Priests for Life pastoral team appears in an online publication that is influential in the pro-life movement and beyond. Fr. Frank Pavone and some of our other team members are regular columnists for outlets like Newsmax.com, Breitbart, LifeNews.com, and many others.

## 9. Priests for Life Publishing

In 2018, Priests for Life started its own publishing division, and released the first of its books, *Tears of the Fisherman*, a work by our pastoral associate Kevin Burke focusing on his area of expertise, the impact of abortion on men.

We also announced a brand new book now being finalized and co-authored by Fr. Frank Pavone and Evangelist Alveda King. Called *Abortion in Black and White*, this work will explore the pro-life movement as the continuation of the Civil Rights Movement and an arena for significant ethnic collaboration on what is truly a black and white issue of life and death.

Priests for Life Publishing will publish works written by our own pastoral team specifically on abortion. We will utilize the extensive multi-media platform of Priests for Life, and our constant presence at national and international events as well as our relationship with Churches of every denomination, to give extensive reach to the works we publish.

At the same time, we look forward to preserving and increasing our professional relationships with so many other publishing companies that have helped us in the past and with which we look forward to collaborating in the future.

## 10. Media presence

In media outlets of a Catholic, interdenominational, and secular nature, Priests for Life team members continued to make hundreds of regular appearances throughout the year. Our two series on EWTN (*Defending Life* and *The Catholic View for Women*) aired new episodes this year and we taped more for next year.

Likewise, regular appearances on Newsmax TV, on FOX News Channel, One America News and on numerous other television and radio outlets, internet broadcasts and podcasts continued throughout 2018.

## 11. Exposing Late-Term Abortion Project, and US Senate Briefing

Priests for Life has been carrying out an effort to awaken the conscience of the American public that abortions are being carried out legally throughout the full duration of pregnancy, on healthy babies carried by healthy mothers.

We continued to publicize the phone calls we commissioned last year with the assistance of Abortion Free New Mexico. We called multiple abortion facilities across the country. Our caller posed as a healthy pregnant woman in the latter stages of a healthy pregnancy. She called to schedule an abortion at 24, 26, 30 and 32 weeks of pregnancy! In every instance, and without hesitation, she was given the green light to schedule an abortion, even though she made it clear that both she and her baby were healthy.

This evidence that late term abortions in these circumstances are legal and happening regularly is meant to break through the ignorance and denial that is so prevalent among our fellow citizens. When you tell people that a mother can legally abort her baby at, for instance, 24 weeks or even 30 weeks of pregnancy and beyond – as our calls demonstrate – they will look at you in disbelief. Some will say we are making it up. Others will say it happens only if the mother is going to die or the baby is deformed. But it's time for those myths to stop.

These recorded calls are then utilized in our lobbying efforts for bills like the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act both on the state and federal level.

Priests for Life presented a briefing for United States Senate staff in January of 2018 to reveal these phone calls to them and urge the Senators to vote for the Pain Capable Bill.

## 12. Catholic and Pro-life Presence at National Conferences

Priests for Life continued to provide a strong Catholic presence at various national pro-life conferences as well as a pro-life presence at other conferences throughout the year. National Director Fr. Frank Pavone made major presentations at the National Right to Life Conference, the annual conference of Heartbeat International (network of pregnancy centers) and many other national and local conferences. Fr. Frank led the pro-life events (including two voter training seminars) at the Catholic Marketing Network annual national trade show, at the interdenominational Night Vision Praise Festival in Colorado, and was a key pro-life and Catholic presence along with Executive Director Janet Morana at the three meetings of the Council for National Policy

throughout the year. Janet also represented Priests for Life at the Catholic Leadership Coalition Meeting.

### 13. Confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh

Priests for Life strongly supported the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. We did this through behind the scenes networking and preparation of pro-life and conservative leaders, extensive media commentary, intensive grassroots lobbying, prayer vigils and rallies.

Moreover, given the fact that, while serving on the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, then-Judge Kavanaugh issued an opinion in our case Priests for Life vs. HHS, this provided us additional media opportunities to comment on Judge Kavanaugh's judicial philosophy as reflected in his support of our position in that case.

