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Meet and Thank These Pro-life Heroes at our National Prayer Service January 19

The March for Life is right around the corner and, as always, Priests for Life and Silent No More will have a big presence at the various events.

The March takes place Jan. 19 but there is so much planned before that. Before we get to the schedule, though, let's find out about the 2024 winners of the National Pro-Life Recognition Award to be bestowed at the 29th annual National Prayer Service in Constitution Hall on the morning of the March.

The four winners make up a veritable Who's Who in pro-life.

Most Rev. Joseph Strickland, Bishop of Tyler, Texas, is perhaps the most outspoken bishop in the Catholic Church on the topic of abortion.

Mark Houck is a longtime pro-life activist who beat the Biden administration at its own sinister game when he was acquitted of violating the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act.

Mark Lee Dickson, director of Right to Life of East Texas and the founder of the Sanctuary Cities movement, which enables cities and counties to declare their municipalities abortion-free.

Sister Deirdre Byrne, POSC - aka Sister DeDe - is a surgeon and retired U.S. Army colonel whose electrifying pro-life speech at the 2020 Republican National Convention was ground-breaking and unforgettable.

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Please pray, through the intercession of Padre Pio, that Pope Francis reverses his decision and reinstates Father Frank's priestly functions. PrayerCampaign.org
Meanwhile, he continues leading this organization fulltime with the unanimous support of our Board.

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The interdenominational National Prayer Service will begin with a Catholic Mass at 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 19, and the service itself will run from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., leaving plenty of time to get to the march.

The service is free and tickets are not required, but it is nice to know if you're coming, so we ask you to go to NationalPrayerService.com and fill out the RSVP form.

Priests for Life and Silent No More's official events begin the day before on Jan. 18. Here's where you can find us:

- **Thursday, Jan. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m.** Prayer and protest outside Planned Parenthood, 1225 4th St NE, Washington DC
- **Friday, Jan. 19, approximately 2 p.m.** The women and men of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign will give their testimonies in front of the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court
- **Saturday, Jan 20.** Priests for Life is a co-sponsor of the National Pro-Life Summit at the Grand Hyatt in D.C. Stop by the Priests for Life booth to meet our leaders and staffers.
- **Monday, Jan. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Priests for Life will co-host a prayer service in front of the Supreme Court on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. to memorialize and honor the victims of abortion.

The unborn also will be the focus of an annual event on the other side of the country that weekend. The Walk for Life West Coast will take place Jan. 20 in San Francisco, with Frank Pavone and Bryan Kemper, coordinator of street activism for Priests for Life, taking part.

The day will begin with a protest in front of Planned Parenthood from 8 to 9:30 a.m. PT. From 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. PT, Pavone and Kemper will lead the women and men of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign as they give their testimonies. Pavone will speak. The Walk for Life will immediately follow.

To get more information on any of our activities, go to [**PriestsForLife.org/MarchForLife**](http://PriestsForLife.org/MarchForLife)

Keep up with Priests for Life on the Road

The Priests for Life team continues its national speaking tour, visiting California, New Mexico, New York and many points in between.

With states now in control of the fate of their unborn children, state-level pro-life events have grown in importance. Our pastoral team is attending as many as we can.

In October, National Director Frank Pavone and Associate Director Father Denis Wilde, OSA, traveled to Harrisburg for the Third Annual Pennsylvania March for Life. In a report on the march published by LifeNews, Pavone shared the following observations:

"The variety of home-made and professionally made signs, pro-life t-shirts, and buttons was matched by the variety of ethnicities and ages, as babies in carriages, grandmothers in wheelchairs, and everyone in between filled up the gathering space by the thousands.

"The Pennsylvania Family Council took the lead in organizing the day's events, which were carried out without a flaw. I didn't see a single counter-demonstrator, and the mood was high in optimism and determination to fight for the unborn. Prayer, song, and lively conversation filled the air

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Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA led a pilgrimage to Germany and Italy in September. He is pictured here at St. Gianna Molla's tomb with her daughter Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, for whom she gave her life.

from start to finish.

"The presence of scores of pro-life legislators from the PA House and Senate was impressive. They not only filled the stage, but overflowed it. In speaking with many of them I was impressed with their enthusiasm and determination. They are undeterred in speaking up for the unborn.

"And finally, some of the members of our Silent No More Awareness Campaign, which is very active in Pennsylvania, were present with their signs and testimonies, which educate the public, embolden legislators, and reveal the fact that we who oppose abortion do not oppose those who have had abortions."

A week earlier, Bryan Kemper, coordinator of street activism for Priests for Life, attended the Ohio March for Life in Columbus. He was

among a number of state and national leaders at the event.

Kemper also took part in Life Chains in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Pittsburg, Kansas, and our pastoral associate, Father David Begany, SSJ, took part in the Houston Coalition Walk for Life.

