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Join Priests for Life and the Holy Father for a Day of Life!

Priests for Life will lead a pilgrimage to Rome in 2013 to help celebrate "The Year of Faith." The Vatican has designated June 16 as a day dedicated to the Gospel of Life. We will join Pope Benedict XVI for a special event that day. The June 10-17 pilgrimage will be led by Father Frank Pavone, along with Janet Morana, Executive Director of Priests for Life; Catholic author and journalist Teresa Tomeo, and Catholic tour guide leader Steve Ray. Masses at historic Churches, private meetings with Vatican officials, good meals and inspiring talks will be part of the itinerary. Priests for Life invites all who are committed to the cause of life to join us on our 2013 pilgrimage to Rome. We also will advocate that this day of life be an observance of the Church each and every year. See YearOfFaithPilgrimage.com.

RoeWade40.com

How is the pro-life movement observing the 40th year since Roe vs. Wade? Keep up on the many initiatives taking place by visiting RoeWade40.com, a special website Priests for Life has started to assist and coordinate efforts by national pro-life groups to mark this year.

Priests for Life Organizes Official National Prayer Service

This year we as a nation reach the 40-year mark since Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton legalized abortion in the United States throughout pregnancy. To mark this tragic occasion, Priests for Life organized the interdenominational prayer service (NationalPrayerService.com) in Washington, DC on the morning of the March for Life.



Father Frank Pavone preaches during the 2012 National Memorial for the Pre-born and Their Mothers and Fathers.

Sponsors of this service included the National Pro-Life Religious Council; Priests for Life/Gospel of Life Ministries; National Pro-Life Center on Capitol Hill; National Clergy Council; Faith and Action, and National Pro-Life Radio.

After 40 Years of Legalized Murder, it's time to "Recall Abortion"

By Janet Morana, Executive Director

January 2013 marks 40 years since the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade/Doe vs. Bolton decisions. These companion decisions legalized abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy. In addition to the more than 50 million children killed by abortion since then, there are millions of



Janet Morana (third from right) and women of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign carry their signs of regret during last year's March for Life.

women and men whose lives have been irreparably harmed by their abortion experiences. They recall their abortions every day; for them it was not just a simple procedure that was easily forgotten. Many of them suffer physical, psychological and

emotional problems years, even decades, later. Even when they have gone through an abortion recovery program they still "recall" the fact that they were responsible for the death of their unborn children. You can read countless testimonies at SilentNoMoreAwareness.org about the damage this "choice" has caused.

These women and men bought the product called abortion. It did not fulfill its promises.

Abortion is one of the most common surgical procedures performed on women in the United States: One-third of American women will have at least one. Abortions are performed through all nine months of pregnancy, even for healthy babies and healthy mothers. Most abortions are performed in free-standing abortion clinics that operate virtually unregulated. In fact, there are strict laws on the books in many states protecting your pets in veterinary clinics while few laws protect women in abortion clinics. Pro-aborts argue that regulating abortion providers restricts women's access to health care. But is abortion really health care? No. Abortion stops the body from doing what it is doing perfectly naturally. Now imagine if we could take the product called abortion

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"off the market." Other products that harmed and killed consumers have been "recalled," so why not abortion? You might think a recall can only work for things like cars, tires, food products and drugs, but not for something like abortion. But certain medical procedures have been taken off the market. There was a time when blood-letting was considered a cure for a whole host of ailments but improvements in medicine ultimately shelved this procedure. Lobotomy once was considered a cure for certain mental illnesses and was still practiced into the 1950s and 1960s. Rosemary Kennedy was one of the most famous patients to be lobotomized. In time lobotomy too was "recalled." So it can be with abortion! After 40 years of a medical procedure that destroys the life of an unborn child and causes physical and psychological damage to mothers, fathers, extended families and society as a whole, isn't it time to "Recall Abortion!"

To join this Campaign and sign the petition, please go to RecallAbortion.com!

