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Fr. Frank Pavone recently interviewed His Excellency, the Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, about his pastoral letter on human dignity of the unborn, Holy Communion, and Catholics in public life called, "Before I Formed You in the Womb, I Knew You." Part one of that interview begins on page 2. See the full interview at www.AbortionandCommunion.com.

Dr. Theresa Burke Conducting Training Sessions in the Diocese of Rapid City, SD

Dr. Theresa Burke, pastoral associate of Priests for Life and founder of Rachel's Vineyard, is a pioneer and expert in healing people from the trauma of abortion. She has been conducting a dynamic and life-changing series of trainings, hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Rapid City, South Dakota, that will build and strengthen a solid foundation for healing after abortion.

On June 14, Dr. Burke facilitated the second session of this six-part training series. This session included Understanding Shame Based Identities Part 1 & 2, The Art of Retreat Facilitation, and The Role of a Priest or Pastor. Nearly 200 participants from around the world took part in this session! More information on this training can be found at www.RapidCityDiocese.org/RV.

Fr. Frank Hosts Praying for America on Right Side Broadcasting Network

Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, is hosting a new show on the Right Side Broadcasting Network. **Praying for America** airs at RSBNetwork.com as well as at EndAbortion.tv and all the streaming platforms linked from those two sites (consult the sites for updated broadcast times).

Father Pavone served as co-host and commentator for many of Right Side's broadcasts during President Trump's campaign, including frequent prayer sessions for President Trump, and the new show will build on that momentum to keep the Make America Great Again movement growing and thriving.

The show features prayer, scripture, preaching and teaching, blending Christian spirituality and American patriotism. There will also be practical action recommended in each episode. Viewers can indicate their own prayer intentions, so that these times of prayer for America will also be times to pray for one another.

"I'm so grateful to Right Side Broadcasting for all they do for this country, for

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President Trump, and for the MAGA movement. I'm grateful, too, for this new opportunity to partner with them to reach Americans who are determined to preserve our nation and its freedoms," Father Pavone said.

"Right Side Broadcasting Network is excited to be partnering with Priests for Life in the new broadcast **Praying for America**," said Bridgette Seales, who founded the network with her husband, Joe Seales. "In this new series, Father Pavone highlights critical issues and occurrences in today's daily happenings. He leads viewers by sharing teachings, scripture and through prayer.

"Right Side Broadcasting is continuing prayer and petition for our great nation founded upon Judeo-Christian values. This series piggybacks on previous spiritual sessions led by Father Frank partnering with our crew in **Praying for the President**. We will continue to go to our Almighty Creator and raise up this great nation created through divine providence, as He is the one in ultimate control."

Praying for America is streamed from Priests for Life's professional TV studio in Titusville, Florida.

Right Side Broadcasting Network is a politically conservative news outlet founded in 2015. Joe Seales recognized during the 2016 Trump campaign that Americans were looking for access to candidate Trump's rallies and other events that were not filtered through the distorted lens of the left-leaning media. The network's start-to-finish coverage of those rallies in both the 2016 and 2020 campaigns drew millions of viewers and helped establish the network as a go-to source for as-it-happens news reporting.

An Interview with Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco

Fr. Frank Pavone: This is a time when more and more bishops and the Bishop's conference as a unit are paying attention to and speaking out about this whole question of what we do with politicians who claim to be Catholic but are pro-abortion. And of course this matter is brought to a head because of the actions of Biden, who is proving to be the most extreme pro-abortion president in history, but also claims to be a devout Catholic, as does Nancy Pelosi who's out there in San Francisco.

So the Archbishop and other bishops at this point in time feel it necessary to make some strong clarifications.

The Archbishop and I go back a long time. Some 25 years ago we were together in Rome, both working at different offices in the Vatican, but living in what is called the Villa Stritch, which is an apartment complex for American diocesan priests who work in the Vatican. So I got to know him well before he became a Bishop but was very happy when I heard that he was named a Bishop because I knew that he would be a clear and strong teacher of authentic Catholic doctrine.

Fr. Frank Pavone: I am delighted today to welcome Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, the

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Archbishop of San Francisco, who recently issued this pastoral letter, "Before I Formed You in the Womb, I Knew You." Archbishop, thank you so much for being with us.

Archbishop Cordileone: You're welcome, good to be with you.

Fr. Frank Pavone: What led you to issue this letter at this particular point in time?

Archbishop Cordileone: For some time now I've known I would have to say or do something on this issue because it's creating so much confusion among our Catholic people and it seems to be becoming more and more urgent. I some time ago decided this would be the best approach. Basically, this is a teaching document, so something that would be succinct but very clear and precise. So this letter has been in my mind for quite some time. All through last year I've been working on it but I decided to wait until after the election to publish it because I didn't want this to be misinterpreted or hijacked as some kind of a political ploy. It's not a political ploy at all.

