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Priests for Life at the March for Life & Walk for Life West Coast

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As usual, Priests for Life played an integral role in both the March for Life in Washington, D.C. and the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. We organized several key events at each march.

The March for Life took place on Friday, Jan. 21, but we were in motion long before. A truckload of Priests for Life pro-life resources, books and t-shirts were loaded into a van on Tuesday of that week and three staffers, Mark Valonzo,



At the front of the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco on Jan. 22, Father Frank Pavone stands with San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Walk for Life Co-chair Eva Muntean. The couple at left are the archbishop's sister and brother-in-law.

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Father Frank's travels take him to California, Ohio

A hopeful sign that the world might be returning to a pre-pandemic normal is that Father Frank Pavone is back on the road every week, and in February took part in what he called two "classic pro-life trips."



Fr. Frank Pavone celebrating Mass at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Newbury, Ohio.

Early in the month he traveled to Fresno, California, to speak at the Tulare Kings Right to Life event, and two weeks later he was at the annual pro-life banquet at St. Helen's Church in Newbury, Ohio.

"A common element in every trip is that we want to inform, inspire, energize, help people discover what they can do in their local communities," Father Frank said. "It's the whole idea behind Priests for Life."

Both events had several hundred people in attendance, and at both he was able to meet with the key leaders before his public talk.

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March for Life & Walk for Life

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Rico Cairme and Zac Danao, left the balmy temperatures in Florida and headed for D.C.

Executive Director Janet Morana and Executive Manager Theresa Watson flew up the same day. As the van arrived on Wednesday, National Director Father Frank Pavone, and Youth Director Bryan Kemper, who lives in Ohio, also made it to the capital, joined by Scott Thompson of Tampa, who helps each year. Our woman in Washington, Christa Childs, was there to greet everyone at our office right behind the Supreme Court.



At Constitution Hall for the National Prayer Service, Priests for Life Youth Outreach Director Bryan Kemper, left, stands with our team member Alveda King and Mike Donehey, singer for the Christian band Tenth Avenue North.

Florida staff members Deanna Mullins and I flew up on Thursday and Priests for Life Associate Director Father Denis Wilde, OSA, drove down from his home in Philadelphia. Also that day, Priests for Life organized and led the National Prayerful Protest outside Planned Parenthood's killing center. Even though it was raining and cold, the crowd numbered in the hundreds throughout the rally, with Father Frank, Bryan and other national pro-life leaders speaking out about the nation's number one abortion profiteer.

Father Frank kept busy the rest of the day, saying the opening prayer at the Law of Life Summit, attending an America First policy meeting, networking at the annual pro-life mass at the Basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, praying at a rally in front of the Supreme Court, helping lead a national pro-life prayer call organized by the Republican National Committee, attending a dinner of leaders on President Trump's National Faith Advisory Board, and saying the closing prayer at a fund-raising dinner for Vans for Life featuring Tim Tebow.

Meanwhile back at the hotel, Janet and Theresa were meeting women and men of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign who would be sharing their testimonies during the march. Deanna and Christa also were on hand to greet guests, including five VIPs - the honorees for Friday's National Prayer Service at Constitution Hall: Texas Sen. Bryan Hughes, author of that state's Heartbeat Act - which has reduced abortions by 60 percent in the Lone Star State; Texas Right to Life's legislative director, John Seago; Janet Porter, architect of the Heartbeat movement; Mississippi Rep. Becky Currie, who authored the Mississippi law to protect babies in the womb from 15 weeks on - and which is currently under review by the U.S. Supreme Court - and Mississippi Sen. Angela Hill, a key spokesperson for the bill.

A staff meeting at 10 p.m. closed out the day.

Friday started early, with most of us headed to Constitution Hall by 6 a.m. Bishop Joseph Coffey celebrated mass there at 7:30 a.m., and at 8 our very special musical guest - Mike Donehey of the Christian group Tenth Avenue North - took the stage as seats for the prayer service began filling up.

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On stage at Constitution Hall, Janet Morana and Father Frank Pavone flank Pro-Life Recognition Award honorees, from second left, Mississippi Sen. Angela Hill and Rep. Becky Currie; Heartbeat movement architect Janet Porter; Texas Sen. Bryan Hughes, and Texas Right to Life legislative director John Seago.

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Clergy from a number of denominations took part in the interfaith event, with Father Frank delivering the sermon and he and Janet presenting the Pro-Life Recognition Awards to our honorees.

