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The Twofold Task of Elections 2022

Next year's elections need to begin now. Politically, in order to stop the ongoing holocaust of abortion, we need to block the radical pro-abortion policies of the Democrats by returning the majorities in the House and Senate to the Republican Party.

When Pres. Obama took office in 2008, the Democrats also controlled the House and Senate. But in the 2010 midterms, Democrats lost 6 seats in the Senate and 63 seats in the House, costing them the chamber. In 2014, Democrats lost another 13 seats in the House and a staggering 9 seats in the Senate, this time losing them the Senate and completing a Republican takeover of Congress.

This was a repeat of what Democrat Bill Clinton experienced. When he was elected in 1992, Democrats likewise had the House and Senate. But in the 1994 midterms, the Democrats lost 52 seats in the House and 8 in the Senate, giving the Republicans control of both chambers.

On average, modern midterm elections result in an average loss of 30 seats in the House and Senate by the party that occupies the White House. We are not sitting back to let this happen automatically, but it should inspire confidence as we work hard to do precisely that.

Along with the usual election activities, therefore, outlined at www.ProLifeVote.com, we also need to be working on **election integrity**. On the federal level, it means resisting bills like H.R.1/S.1 which would ruin our electoral process by federalizing it and throwing security measures out the window.

On the state level, it means working with our state legislators, especially where they have already initiated election reform legislation to enhance the security of the ballot. **Heritage.org/election-integrity** is one of the best online locations to learn more about this. When the Left complains against voter-integrity laws by saying we're trying to keep people from voting, it's like complaining that requiring a license is keeping people from driving.

On all these issues, please remember to sign up for our ongoing election training calls. Go to www.ProLifeVolunteer.com to sign up!



Jody Duffy (2nd from L.) and her Rachel's Vineyard team from Atlanta, GA where she has started offering retreats specifically for veterans. Bishop Richard Spencer, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, offered the opening mass for this retreat weekend.

H.R. 619 Protects the Born – Has Real Teeth

By Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director

On April 14, Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives began a new effort to save the lives of newborn babies who have survived abortion.

As they did during the 116th Congress, the Republicans launched a discharge petition in an effort to have a vote on H.R. 619, the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, which the Democrat leadership does not even want to allow House members to consider.

The discharge petition is a tool available to the minority party when the majority party doesn't want to deal with a particular bill. The minority – in this case, the Republicans – can introduce a petition directly to the House membership in an attempt to garner enough signatures to force the House leadership to take up the bill.

A discharge petition in the 116th Congress collected 205 signatures. All Republicans signed it, but only three Democrats. That effort fell 13 signatures short of the needed 218.

The Democrat majority has narrowed in the current Congress but a handful of Democrats still have to muster enough of a conscience and courage to sign the petition.

If these men and women who were elected to Congress are not willing to even discuss a bill that would protect babies born alive, what are they doing in public office? They don't belong there.

The Democrats are working hard to ignore this bill because they don't want to go on record voting against providing life-saving care for a newborn baby. But the introduction of the discharge petition puts them on record anyway, and if they don't sign it, all the voters in their district need to know that prior to the midterm elections.

Some Democrats might point to the *Born-Alive Infants Protection Act* that became law in 2002 and say that's enough protection. But that law is only **definitional**; it says these newborn survivors are persons under the laws of the U.S., but it stops there and does not penalize any failure to protect these survivors.

The new bill – and one like it that passed the House in the 115th Congress when Republicans were in control, and one introduced last year that never got to the floor – has real teeth. It insists that emergency life-saving care, including transfer to a hospital, be initiated immediately after the baby is free of the birth canal. Abortionists who fail to provide this care would be penalized.

Democrats and other pro-abortion advocates say this bill is unnecessary because – according to their fantasy world -- babies do not survive abortion. But the inconvenient truth is that some of them do.

In some late term abortion procedures, the child may inadvertently slip out through the forcibly-dilated cervix before the abortionist reaches in to dismember or otherwise kill

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the child. In other late term procedures, which are essentially pre-term deliveries, the abortionist may try to kill the baby first by injecting digoxin into the heart, but might fail to do it correctly, or not wait long enough for the baby to die while still in the womb. In cases where the abortionists want to harvest the body parts for use in research, they will not use digoxin at all, since it poisons the body.

The Centers for Disease Control has documented 143 cases of babies born alive after abortion. The nine states which keep records of these cases have indicated 203 cases. In 2020, for example, Florida recorded seven babies who survived abortion.

Once born, these children deserve equal protection under the law and an equal standard of care as any other baby born at the same stage. Instead, we continue to see babies left alone to die, or actively killed. Others survive and join the hundreds of men and women who comprise the Abortion Survivors Network.

I've also urged my supporters to call their representatives to encourage them to sign the petition. More details are available at BornAlive.US.

This op-ed was originally published at Newsmax.com.

Our Work at the United Nations

Our Representative to the United Nations, Bob Lalonde, was with former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo recently, discussing the work of Priests for Life. While Secretary of State, Mr. Pompeo adamantly opposed efforts at the United Nations to make abortion an international human right. He helped create the Geneva Consensus Declaration (signed by 35 five countries), "a historic document strengthening an international coalition to achieve better health for women, the preservation of human life, support for the family as foundational to a healthy society, and the protection of national sovereignty in global politics."



Bob Lalonde of Priests for Life with Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

New Bishop in Poland to Continue as Part of Rachel's Vineyard Team

Our Rachel's Vineyard team received great news from the team in Poland that Father Artur Wazny, who has been serving for many years on retreats and Zoom meetings, was chosen by Pope Francis to be the Bishop of Mazaca. His ordination took place on Jan. 30.

