Just Ask Janet brings the pro-life message home

By Leslie Palma
Communications Director

The Covid pandemic canceled much of Priests for Life Executive Director Janet Morana’s extensive travel schedule but it has not silenced her pro-life message or outreach.

Since April 2020, Janet has been hosting Just Ask Janet on Priests for Life’s EndAbortion.TV streaming channel and its numerous social media platforms, and on streaming services like Roku, Amazon Fire TV and Google Play.

The eclectic show takes on abortion hot topics of the day with guests from throughout the pro-life movement. Janet has hosted such luminaries as EWTN’s Rome expert Joan Lewis; breast cancer researcher Dr. Joel Brind; American Freedom Law Center co-founder Robert Muise; Stanton Healthcare Founder Brandi Swindell, and Operation Rescue’s Cheryl Sullenger.

Janet brings decades of experience as a national leader to the program, having worked in the pro-life movement with National Director Father Frank Pavone since 1989. She has been invited to give presentations on behalf of Priests for Life throughout the world, including in the US Congress and at the Vatican.

Women from the Silent No More Awareness Campaign (which Janet co-founded together with Georgette Forney of Anglicans for Life) have shared their abortion testimonies and spoken about how they found healing. Priests for Life Pastoral Team members Kevin Burke and Alveda King have been featured, and Father Frank Pavone is a regular guest. Best-selling author Anthony DeStefano has read some of his children’s books, and even Janet’s newest Shih Tzu puppy, Alfredo, has made a cameo appearance.

Approximately 850 people tune in live for the 4:30 p.m. ET show that airs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and that viewership swells to many thousands when fans tune in to the rebroadcasts.

“Priests for Life has been a traveling ministry since Father Frank became national director in 1993, so when planes were grounded and conferences canceled, we knew we had to increase the online broadcasting we were already doing,” Janet said. “We are fortunate here in our Titusville headquarters in Florida to have a state-of-the-art TV studio and so we put our broadcasting abilities to good use.”

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Viewers watching the live broadcast can interact with Janet on their mobile devices and tablets to ask any questions they might have about the life issue.

“This has been a blessing and I am so grateful for the staffers who handle the technical aspects of the broadcast,” Janet said. “If you haven’t tuned in, I hope you will give Just Ask Janet a try!”

GOP lawmakers continue to fight for the unborn
By Fr. Frank Pavone

Republican lawmakers at the national and state levels are working hard to protect the unborn.

In Congress, 200 hundred members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 48 senators have pledged to vote against any legislation that attempts to weaken or reverse the Hyde Amendment.

Since 1976, the Hyde Amendment has protected American taxpayers from funding most abortions, and has saved some 2.4 million lives.

The Democratic majorities are razor-thin in both houses, so these vows are not empty promises.

In the House, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., has re-introduced legislation called the No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act.

If passed, this bill would replace repeated funding fights with an across-the-board protection of tax dollars from going to the abortion industry.

Republicans have also re-introduced the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. That potential bill in the House comes alongside the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

Likewise, state legislatures all over the country have been busy this calendar year crafting laws that protect the unborn and their mothers.

We can expect that if these laws are passed, the usual suspects—Planned Parenthood, the Center for Reproductive Rights, the ACLU, and NARAL—will file federal lawsuits against the legislation.

Yet, the nearly three hundred federal judges who recognize the right to life appointed by President Donald Trump bring us hope in this area.

The chances for many of these bills being upheld in Court have increased, and that in turn increases confidence among like-minded legislators and governors.

Here’s a look at some of the bills under consideration in the states:

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Ala. – “Gianna’s Law,” HB 237, would mandate life-saving care for newborns who survive abortion. It is named for abortion survivor Gianna Jessen.

Ariz. – SB 1457 would protect babies with genetic disorders like Down syndrome from abortion.

Ark. – HB 1195, a bill approved by the House and Senate and heading for Gov. Asa Hutchinson’s signature, would require women seeking abortion to first call a hotline that would give her information on abortion alternatives.

Fla. – A bill still in committee would protect babies from abortion after 20 weeks.

Kan. – A proposed amendment saying that the Kansas constitution does not guarantee the right to abortion will be on the ballot in 2022.

Ky. – Legislators overrode the veto of Gov. Andy Beshear to give the attorney general new power to regulate abortion businesses.

We in the movement to protect life from conception until natural death look at these laws as “protective” rather than “restrictive.”

We are not against women, and we certainly don’t want to punish them.

Rather, we want to protect them from an inherently destructive procedure and an unscrupulous abortion industry with little regulation.

We want to protect their right to know the truth and to have access to every life-affirming option. In short, we want these women to protected in mind, body and soul. Let’s support the courageous lawmakers both on the state and federal level, who remain undeterred in advancing this fundamental purpose of government and law – the protection of life.

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Fr. Frank, Janet Morana to lead workshop at Heartbeat conference
By Leslie Palma

Priests for Life National Director Father Frank Pavone and Executive Director Janet Morana will be heading to Heartbeat International’s 50th annual conference this month in Columbus, Ohio.

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The conference will offer more than 150 workshops for those who work in the pregnancy help field.

Father Frank and Janet will lead a workshop that grew out of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign’s Shockwaves initiative, which identifies distinct groups of people impacted by the loss of a child to abortion. Their topic “Grieving Children We Could Not Save” addresses the unique needs of front-line pro-life workers like those who staff and volunteer at pregnancy help centers and who are not always successful in helping a mother choose life.