Next it was time to march! Father Frank, Janet and some others went to the VIP area for the rally that preceded the march, while others - including women from Silent No More, holding their "I Regret My Abortion" signs - gathered at our stage set up outside the Supreme Court. Father Frank, Priests for Life staffers and the members of Silent No More then began the walk along Constitution Avenue, with hundreds of thousands of like-minded pro-lifers. It's impossible to overstate how energizing it is to gather with people from all over the country - the majority of them young people - who share our commitment to protecting our unborn brothers and sisters.



Janet Morana, fourth from right, and women from the Silent No More Awareness Campaign stand in front of the Supreme Court on Jan. 22, the 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.

When Father Frank and Janet met up outside the Supreme Court, they got the attention of the crowd from the podium and made introductory remarks to begin the Silent No More Gathering. Georgette Forney, who co-founded Silent No More with Janet, also arrived, and the Silent No More members began sharing their deeply personal and heartfelt stories. Women who have had abortions are uniquely qualified to talk about how making that "choice" was the worst decision of their lives, and how they found healing years, sometimes even decades, after living with their secret shame. The Silent No More gathering has been an important part of the March for Life since 2003.

After the march, Father Frank and Bryan were off to the airport for a flight to San Francisco and the Walk for Life. More on that later.



Father Frank Pavone and Mark Dickson (r), founder of the Sanctuary City movement, and a group of pro-life activists stand outside the Planned Parenthood killing center in D.C. during the annual National Prayerful Protest on Jan. 20.

The March took place Jan. 21, one day before the actual Roe v. Wade anniversary. Janet thought the tragic anniversary should be marked by an event on the day itself, and so had planned another gathering of the Silent No More women to share their testimonies in front of the steps of the Supreme Court on the morning of Jan. 22. Among them was Mary Kominsky of New Jersey, whose abortion took place 50 years ago in New York City, where the procedure was legal before Roe v. Wade.

Mary was a junior in high school when an appointment at Planned Parenthood confirmed her fears: She was pregnant. The staff there booked an appointment for her at the abortion business then run by Dr. Bernard Nathanson, one of the driving forces behind the

movement to legalize abortion but who later became pro-life. Mary's abortion started a downward spiral whose cause took her years to recognize. She finally found healing at Rachel's Vineyard, a ministry of Priests for Life and the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.

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There were very few pro-abortion disrupters at this year's march but there was a bizarre group that set up next to us at the Supreme Court on that cold Saturday morning. Many of them were dressed in green or gold sparkly capes and they sang and danced around under banners proclaiming, simply, "Abortion."



Father Frank and a group from Marquette University High School in Milwaukee gather on the steps of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

While Janet and some Priests for Life staffers were outside the Court, others were at the Students for Life conference across town. We staffed a booth offering resources, books, tote bags, t-shirts and water bottles. More than 1,400 people attended the conference and we were happy to be able to greet them.

Meanwhile across the country, Father Frank and Bryan were leading events surrounding the Walk for Life in San Francisco. We organized a protest at a Planned Parenthood abortion business there, and Father Frank led the Silent No More gathering, spoke to the crowd, introduced those sharing their testimonies, and then led the opening prayer at the official Walk for Life Rally. Irene Zamorano, a regional coordinator for Los Angeles for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, spoke from the rally stage about the abortion she had at 24 weeks and how it impacted her whole family, including her six children.

In her speech, Irene beseeched Joe Biden to begin acting like the Catholic he loudly purports to be. Her comment was picked up by many news outlets on the West Coast. Back on the East Coast, Priests for Life and Silent No More attracted lots of media attention this year. Father Frank and Janet both did interviews on Steve Bannon's War Room. Father Frank did in-studio interviews with One America News and Newsmax. Janet and some Silent No More women were interviewed in front of the Supreme Court by Newsmax and EWTN. Janet was on EWTN's "At Home with Jim and Joy" and Father Frank gave a March for Life recap to Don Kroah on WAVA Radio and Sebastian Gorka on Newsmax TV.



Catherine Hadro from EWTN, right, interviews Jody Duffy and Janet Morana during the Silent No More gathering at the March for Life.



Janet Morana is interviewed by former Trump adviser Steve Bannon on his War Room podcast.

"I have been attending the March for Life since 1976, when I was a teenager in high school," Father Frank said. "With a decision expected at any time in the Mississippi abortion law case, I'm confident we are on the verge of making a meaningful dent in legal abortion. If and when the protection of the unborn is returned to the jurisdiction of the states, tens of thousands of lives - maybe hundreds of thousands - will

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be saved. But until the day every child in the womb is safe, Priests for Life will march and work and protest and pray for life."