Bishop Wazny was first ordained to the priesthood in 1991 in Tarnow, Poland. He was appointed auxiliary bishop of Tarnow in December 2020. He formerly served as the director of the Office for the Permanent Formation of the Clergy and since 2010 has been granted the ministry of exorcist. Bishop Wazny is well respected throughout Poland.

The bishop begins his tenure at an interesting time for Poland, which has just strengthened its protection of children in the womb. Poland now allows abortion only in cases of rape

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and incest and when the pregnancy threatens the life of the mother. Previously, abortion was allowed in cases of fetal anomaly, and it was under that provision that the vast majority of abortions in the heavily Catholic country were carried out.

Bishop Wazny intends to remain on the Rachel's Vineyard team as he has said he is very impressed with the fruitful outcome of the retreats. He also said he expects *Grief to Grace* (a program which, like Rachel's Vineyard, was developed by our pastoral associate Dr. Theresa Burke), to be well received in Poland. The program focuses on healing the wounds of physical or sexual abuse. Bishop Wazny said he would fund the translation of *Grief to Grace* retreat manual into Polish.

Dr. Burke, Father Frank Pavone, and our whole Priests for Life team have sent sincere congratulations to the new bishop and expressed our gratitude for his continuing participation in the work of Rachel's Vineyard in Poland.

Alveda King: Celebrating Juneteenth - Unite Americans by Making it a National Holiday

Editor's note: Priests for Life Pastoral Associate Alveda King wrote an op-ed a year ago for FoxNews.com. President Trump, during his term, called for Juneteenth to be a national holiday. New legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate to continue the effort. The holiday commemorates the emancipation of the last slaves in the U.S. and serves as a reminder that babies in the womb are still treated as slaves and as property, and are killed by abortion. The pro-life movement, as the civil rights movement of our day, works to set them free.

Below are excerpts from the op-ed:

This might be the year Juneteenth gets the respect it deserves. It's about time.

Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when people held as slaves in Texas finally learned that the abhorrent practice had ended two years previously, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

The proclamation freed "all persons held as slaves" in the states that had rebelled against the Union, and Texas was one of them.

On June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger and 2,000 Union soldiers arrived in Galveston and declared all slaves free.

A year later, Juneteenth celebrations began across Texas and eventually would pop up in other parts of the South. The Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and '60s spread awareness of the holiday.

In April 1968, my uncle, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in the midst of planning the Poor People's Campaign, which was to culminate in a peaceful march in Washington, D.C. The campaign continued after his death and the Poor People's March took

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place on Juneteenth. People from all over the country gathered in our nation's capital that day, and when they left, many of them took a newfound knowledge of and respect for the holiday with them. Celebrations began springing up in other parts of the country. My family has always celebrated Juneteenth.

Texas declared Juneteenth an official state holiday in 1980 and now, 46 states and the District of Columbia have some kind of observances. Now Juneteenth is on the national radar, and that's a good thing.

Learn more at CivilRightsForTheUnborn.com

Excerpt from Tears of the Fisherman: Recovery for Men Wounded by Abortion

An Army Veteran who came to regret the abortion of his child shared with Priests for Life Pastoral Associate Kevin Burke, "I spent four years of my life defending this country, but couldn't prevent the death of my child..." Here's this father's story:

I was in the Army and was called to complete my last year of service stationed in Germany. We agreed that Susan would stay with her folks. We would save our money, and she would begin looking at houses for when I returned. That was the plan.

Susan called me shortly after I began my duty overseas and shared that she was pregnant. The first thing I told her was, "we're not ready for this; I have to finish my service. We can't do this with me away for the next year."

I convinced her that abortion was the right decision. The day of the abortion was the day I died. I felt dead for 14 years.

When I returned home I dealt with this wound...by not dealing with it.

When this painful realization would break through I would drink, look at porn on the internet, and try to get away from these feelings as quickly as possible. But this denial was slowly eating away at my marriage and robbed me of the gifts that surrounded me—gifts that I was unable to fully embrace and celebrate.

Susan and I separated several times and we both turned to people outside our relationship to help ease the loneliness and pain we secretly carried in our hearts...

Despite our struggles, we clung to our Christian faith, even as we fell short and sinned, and tried to make things work for the sake of the children. We started to see a Christian counselor at our church. For the first time, someone asked us if there was an abortion in our past. Susan just broke down. It was clear that this was the greatest wound in our marriage, and the source of our marital struggles.

If we were to stay together and build a new foundation in this marriage, we had to face this loss, and all the dark feelings associated with it. The counselor recommended a weekend retreat for post-abortion healing called Rachel's Vineyard. We found their website and registered for the next retreat in our area.

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We arrived at the retreat center very anxious of what was to come, but quietly excited and hopeful that maybe this would help in some way...if it didn't I was sure our marriage was headed for divorce.

With each exercise and activity, I began to trust that we were on a painful but rewarding journey that would bring the healing in our lives we so desperately longed for. For the first time we were able to share the story of our abortion experience, and felt safe to share our hearts with each other and the group.

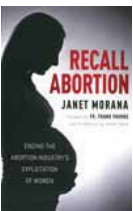
The spiritual and emotional healing we received from God on that Rachel's Vineyard Retreat saved our marriage.

On Saturday evening of the retreat, for the first time since we were dating, we held hands as we walked along the road together to the cafeteria for our evening meal...

[Excerpt from *Tears of the Fisherman: Recovery for Men Wounded by Abortion*, by Kevin Burke, LSW. Order on page 7 or at www.ProLifeProducts.org.]

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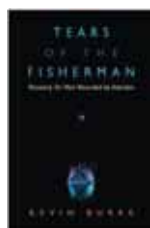
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