“If these pro-life advocates do not know how to properly grieve the children that were lost despite their efforts to save them, they run the risk of drifting away from doing pro-life work, or of becoming bitter and angry while doing it,” Father Frank said. “Neither of those alternatives is productive, and neither solves the underlying problem of a wound that has not been healed.”

Janet added: “All of these individuals need ongoing healing and our workshop addresses that and points them to ways to find that healing.”

Priests for Life has worked closely with Heartbeat for nearly 30 years. Heartbeat offers start-up manuals, model programs, leadership training conferences, advice and prayer for 2,500 pregnancy help centers, maternity homes, and non-profit adoption agencies all over the world.

Since 2003, Heartbeat has run Option Line, a 24-hour hotline - 1-800-712-HELP (4357) - (and the related website PregnancyCenters.org) for women facing unexpected pregnancies. More than 4 million people have called the hotline, which now also offers live chat, text and email options. Priests for Life has been one of the primary promoters of this hotline number, and led, with the help of Heartbeat and Good Counsel Homes, a nationwide effort to have pastors put that information permanently on their church bulletins.

In 2018, Heartbeat assumed administration of the Abortion Pill Reversal network that connects women who experience a change of heart after taking the first pill in the two-pill chemical abortion regimen. Priests for Life medical advisors Dr. Matt Harrison and Dr. George Delgado were the pioneers who developed the reversal method now credited with saving 2,000 lives. Jor-El Godsey, who got into the pregnancy help movement as a volunteer in 1998, is the president of Heartbeat, succeeding Peggy Hartshorn, who served as president for 23 years and is now chairman of the board.

Subscribe to our Action Alerts and help us make a difference!
By Leslie Palma

Priests for Life is blessed to have a huge army of supporters who are ready, willing and able to help us in our work of protecting the unborn and their mothers
and ending the scourge of abortion.

One of the most important ways we communicate with and activate these supporters is through our Action Alerts.

When there is an issue that needs the attention of pro-lifers - and there are too many to count right now - we will post on our homepage and send out in an email alert a brief description of the subject and a suggested action for recipients to take.

It’s nothing hard, usually just a phone call or two, an email, a letter, but it’s important. The U.S. is served by a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and we the people have an obligation to let our lawmakers - the people we entrust to lead this nation - hear from us. Sometimes we give a message of support and encouragement; at other times, we sound the alarm about the dangers of a particular bill. Lawmakers listen to their constituents. They might not always do what we want them to, but they know how we’re thinking and where our next vote will go.

The Democrat-controlled Congress is working hard to pass a number of anti-life, anti-woman and, frankly, anti-American bills this session. To counter those efforts, we have been more active than usual on the Action-Alert front. In one week we sent out alerts asking people to urge members of the House and Senate to support the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivor Protection Act, and to oppose the Equality Act, the anti-life Covid 19 relief package and the nomination of abortion extremist Xavier Becerra as secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

Thousands of people responded to these alerts, letting us know that they were delivering these messages to their representatives and senators.

If a lawmaker gets one phone call from one constituent, he or she might be able to overlook it. But calls from hundreds of voters? That’s an attention-getter. If you are not receiving our Action Alerts, please sign up today. Just go to StopAbortionNow.org, fill out the short form and then hit submit. I also hope you will spend some time reading our past alerts and seeing how successful they were.

Once you receive an alert, it can be easily shared with family members, friends, people in your pro-life groups or anyone in your sphere of influence.

Ending abortion is a task that will only be accomplished by all of us together. We can’t do our job unless you do yours!
Healing after abortion is available

By Leslie Palma

Forty-eight years after the legalization of abortion in the U.S., over 62 million children have been aborted, and the killing continues. Many who have abortions discover afterward that it was the wrong choice, one that will haunt them and overshadow every aspect of their lives.

“That day I walked in with a little life growing inside me, and I left with an empty womb, a huge void, and a shattered soul,” Diana from Texas wrote in her testimony for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. “I carried my grief and shame for many, many years.”

Gina from Washington State wrote: “Immediately I felt empty and deep sorrow but I thought that would go away once I physically ‘recovered’ and gave it due time. I did not know that I would never recover, at least not without God’s grace and infinite mercy. I spent year after year getting more lost, searching for ways to fill the voids left after abortion.”

Before they can take part in the Silent No More Awareness Campaign (SilentNoMore.com), mothers and fathers who have lost children to abortion have to have completed a healing program. Once they begin telling their stories in public, they become the most eloquent voices for how healing after abortion can – and will – change your life for the better.

Twenty-five years after her abortion she thought would define her forever, Diana found healing at Rachel’s Vineyard. “I am hopeful that by sharing my story, I will touch a broken heart that is longing for healing. Despite our bad choice, we all deserve to be happy, feel GOD’s mercy, love and forgiveness.”

This month has been designated Abortion Recovery Awareness Month. If you know someone who is hurting from abortion, let them know that healing is available and ask them to go to AbortionForgiveness.com to start their journey. Visitors to the site can enter a Zip code and be directed to healing programs near where they live. Men, too, suffer from abortion regret, and healing programs welcome them as well.

We are fighting to end legal abortion in this country but until that day comes, mothers and fathers will continue to suffer from the irrevocable choice they made. At Priests for Life, Silent No More and Rachel’s Vineyard, we want all of them to know they can find forgiveness and free themselves from their burden of grief.

You can now hear our broadcasts by asking Siri, Amazon Alexa, or Google Assistant, “Play the End Abortion Podcast!”

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