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## Four hundred gather in the heat to dedicate new pregnancy resource center

Gathering at the new Stanton Healthcare facility in Meridian, Idaho, 20 clergy members - including Father Frank Pavone - anointed the door with oil, asking the Holy Spirit to enter everyone who walks into the building.

"It was very strong with the presence of God," said Father Frank.

Janet Morana was on her first-ever visit to Idaho and she said that despite the 101 degree heat that day, she found the event very inspiring.

Stanton Healthcare is the brainchild of Idaho pro-life activist Brandi Swindell, whose goal is for her chain of health-care facilities for women eventually to replace Planned Parenthood and help mothers choose life instead of abortion.

The first Stanton center opened right next door to Planned Parenthood in Boise in 2007. When the nation's number one abortion seller opened a mega killing center in Meridian, about 12 miles from Boise, Stanton was able to purchase the building next door. Father Frank and Janet were invited to speak at the dedication ceremony.

"I've known Brandi Swindell for decades," Janet said. "She is so energetic and inspiring in her ability to go toe-to-toe with Planned Parenthood. Stanton is providing real health care for women.

"Some of our Silent No More members were young when they had an unexpected pregnancy, and some turned to Planned Parenthood because they thought they could get parenting lessons and guidance. But Planned Parenthood only sells abortions. Stanton Healthcare is the perfect antidote to the poison of Planned Parenthood."

Along with several members of the Idaho Legislature, Meridian Mayor Tammy DeWeerd was present to lend her support, and freshman U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher reminded the enthusiastic crowd, "There is no greater issue." A



Left to right: Fr. Frank Pavone, Brandi Swindell, Janet Morana and Rev. Pat Mahoney in front of the Stanton Mobile Clinic



Fr. Frank and Janet did many radio interviews while in Idaho including the Morning Light Radio Show with Brian Howell on Salt and Light Radio, in English and Spanish.

letter of support from Gov. Brad Little was read at the event underscoring the support that Stanton has received from leaders in our state and community.

Stanton has a third facility in Idaho, in Twin Falls, as well as centers in Michigan, California and Belfast, Ireland.

"This is an exciting new chapter in Stanton International," Ms. Swindell said. "It will be wonderful to hear of all the lives that are impacted and saved through the new clinic in the 13th

fastest growing city in the nation."

After the ceremony, Janet and Father Frank had dinner with Rep. Fulcher, whom Father Frank described as one of the newest and strongest pro-life stalwarts in Congress.

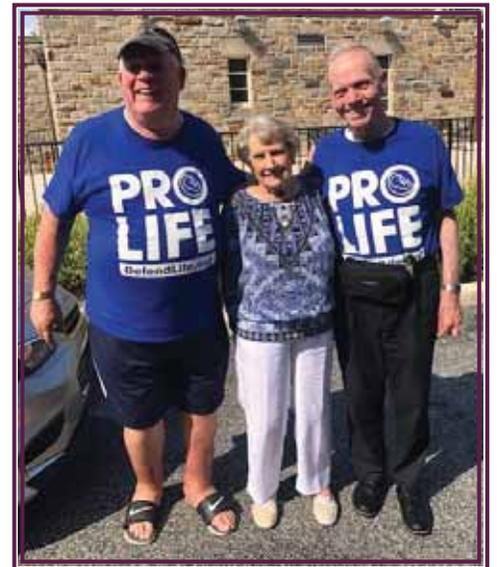
## Face the Truth Tour leaves no doubt about meaning of the "right to choose"

"This is the killing of innocent babies," said Father Denis Wilde, OSA, associate director of Priests for Life, as he described the success of a Face the Truth Tour he took part in this summer with Defend Life in Maryland.

"The tour uses abortion victim imagery to make sure everyone who sees the pictures understands what's being chosen when a mother exercises her 'right to choose,' " Father Denis said.

High school and college students take part in the event, along with pro-life leaders like Father Denis and Defend Life co-founder Jack Ames, and others who volunteer to take a stand for life in the public square.

The group visited three sites per day in Maryland and the D.C. area, stopping for lunch at some historic and beautiful Catholic churches. At St.



Fr. Denis Wilde (right) with Mark DesMarais and Mary Ward, Sister of John Cardinal O'Connor, who died in 2000 and who ordained Fr. Frank Pavone and gave him permission to be National Director of Priests for Life.