Priests for Life Plays Larger Role than ever at March for Life

As our newsletter was going to print, Priests for Life was ready to coordinate several key events at this year's March for Life.

Back by popular demand is the March for Life Youth Rally, the afternoon before the March. The rally features Father Frank Pavone, Bryan Kemper, director of Priests for Life Youth Outreach, Janet Morana, co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, campaign spokesmen Matt and Kelly Clinger, and many other outstanding youth leaders.

On the Priests for Life schedule was also a major demonstration at a Washington, DC Planned Parenthood killing center, the National Prayer Service on the day of the March, and the Silent No More Gathering after the March.

Father Pavone is also the recipient of the 2013 Students for Life of America *Defender of Life* award, presented at its conference on January 26 in Bethesda, MD.

Global Network

Vatican - Fr. Pavone was energized by the very positive dialogue that took place in Rome during the Priests for Life sponsored September 13-15 event for the Forum of Catholic-Inspired Non-Governmental Organizations (CINGO) that was hosted by the Pontifical Council for the Family and relevant offices of the Secretariat of State of the Holy See. The event featured such international speakers as Marie Smith, Director of Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues, and promoted the defense of the rights and dignity of human life. Fr. Pavone said: "We were truly honored to collaborate in this important initiative and invite all to join us in prayer for God's blessing

upon the conference participants as they continue the necessary task of bringing to the world the message of the Gospel of Life."



Father Frank Pavone, National Director, greets János Áder, the President of Hungary, during an awards ceremony hosted by the Holy See Mission to the United Nations.



Marie Smith, Director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues, gives a presentation during the Forum of Catholic-Inspired Non-Governmental Organizations. The Vatican event was sponsored by Priests for Life. The Parliamentary Network falls under the umbrella of Gospel of Life Ministries.

United Nations - Path to Peace Foundation - Fr. Pavone was pleased to participate in the Holy See Mission to the United Nations award ceremony September 26 honoring János Áder, the President of Hungary, in recognition of his country and its efforts to respect human life and honor the institution of marriage.

Priests for Life helps launch SafeAndLegal.com

This January, in conjunction with Life Dynamics and Operation Rescue, Priests for Life helped launch a powerful new project that shows visually the harm abortion inflicts on women. Marla Cardamone was killed by a so-called "safe and legal" abortion. In a new brochure, you'll see how she looked "before and after." On the new website, SafeAndLegal.com, you'll also learn about other similar tragedies. And for more details on Marla, as told by her mother Deborah, see Priestsforlife.org/Marla.

"Jesus...What Have I Done?"

At the Birthright dinner Oct. 27 in Colchester, VT., Pastoral Associate and Rachel's Vineyard co-founder Kevin Burke, LSW, shared these anguished words of Aerosmith singer and former "American Idol" Judge Steven Tyler when he witnessed a late-term abortion of his then-partner Julia Holcomb in the 1970s. Kevin used the story as a powerful launching point to share the anguish both men and women suffer after the tragic decision to abort their unborn child and in particular to point out the pressure and coercion so many young women face with an unplanned pregnancy. Julia Holcomb later converted to Catholicism and after a deep healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Priests for Life ministry Rachel's Vineyard, she felt called to share her riveting, powerful and inspiring account which you can find on the Silent No More Awareness Campaign website, silentnomoreawareness.org.



Father Denis Wilde, OSA, Associate Director, smiles from the terrace of his alma mater, St. Monica College, overlooking St. Peter's Basilica. Father Denis was in Rome to meet with Vatican officials on behalf of Priests for Life.



Priest Associate Father Scott Daniels, O.P., co-hosts the first episode of the new season of "Defending Life" on EWTN with Janet Morana, Executive Director.



Dr. Alveda King, Director of African-American Outreach, is surrounded by admirers during a visit to Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, Conn.