Fr. Frank Pavone: You focus in this document on the issue of Holy Communion. What in a nutshell is the connection between the reception of Holy Communion and our commitment to defend the unborn?

Archbishop Cordileone: I tried to lay out the church teaching very clearly. A lot of Catholics unfortunately don't understand anymore what it means to receive Holy Communion. It means that one accepts all the teachings of the Church, professes those beliefs, and is living their life in conformity with those.

When it comes to defense of the unborn and I would say it's the same with any issue of fundamental justice, a Catholic cannot be in a state of grace and favor something that's a grave injustice, and I can't think of one more serious than depriving an innocent person of life. So we're talking about the killing of innocent human beings. So this is a deprivation of a fundamental right, this is a very grave injustice. Any Catholic who cooperates with that formally or in an immediate material way, as I explained in the letter, is putting themselves in a very serious situation of cooperating with serious evil, and they're not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion.

(To be continued in September Priests for Life Newsletter)



Fr. Frank Pavone's open heart surgery was a great success and he completed the recovery period in mid-July. Pictured here is a portion of the many cards that came in from so many of you around the country. Thank you for the numerous remembrances in prayer, words of encouragement, and assurances of support, financial and otherwise! Along with the many cards, Fr. Frank is holding in his hand just some of the printed messages that came in via our website and email.

A New Saint for the Pro-life Movement

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director

For decades, we at Priests for Life have promoted devotion to Margaret of Castello. Now a

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saint, she is "Patroness of the Unwanted." She was severely disabled, and because of the arrogance and selfishness of her parents, was sealed off in a cell and ultimately abandoned. We have spread the story of her life everywhere, because how she was treated challenges us regarding how we treat the unborn (see www.PriestsForLife.org/MargaretOfCastello).

It was hardly a fast track but 14th century St. Margaret of Castello - who was beatified in 1609 - was elevated to sainthood by Pope Francis on April 24 using a process called "equipollent canonization."

The Arlington Catholic Herald explained exactly what that means:

"The decree is what the Vatican terms an 'equipollent' or equivalent canonization; when there is evidence of strong devotion among the faithful to a holy man or woman, the pope can waive a lengthy formal canonical investigation and can authorize the person's veneration as a saint."

I'm not sure why the Vatican chose to do it this way, since her intercession is said to have prompted many miracles, but I'm very happy it happened.

Her story is almost too hard to contemplate. Born around 1287 blind, lame and apparently with dwarfism, her socially prominent parents, who had wanted a boy, were horrified thinking word would get out that their baby was less than perfect. They spread the lie that she had died at birth.

They gave her to a servant who loved and cared for her but the servant slipped up once and almost let guests at her parent's castle catch a glimpse of Margaret. To ensure that never happened again, her father, filled with the attitude of "playing God" that marks the culture of death, had a single-room cell built next to a church in the forest, and walled her into it. An interior window allowed Margaret to hear mass; another window on an exterior wall let servants pass food into the girl.

The priest there discovered Margaret had a fine mind and loved God, so he spent time teaching her the faith. When her family fled from their home when she was a teenager, they took Margaret with them, only to lock her away in an underground vault near their new home. A year later, her parents brought her to a tomb in Castello where people were said to be receiving miraculous cures of various ailments. When Margaret was not healed, her parents just abandoned her there. Two beggars befriended her and ultimately Margaret's life began to improve, although with many setbacks along the way.

She died at the age of 33 on April 13, 1320, after having served for years in the habit of the Third Order of St. Dominic. It has been reported that the whole city attended her funeral - that was how well-known and beloved she had become - and that a crippled girl was healed during the mass.

St. Margaret's life offers many profound lessons for those of us in pro-life. She disappointed her parents twice at her birth, by being female and for failing to be perfect. Today, both of those things can prompt parents to choose abortion. The world is missing millions of girls because of this preference for sons in so many cultures.

Also, she was unwanted by the very people who were supposed to love and care for her, in

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much the same way the unborn are unwanted by those who have envisioned a different timeline for their lives.

St. Margaret's profound physical ailments teach a powerful lesson about how every life - no matter how compromised, no matter how "imperfect" - has value and every person has a contribution to make.

And the question that challenges us most deeply is, if we were there, and knew Margaret was locked up in that cell, would we have spoken up?

St. Margaret's canonization comes at an interesting time in the U.S., as more states are passing laws to protect babies from abortion based on their sex, race or disability. Prenatal testing now allows parents to know long before their baby is born if he or she will be everything they have dreamed of and planned for. Babies falling short of that ideal - like those with Down syndrome or dwarfism - are frequently aborted.

I invite everyone who believes in the sanctity of every human life to join me in praying this prayer I wrote some years ago for Margaret of Castello, the newest saint for the pro-life movement.