Pius X Church in Baltimore, Mary O'Connor Ward addressed the group. Mrs. Ward is the sister of the late Cardinal John J. O'Connor, leader of the New York Archdiocese. Although now 92, Mrs. Ward continues to travel around the country, speaking about life and her brother, who ordained Father Frank Pavone in 1988.

## **Celebrating Independence Day, Italian style!**

For the last several summers, Priests for Life Executive Director Janet Morana has traveled to Rome to teach bioethics students at the Pontifical Atheneum Regina Apostolorum about the way the shockwaves of abortion impact society.

It's a valuable lesson that the students from many parts of the world receive enthusiastically, through simultaneous interpreters if necessary. The timing of the annual trip has put Janet in the Eternal City for two celebrations - the birthday of longtime EWTN Rome bureau chief Joan Lewis, and the Fourth of July.

"Joan is a dear friend and I am so happy I have been able to celebrate her birthday with her for these last few years. Her "Joan's Rome" videos are so much fun to watch, and so informative. She has lived there for decades and knows the city and its workings inside-out."

This year and last year, Janet also was invited to the Independence Day party hosted by Calista Gingrich, the United States ambassador to the Vatican. Mrs. Gingrich and her husband, former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, host the party at the official ambassador's residence.

"It's magnificent," Janet said of the residence. "The grounds and the way it's decorated is just amazing. And the Gingriches are such gracious hosts. I feel very blessed to be invited."

Mrs. Gingrich was appointed by President Trump in 2017, and assumed the post in December of that year.

## **Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust Pro-Life Boot Camp in Washington, DC**

Bryan Kemper, Youth Outreach Director, Priests for Life

This July I spent ten days in Washington DC with two of my sons, Jaemison and Atticus as part of the Survivors Pro-life Training Camp. Priests for Life has been involved with the Survivors Camp for many years, with many of our Pastoral Team speaking and helping train the kids each summer. This was our first year doing camp on the East Coast and DC was the perfect setting for camp.

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The kids who come to camp are trained in many aspects of the pro-life movement from apologetics to street activism. The first few days are training and talks as we prepare them to hit the streets to be a public witness. We have them practice scenarios with each other, make signs, come up with activism ideas and train them to lead those events also.

This year the kids went to visit members of the House and Senate, asking them to take stands for life and to stop supporting the killing of innocent babies. In addition to going to the offices to talk to them they also held public witness events like a "Die In" and protests at the offices and around the office buildings.

On one evening the Survivors set up a movie screen in front of the mega Planned Parenthood in DC and showed the entire movie, Unplanned. It was amazing to see all the people sitting around the front walk of Planned Parenthood watching the movie that is changing so many hearts.

The kids also did a protest inside the National Portrait Gallery where the statue of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger is, exposing the racist and eugenic background of Planned Parenthood. My sons actually told me this was their favorite activist event of camp. I have to agree.

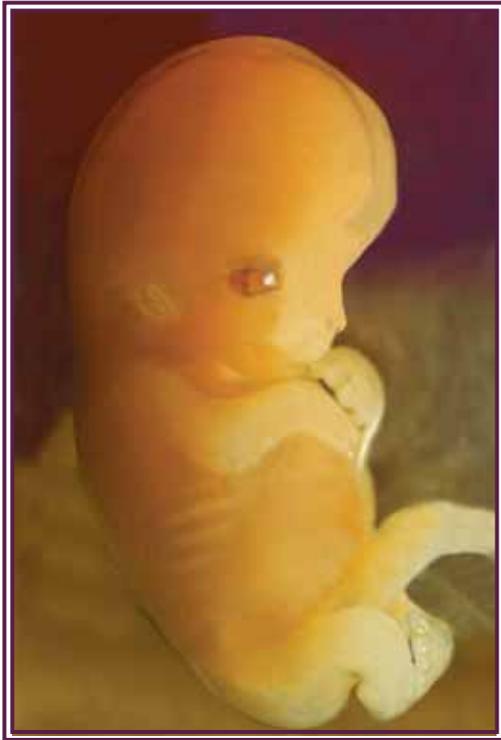


Evangelist Alveda King, full-time Priests for Life Associate, with participants of the Survivors boot camp

I think however the best thing to come from this camp was the resolve and passion ignited in my kids and all the kids at camp. To see them talking to strangers on the street about pro-life and not backing down was amazing. My kids asked me tons of questions as we drove home from DC, still wanting to learn more about the work I do. They of course are already talking about next summer and deciding which friends they want to invite to go to camp with us. We can't wait.