Father Victor Salomon, Director of Hispanic Outreach, stops for a picture with the Henao family during a pro-life parish weekend at St. Brendan's Parish in Miami. Father Victor said the models of unborn babies at different stages really made an impression on the young people in the parish. While he was in Miami, Father Victor taped five shows on Radio Paz, a popular Hispanic radio station in south Florida.

Bryan Kemper: Youth are on fire for life!

Priests for Life Youth Outreach Director Bryan Kemper co-hosted the International Pro-Life Youth Conference in November in Downey, CA. Father Frank Pavone was a keynote speaker. Read on for Bryan's description of the event:

"I am still on an emotional high from the 2012 International Pro-life Youth Conference. What an amazing weekend of education, inspiration and activism. I could tell from the very first hour how life-changing the conference was going to be as kids came to the booth to share their excitement at being there. I was also excited to see Father Frank arrive and the kids and youth leaders were so pumped to have him there. He was in his element as people surrounded him, asked questions, snapped pictures with him or just stopped by to say hello.



Isabella, left, and Cassandra Mohr bring the crowd to its feet at last year's March for Life Youth Rally.

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"I was so honored to speak right before Father Frank to promote the Priests for Life Youth Outreach and get the young people fired up. I talked about the importance of the 40th commemoration of Roe vs. Wade and how these young people must be the generation that ushers in the end of abortion in America. Father Frank followed with the keynote address and delivered a slam dunk that almost brought down the house. We delivered a Priests for Life one-two punch to end the first night of the conference. "On day two Father Frank and I spent our time talking with

young people, drawing inspiration from pro-life speakers and then presenting the Rising Abolitionist Courage Award to Stand True activist Zoe Griffin.

"We left the conference confident that the youth are not just the future of the pro-life movement, but they truly are the present, and they are on fire."

Praise for Priests for Life

My name is Fr. Steve Mateja. I'm a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Fr. Pavone came out and spoke to us in the seminary a few years back. I am grateful he did. I wanted to send a quick email to you there at the Priests for Life home to encourage you to keep fighting the good fight. You (we) are making a difference.

I recently preached on abortion and voting. After the homily I got a standing ovation--two different masses. This reaction of gratitude, I wonder, wouldn't have happened years ago without your work. You have moved hearts on this issue over the years and have made the issue more approachable on all ends. I am a newly ordained priest. These things are not easy to preach about when the people are still getting used to me. So again I thank you.

Fr. Steve Mateja
Detroit

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It won't be long before one of our speakers will be near your community again! The schedule of most of the public talks given by our pastoral team is posted on our website at priestsforlife.org/speakers.

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Praying for Life!

You are encouraged to remember the following intentions in all your prayers, and please join our Facebook prayer cause at: www.ProLifePrayers.com

January intention: That in this 40th year since Roe vs. Wade, the pro-life movement may be renewed in its determination to reverse that decision.

February intention: For the elderly who feel alone and abandoned.

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Pro-Life Novenas

Please join us at www.PrayerCampaign.org in praying and promoting the following Novenas:

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February 13- March 31, 2013: Lenten Prayer for Life

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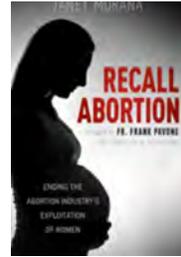
****New book****

Recall Abortion

Ending the Abortion Industry's Exploitation of Women

By Janet Morana, Executive Director

This book delves deeply into abortion as a bad product that should be recalled by our government, and explores what women who have abortions recall about the experience. Janet traces the societal changes that brought about abortion, and covers many of the arguments for keeping abortion legal, including at-risk mothers, victims of rape and incest, and fetal anomalies. If you know someone who is a pro-choice Catholic or just part of what Janet calls the "mushy middle," it is a must read. Published by St. Benedict's Press.



Recall Abortion will help put abortion right where it belongs; on a worldwide "Hall of Shame" episode and the top of the recall list. - Teresa Tomeo, Syndicated Catholic Talk-Show Host, Best-Selling Catholic Author. *Janet will autograph the book upon request.*

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