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"This enables us to really drill down to strategy," he said.

Father Frank said he always welcomes the opportunity to connect with new people and reconnect with those who know of the work of Priests for Life.

"There's never an occasion where we don't have numerous people who come up to me and say, 'We've supported your ministry for a long time,'" he said. "At one trip I had someone come up to me to say that I took a photo with him 25 years ago. I thanked him for his perseverance and he thanked me for mine."

His remarks for both audiences included reflections on the Mississippi abortion law currently under review by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Dobbs* case.

"I explained why we should be prepared for victory," he said. "That doesn't mean that the Court will explicitly say *Roe v. Wade* is reversed, but if they uphold the Mississippi law that protects babies in the womb from 15 weeks on, that effectively nullifies a key provision of *Roe*."

He also spoke about the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and the importance of having women who have had abortions, and men who have lost children to abortion, share their testimonies (see AbortionTestimonies.com). He encouraged his listeners to assist clergy in getting the pro-life message out, and he told people not to be afraid of social media.

"Most people are willing to venture into social media for the sake of the babies."

Father Frank stressed to the California group that, while their governor has vowed to make their state an "abortion sanctuary" if the Mississippi law is upheld, it is up to **them - the voters** - to decide the direction of the Golden State.

"Getting rid of *Roe* means putting the protection of babies into the hands of the people. Legislators can no longer hide behind the courts. I told them not to let Gov. Newsom define what California is going to be. The citizens of California define it."



Father Frank is on the set at One America News in D.C. with political correspondent John Hines.

Teens are the target audience for Janet Morana's newest book on abortion

A pervasive belief in the U.S. is that women and girls need access to legal abortion to be successful in their lives. Nothing is more important than abortion, young women are told. Not family support, education, faith, hard work, personal responsibility or opportunity. Everywhere they turn, today's youth are bombarded with the message that abortion is normal and even good and they have few resources to tap into if they want to learn the truth.

In ***Everything You Need to Know About Abortion - For Teens*** these dangerous lies are exposed while the truth about the harm abortion causes to women, men and society is spelled out in easy-to-understand chapters each built around a central theme. In her latest book about abortion, Janet Morana introduces readers to the unborn child and to the brutal methods used to kill this most innocent victim. Her strong, impactful and practical message leaves no doubt that abortion is not only non-essential, but harmful.

In his endorsement of the book, Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, says, "I applaud the focus of Janet Morana's book, ***Everything You Need to Know About Abortion- For Teens***. Her no-nonsense approach directed toward teens addresses a critical need for today and for the future. It is a reminder that every life is precious." Order at ProLifeProducts.org or using the order form on page 7.

Priests for Life present at United Nation's Commission for Social Development meeting

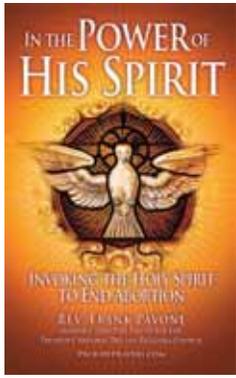
The United Nation's 60th session of the Commission for Social Development took place virtually in February with a theme of "Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being, and dignity for all: Eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda."

Priests for Life took part in many of the formal meetings and side events throughout the eight-day session. We also submitted a statement prepared by Marie Smith, Director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues. It can be viewed at www.priestsforlife.org/generalpfl/ngo.aspx.

The session focused in part on addressing the 811 million people around the world facing hunger. Our emphasis at Priests for Life is reducing the large number of children who are malnourished, striving to meet their nutritional needs from conception on, and meeting the nutritional needs of women and girls of reproductive age. Malnutrition during the critical window of the first 1,000 days of life from conception to the second birthday can impact a child for a lifetime.

If the pledge of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind is to be realized, programs and policies to reduce poverty and hunger in all its forms must encompass the complete life cycle, from conception to natural death.

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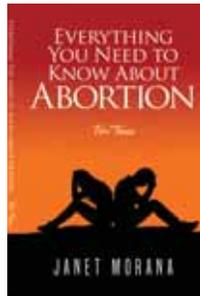
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April intention: That God may strengthen the ministries like Rachel's Vineyard which offer healing for those wounded by abortion.

April 17 - May 25: Easter Prayer for Life (PrayerCampaign.org/Easter)

April 28: Feast of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Patroness of Mothers and Physicians. (PrayerCampaign.org/Gianna)

April 30 - May 8: Mother's Day Novena (PrayerCampaign.org/MothersDay)

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