*Father,
Your care extends to every human person,
No matter what afflictions they suffer,
And you uphold the dignity of every human life,
Regardless of the false ways that the world may calculate its
value.
You gave us St. Margaret of Castello as a sign and a
challenge.
You permitted your glory to shine through her human weakness,
And called those around her to love her
Despite her physical limitations.
Forgive us when we fail to defend the least among us.
Through the intercession of St. Margaret,
Give us grace to speak up for the outcast
and to welcome those who are rejected.
When this brief life is over,
Grant that we who have welcomed all our brothers and sisters,
May be welcomed by you into the life that never ends.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(See ProLifePrayers.com.)*



Evangelist Alveda King, fulltime Pastoral Associate of Priests for Life, visited President Trump in May in Mar-a-Lago. She states "So honored to visit with President Trump... Grateful for his unwavering commitment to end abortion in our lifetime!"

National Pro-life T-shirt Day set for Oct. 5

By Bryan Kemper

On Oct. 5, pro-lifers across the country will have another chance, by a united national action, to **wear their convictions** about the sanctity of life.

Priests for Life re-launched National Pro-life T-shirt Day in April and it was a great success. Pro-lifers wore t-shirts carrying pro-life messages and became witnesses for life wherever they went that day.

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When I started this event back in 1999 I never realized how big it could actually become. Then I started seeing people in other countries participating and that was amazing. I even remember walking down the street in Sydney, Australia, one year and seeing someone wearing one of our pro-life shirts. I asked them where they got it and they told me they got it for National Pro-life T-shirt Day.

The spring return was awesome and we are gearing up for the fall event. This day is not just for students; it's for anyone who believes that all life, born and unborn, should be protected. It is a day when pro-life people can do something in unity to help spread the message of life.

Stand True, the youth outreach of Priests for Life, will sponsor National Pro-life T-shirt Day three times a year, in the spring and fall and every year on Jan. 22 to mourn the Roe vs. Wade decision on its tragic anniversary.

We want to invite everyone, from little ones to their grandparents and great-grandparents, to participate and be a bold witness for life. Choose from an amazing selection of pro-life t-shirts at ProLifeProducts.org.

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Urges Support for Priests for Life

Hi, I'm Fr. Chris Alar and it's an honor for me to be able to invite you to join me in my support of Fr. Frank Pavone. I've known Fr. Frank since I was a seminarian, and I know few priests that have been more willing and open to guide and lead those who are searching for ways to be able to do God's work in the world. Fr. Frank was a pioneer in leading us in the pro-life movement. As a pro-life priest myself I have found so many golden nuggets in his words, so much inspiration in his company and since doing things like CMN (Catholic Marketing Network) with him over the years and being with him at conferences, it's been a true honor. I suggest you too take the time, take just a brief moment to go on to YouTube [and] other social media to see what he has to say because he more than ever and now needed more than ever is bringing us to the protection of human life. May God bless him and that ministry.

- Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

More Praise for our work...

God Bless you! I am a brand new Christian. Though Father Frank Pavone is Catholic, he's part of what brought me to God.

- Jackie

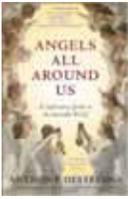
I watch Defending Life on EWTN, as well as the Catholic View for Women. Janet [Morana] comes across as caring and knowledgeable and her honesty is so appreciated.

- TS

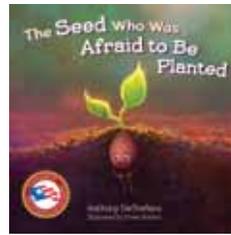
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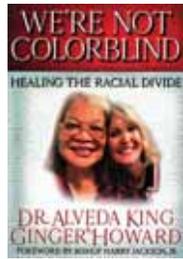
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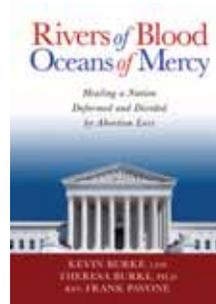
Angels All Around Us by Anthony DeStefano explains the reality of the spiritual dimension that surrounds people.



The Seed Who Was Afraid to Be Planted by Anthony DeStefano is a children's rhyming book about a seed who lives in fear but soon realizes that he is destined to grow into a magnificent tree.



We're Not Color Blind by Dr. Alveda King and Ginger Howard approaches the discussions on race relations with prayer, candor and soul stirring testimonies.



Rivers of Blood, Oceans of Mercy: Healing a Nation Deformed and Divided by Abortion Loss by Dr. Theresa and Kevin Burke and Fr. Frank Pavone explores abortion as our national trauma and offers hope for healing for all.



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At PrayerCampaign.org, you will find the prayer campaigns for various times and seasons of the year.

August intention: That preachers in all denominations may courageously preach about abortion.

August 7-15: Assumption Novena for Life (www.PrayerCampaign.org/Assumption)

August 28-September 5: Novena in Honor of St. Mother Teresa
(www.PrayerCampaign.org/MotherTeresa)

www.ProLifeDonation.org

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