Once again, members of the Priests for Life team attended and presented at the Catholic Marketing Network - an annual trade show for Catholic publishers, bookstores, and media outlets. Janet Morana, Kevin Burke, and Fr. Frank Pavone signed copies of their books that were provided without charge to the Catholic bookstores. The work of Fr. Frank and Priests for Life was noted with gratitude by a number of the event speakers, including Dr. Scott Hahn.





These images are of a baby at 7 weeks and then at 5 months.

The images were presented to Fr. Frank Pavone at the time he was working at the Vatican, by a team of experts from Poland.

The experts presented them also to Pope John Paul II.

## Stand True Pro-life T-Shirts Make an Impact!

We are proud of our Priests for Life Youth Ministry, Stand True, headed by Bryan Kemper, and the pro-life t-shirts they produce. Order these and similar shirts at [www.ProLifeProducts.org/StandTrue](http://www.ProLifeProducts.org/StandTrue).



One of Stand True's pro-life t-shirts featuring a photo of the Virgin Mary and the phrase: "Our Mother Chose Life"



Pro-life t-shirt with the phrase "Let God Plan Parenthood"

## Elections 2019: Preparing for Elections 2020

By Fr. Frank Pavone

There's nothing like an off-year election to prepare for the elections of the following year.

The elections of 2020, of course, are already well underway, and Priests for Life is working at the forefront of registering, educating, and mobilizing voters nationwide, as we've been doing since 1994.

But a good preparation for the 2020 elections is precisely participation in the elections of this year, on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

The 2019 elections will include Governors' races in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi, as well as in the state legislatures of Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, and the General Assembly in New Jersey (the lower house of the state legislature). Other local races, ballot initiatives, and special elections will occur.

Elections on the state and local levels are just as important for the protection of the unborn as elections at the federal level.

Consider the fact that **pro-life state laws save millions of lives**. The Courts have recognized the authority of the states to advance their interests in protecting life in the womb as well as the health of the pregnant mother. That is why so many laws are in effect right now providing for parental involvement in the case of a minor seeking an abortion, informed consent and waiting periods, clinic safety regulations, and protections of children from partial-birth abortion and other forms of late-term abortion.

On a state level, taxpayer money can also be protected from paying for abortion, and the conscience rights of healthcare professionals who do not want to be involved in abortion can be protected.

And there's a lot more where that came from.

At the same time, we've seen extreme laws introduced and in some cases enacted in states that want to remove all restrictions on abortion, right up to birth, and even remove protections from a child born alive after an abortion attempt.

A firestorm was set off, in fact, in Virginia - one of the 2019 election states -- early this year, when the legislature introduced a bill like that. The Governor, in explaining the bill, made outrageous but accurate remarks about how even a child born alive could - upon consultation - be killed after birth.

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So will voters in Virginia re-elect the legislators who were willing to support such an incredibly barbaric law?

One of the clear dynamics when it comes to strong pro-life or pro-abortion laws is the "trifecta," that is, when the same party controls the Governor's office as well as both houses of the legislature.

In Kentucky and Mississippi, the Republican Party (the party willing to protect the unborn) has a trifecta and therefore is defending it in this November 5th election.

In New Jersey, the Democrat Party (who find it difficult to identify an abortion they don't like) has a trifecta. Voters have a chance to free themselves from that curse this November.

These 2019 state elections will also have another often overlooked impact. In 2020 there will be a census in the United States. As a result of that census, the boundary lines for US Congressional districts (as well as state legislative districts) will be re-drawn. And state legislators and governors have a key role in doing that.

The re-drawing of those boundary lines then impacts the outcome of future elections.

For these and many other reasons, the 2019 elections are crucially important. Whether we live in those states or know others who do, let's urge everyone to register, to inform themselves about the candidates and parties, to get out and vote, to mobilize others to vote, and to take part in our national election prayer campaign at [www.ElectionPrayer.com](http://www.ElectionPrayer.com). If people are politically active now, chances are much better that they'll be active in 2020.

Find out more at [www.ProLifeVote.com](http://www.ProLifeVote.com).

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Priests for Life is a leading force for prolife social media. Here is one of the recent tweets on Fr. Frank's Twitter account, @frfrankpavone. Please make sure you're following him there!



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