### 14. Supreme Court Victory in NIFLA case

Priests for Life strongly supported our friends and colleagues at the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) as they battled all the way up to the Supreme Court this year for the rights of pro-life pregnancy centers not to be forced to advertise abortion.

The case, *NIFLA vs. Becerra*, resulted in a pro-life victory in June of 2018.

Priests for Life submitted a *Friend of the Court Brief* in the case, helped lead a national prayer campaign about it, and did extensive educational commentary about the case in the media and in other venues.

### 15. Calls to priests

Our Priests for Life staff made hundreds of individual phone calls to priests around the country who have asked for our assistance or participated in our projects, so that we could encourage these priests in their mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Life. A common resource we distributed to them is Fr. Frank's book *Proclaiming the Message of Life*, which has pro-life commentaries on the readings of every Sunday of the Year for all three years in the liturgical cycle.

## 16. National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Priests for Life again sponsored the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on the second Saturday of September.

At some 50 different gravesites throughout the United States, where tens of thousands of aborted children are buried, simultaneous memorial services were held on that day. Likewise, services took place at many more memorial stones which are not gravesites.

Fr. Frank Pavone led and preached at the service in a Church in Orlando where aborted babies are buried.

## 17. Baby Alfie Evans

Because of their advocacy in the past for Baby Charlie Gard, Baby Joseph of Canada, and Terri Schiavo, Fr. Frank Pavone and Priests for Life were approached by the parents of Baby Alfie Evans to advocate for his life, as the parents sought to bring the child to an alternate treatment facility.

Priests for Life worked behind the scenes to connect the family with those in the medical community and in Church leadership who could help, and publicly echoed the sentiments of Pope Francis about the need to accompany the child and his family in their suffering and provide compassionate care.

## 18. International Outreach

Priests for Life is a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) at the United Nations, and in 2018 continued to participate in many conferences and made many interventions on behalf of the unborn. Priests for Life also has continued to provide extensive service to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations and other Vatican agencies as they seek to defend human rights and promote human development around the world.

We have likewise been involved this year with the Organization of American States (OAS).

Through the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues (PNCI), run by Marie Smith under the umbrella of Priests for Life, we have also continued to provide assistance to other

nations as they seek to protect the unborn (for instance, this year in the pro-life battles in Ireland and Argentina, among others).

[\*See the separate 2018 Report on international activities for more details.\*](#)

## 19. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries and 2018 International Conference

Rachel's Vineyard, founded by Dr. Theresa and Kevin Burke, is the largest ministry in the world for healing after abortion, and operates as a ministry of Priests for Life. Theresa and Kevin, as well as the staff of the international RV headquarters, are employed as full-time associates of Priests for Life.

Rachel's Vineyard offers retreats for healing, as well as group and individual follow-up. The retreat model is based on solid psychological research of abortion as trauma, and also based on the Word of God and the grace of the sacraments.

Rachel's Vineyard has been praised personally by Pope Francis and enjoys the endorsement of bishops around the world.

This year we held our international training conference, which was a great success.

[\*For more details on the conference and on the work of Rachel's Vineyard in 2018, please see the separate End of Year Report.\*](#)

## 20. Civil Rights for the Unborn

Under the leadership of our full-time associate, Evangelist Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King Jr., we have continued the work of "Civil Rights for the Unborn," which promotes among all communities, and through a variety of educational and media efforts, the message that the civil rights movement of today is the pro-life movement, and that the dream of her uncle Martin cannot survive if we murder our children.

[\*More details are available in the separate 2018 End of Year Report on Civil Rights for the Unborn.\*](#)

## 21. The Silent No More Awareness Campaign

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign, a joint project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life, is the largest mobilization of mothers, fathers, and families who have lost children to abortion. They have found healing and, through this ministry, share their stories publicly so that those tempted to abort will realize that abortion does not solve their problems, but only creates new ones, and so that those who have made this mistake will realize that hope and healing are available.

Gatherings in which these testimonies are shared continued to take place throughout the world in 2018. Also, our initiative called ***Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion*** ([www.AbortionShockwaves.com](http://www.AbortionShockwaves.com)) continued to spread the message about how abortion harms many people beyond the baby, mom, and dad, and how all those whom abortion impacts can seek and find healing.

**[More details are available in the separate 2018 End of Year Report on the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.](#)**