Pavone's travels took him both near and far from our Central Florida home. Nearby, he spoke at a kickoff rally for 40 Days for Life in Kissimmee and at a Gala for Life in St. Augustine.

Farther afield, he was a keynote speaker at an event in Poughkeepsie, NY, called Arise in Truth and Hope. As of this writing, he was set to participate in the Michigan March for Life.

In Southern California, he was a speaker at a Catholic Divine Mercy conference attended by more than 1,200 people. Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas, also was a speaker. Pavone also led a prayer vigil and spoke outside the Planned Parenthood headquarters in Orange County, CA.

Follow our travels at PriestsForLife.org/Frontlines, and book one of our team at SpeakerRequest.Com.

2024 Elections

We have been preparing for some time now for the 2024 elections. This is the most important election in our nation's history, and is literally a choice between good and evil, between a culture of life and a culture of death, between freedom and tyranny, between our American Constitution and a police state.

Keep up with all you need to know at ProLifeVote.com and our daily broadcasts at www.EndAbortion.TV (especially our nightly program "Praying for America"). Sign up as an election volunteer at ProLifeVolunteer.com and attend our regular trainings online. Participate in our prayer campaign (ElectionPrayer.com) and take our educational materials to your Churches and organizations. Read key books like Mark Levin's *The Democrat Party Hates America*. And be in touch directly with our staff with any questions you have - contact Erin at vote@priestsforlife.org.

Death by Chemical Abortion

By Janet Morana, Executive Director, Priests for Life (Published in the Washington Times, October 9, 2023)

We should know soon whether the US Supreme Court will review a case on the way the abortion drug mifepristone was approved by the FDA in 2000 and if it should continue to be dispensed by mail.

A tragedy revealed recently in Nevada is unrelated to the case sent to the Supreme Court but could help counter claims about the drug's safety made by the manufacturer and abortion sellers, and endlessly repeated by the mainstream media.

According to a lawsuit filed in District Court in Clark County, Nevada, the 24-year-old mother of a 9-month-old boy went to Planned Parenthood on Sept. 22, 2022, because she was pregnant again. Alyona Dixon was determined to be eight weeks and five days pregnant and a candidate for chemical abortion.

She was given mifepristone and sent home with instructions to take the second drug, misoprostol, 24 to 48 hours later, and to administer it intravaginally.

On Sept. 26, four days after taking mifepristone, she went to an emergency room run by Dignity Health at its Blue Diamond campus in Las Vegas, about 60 miles from her home in Parumph. Dixon was complaining of sharp lower abdominal pain and vaginal bleeding. A radiologist who reviewed an ultrasound performed on the young woman believed parts of her aborted embryo could still be present in her womb.

According to the lawsuit filed on behalf of Dixon's husband and son, the physician treating her did not conduct a pelvic exam and did not consult an OB-GYN because the hospital did not have one on call. Dixon was sent home.

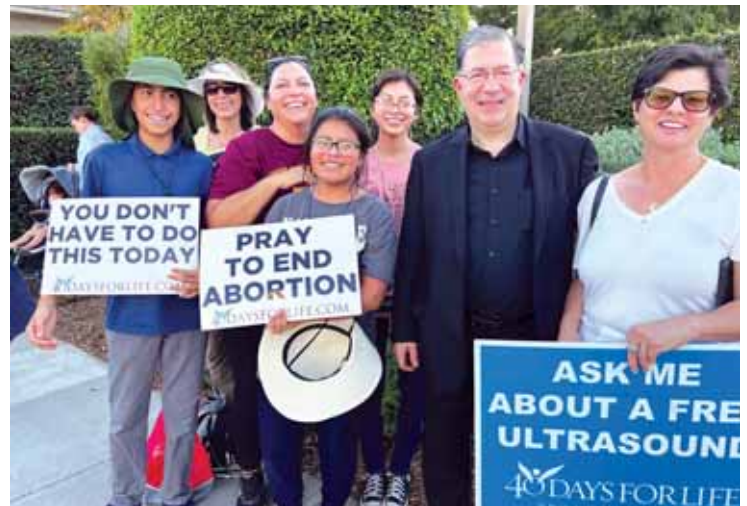
The next night, Sept. 27, she went to a hospital in Parumph complaining of vaginal bleeding and abdominal pain but by now she was also vomiting and suffering from diarrhea. As her condition worsened, she was taken to Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas, where she was pronounced dead at 5:32 a.m. on Sept. 28.

The Clark County Coroner's Office later determined the cause of death as "complications from septic abortion."

The wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family names only the first hospital and the doctors and nurses who treated her as defendants. Planned Parenthood has not been sued. And it certainly seems, as the suit alleges, that proactive treatment at the first hospital might have led to a better outcome.

But the point that cannot be missed is that chemical abortion is what sent her to the hospital in the first place. Had she not taken those drugs, she would be alive today, perhaps a busy mother of two children under 2.

A few news outlets in Las Vegas and the anti-abortion media have reported on Dixon's death, but from the news networks and the major print media, not a word. That's because her death after a chemical abortion directly counters the lie that the procedure is safe and easy and no big deal.



Frank Pavone recently led pro-life activists in prayer at the Planned Parenthood headquarters of Orange County, CA. This is just part of the large group that gathered.

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More than half of abortions performed today are chemical abortions, and how often women are injured is largely unknown because the FDA stopped collecting information on "adverse reactions" other than death.

Alyona Dixon's death will not be blamed on chemical abortion, but had she not taken the pills, she would be alive today.

Chemical abortion is not safe. A study published in 2021 in the National Library of Medicine found that 20 women died from chemical abortion between September 2000 and February 2019. Nine women died of sepsis, and another died of hemorrhage.

"Retained products of conception and hemorrhage caused most morbidity," the report said.

In addition to the deaths, there were 2,660 adverse reactions in that time period, with 529 considered life-threatening.

Twenty deaths may not seem like much, but we know that chemical abortion deaths – all abortion deaths – are attributed to other causes whenever possible. It's not permissible in our country to utter a bad word about abortion, even when it turns deadly for moms.

How many deaths it will take to get this drug off the market is a question that has yet to be answered. If the Supreme Court decides to review the case, *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA*, any protective action the justices might take will be too late for Dixon.

But other young women might be spared a terrible, preventable death.

Janet Morana is executive director of Priests for Life and co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. She is the author of "Recall Abortion," "Shockwaves: Abortion's Wider Circle of Victims" and "Everything You Need to Know About Abortion – for Teens."

Priests for Life at the United Nations

Priests for Life, an official Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) at the United Nations, took part in the Sept. 5 UN Annual Prayer Service on the occasion of the opening of the 78th Session of the General Assembly. The service was offered by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations and took place at the Church of the Holy Family, the United Nations Parish.

We then participated in the annual High-Level General Debate (19 - 25 September 2023) with this year's theme on the "2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress and sustainability for all."

Our work at the UN continues for the upcoming 62nd Session of the Commission on Social Development (5 - 24 February 2024). We have already submitted our written statement for the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (11 - 22 March 2024) and will soon do so for the 57th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (29 April - 03 May 2024). We will continue to hold strategy meetings with other Catholic Inspired NGOs and UN pro-life and family groups, and are

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Praise for our Work

"Wow, what a thorough way of explaining that. All my life as a Catholic and in Catholic school and my children in Catholic schools...I now understand what the will over the mind means. God Bless You Fr Frank. Your teachings encourage me each and everyday. - SW

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looking forward to the UN's 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and an event sponsored by the Political Network for Values called Affirming Universal Human Rights - Uniting Cultures for Life, Family and Fundamental Freedoms (16 - 17 November 2023).

For more information on the United Nations please consult our Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues at PNCIUS.com. We will provide more information as these and other important UN related events unfold.

"But the Truth Was the Truth"

This is an excerpt from a book of stories about the influence of Priests for Life that is being written by Communications Director Leslie Palma. This chapter deals with our Face the Truth tours conducted in all five boroughs of New York City.

From April 1-10, 2003, Priests for Life conducted "Face the Truth" events at 28 different locations within the five boroughs of NY City. Activists from as far away as California and Washington state joined us for this daily public witness and learned how to conduct these activities back at home. A bus was hired for easy transportation to the various locations, and two days were spent in each borough.

At least seven women came up to participants at various stops to say they were scheduled to have abortions, but changed their minds when they saw the images. Also, hearts were broken, as people young and old thanked us for revealing the truth about abortion. Pro-life activists were encouraged everywhere we went.

Father Frank interviewed a young woman holding a baby at one of the New York City tours and what she told him was a testament to the value of abortion victim imagery, no matter uncomfortable it might make us. Here's what she said:

"I know there's a lot of debate about this kind of campaign, but it was about seven years ago when I saw these signs when I was driving along the street going somewhere. I had been raised very strongly pro-choice and I saw the signs and I just about crashed my car. I was full of anger and thought, 'these things should be illegal. Someone could have an accident. This is terrible; this is not free speech.' I decided to go home and go online to study all the pro-life arguments and look at the photos and watch the videos because I wanted to hone my debate skills - my pro-abort debate skills - to tell them they were so wrong.

"I spent a whole weekend online and at the end of the weekend, I was rabidly pro-life with no exceptions whatsoever. At the time I wasn't even yet a Christian, but the truth was the truth."

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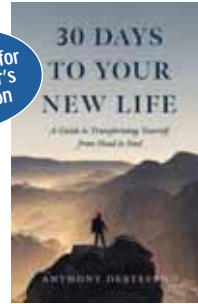


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