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## Opportunities to help elect pro-life candidates

Priests for Life is recruiting and training volunteers all over the country to help make a difference in the 2022 midterm elections by electing public servants who know the difference between serving the public and killing the public.

Those who turn a blind eye to the children in the womb and support their killing by abortion simply do not belong in public office.

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Fr. Frank Pavone attended the 2022 CPAC conference in Orlando in February. He celebrated Mass for the conference each morning and said the opening prayer at the first general session. Here he is pictured with Ed Henry, previously a co-host of America's Newsroom on the Fox News Channel and now working at Real America's Voice. See [PriestsForLife.org/Frontlines](http://PriestsForLife.org/Frontlines) for more photos.

## Clergy, Mother's Day, and Abortion

By Theresa Burke, Ph.D., and Kevin Burke, LSW  
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*Co-Founders, Rachel's Vineyard Ministries*

Pastors may be hesitant about preaching on the sensitive topic of abortion around the time of Mother's Day. After 25 years of ministry outreach to women and men hurting after abortion, we can say it's actually the perfect time.

Many of the women we have encountered in our Rachel's Vineyard Ministry ([RachelsVineyard.org](http://RachelsVineyard.org) - 1 877 HOPE 4 ME), have reported that Mother's Day was a time when they experienced various levels of grief, anxiety, and a resurgence of thoughts and memories from their abortion experience.

Julia shares:

*I had an abortion at age 23. Because of*

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On Saturday, March 26th, Fr. Frank Pavone spoke for the East Texas Right to Life annual banquet held in Longview, which is in the Diocese of Tyler. Bishop Joseph Strickland (foreground) joined the dinner. Seated with him and Fr. Frank is Deacon Keith Fournier, a longtime friend of Fr. Frank and Priests for Life. Deacon Keith serves Bishop Strickland and the Tyler Diocese in various capacities. See a video of Fr. Frank's talk on his YouTube channel, @frfrankpavone.

## Help elect pro-life candidates *continued from Page 1*

This year, we are continuing and enhancing our voter training online seminars. You can join the Priests for Life team and our special invited guests on monthly Zoom calls. Sign up at [ProLifeVolunteer.com](http://ProLifeVolunteer.com), where you'll be able to tell us the kinds of things you'd like to do and how much time you can devote to it.

Aside from assistance on how to talk persuasively about the election, register voters, and engage your Churches, we also partner with other groups to provide you opportunities to make targeted phone calls and to knock on doors of pre-identified voters.

Some of these are even paid opportunities!

The door knocking takes place in certain targeted states and districts, and if you don't live in one of them, you may be able to help us find people who do; other activities we discuss can be done everywhere.

Connect with us at [ProLifeVolunteer.com](http://ProLifeVolunteer.com). You can also direct any questions to our Political Outreach Associate, Erin Parfet, at [vote@PriestsForLife.org](mailto:vote@PriestsForLife.org).

## Clergy, Mother's Day, and Abortion *continued from Page 1*

*complications after the procedure I was unable to conceive again. When the mothers would stand up in Church for their special blessing on Mother's Day, I felt such grief and shame – I wanted to die.*

*Thank God our parish had information in the bulletin about Rachel's Vineyard. After that amazing healing experience, I can now celebrate Mother's Day.*

*The retreat helped me grieve my loss, and develop a close spiritual relationship with my precious child. I now have the hope of a joyful reunion with my son one day in Heaven, God willing.*

Mother's Day presents an invaluable opportunity for the church to offer a message of consolation and healing.

2 Consider putting this information in your church bulletin each week in the month of May. Contact Rachel's Vineyard for special bulletin inserts, healing cards, and brochures that offer a message of hope and healing. Silent No More has a zip code generated collection of abortion healing resources in your area. Visit [AbortionForgiveness.com](http://AbortionForgiveness.com).

Talk to your pastor, and members of the pro-life or respect life groups in your parish, to consider this special outreach to mothers suffering after abortion loss.

## At graduation, pro-life youth can remember aborted classmates

Many years ago, Father Frank Pavone came across a story of a graduating class that dedicated its yearbook to all the students who would have been graduating that year had they not been killed by abortion. How fitting a tribute that is. Other graduating classes have paid tribute to their abortion victims by a moment of prayer at the baccalaureate Mass or at the graduation ceremony.

Life is mixed up with happiness and sadness, joy and tragedy. Significant moments in our lives should not be insulated from all awareness of injustice. We need to rejoice with those who rejoice, but we should weep with those who weep (see Romans 12:15).

Nearly a million students will not be graduating this year. They were killed by abortion.

Let's acknowledge those who will be missing from these ceremonies, those who could not celebrate with us, and let's work to let others live. Perhaps an empty chair at the graduation ceremony, in honor of the missing children, or a lit candle, or a short prayer of remembrance. This would be accompanied by a compassionate prayer for the healing of all those who have had abortions or been complicit in them, focusing on the mercy of God.

We can be joyful on this day and celebrate our milestones while also remembering the missing children this year and every year until abortion is abolished in this country.

## Perfect gift for priests, our spiritual fathers

Father Frank Pavone's book, ***Proclaiming the Message of Life: Weekly Reflections from the Lectionary*** (Servant Books, 2016), makes a perfect Father's Day gift for your priest.

The book guides clergy –and laity – through the Scriptural, doctrinal and liturgical bases for preaching the pro-life message and articulates the pro-life dimensions of the priesthood itself.

The book also presents homily hints for Sundays and holy days, drawing out the pro-life themes found in the readings of every Sunday of the liturgical year (for Years A, B, and C).

"Defending the dignity of the human person is not a task

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added on to our ministry but rather one inseparable from it and flowing from its very heart,” Father Pavone writes in a chapter on “The Heart of the Priesthood.”

The preaching tips focus on abortion as the preeminent issue. Another section of the book reviews dozens of common fears or hesitations clergy have regarding preaching on abortion.

The book was endorsed by several high-profile Catholic clergy, including Colorado Springs Bishop Emeritus Michael Sheridan, EWTN’s Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Father John Trigilio Jr., president of the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy.

***Proclaiming the Message of Life*** is specially priced for Father’s Day: \$15 for a single copy or three books for \$40.

To order, go to [ProLifeProducts.org/preaching](http://ProLifeProducts.org/preaching) or use the order form on page 4.

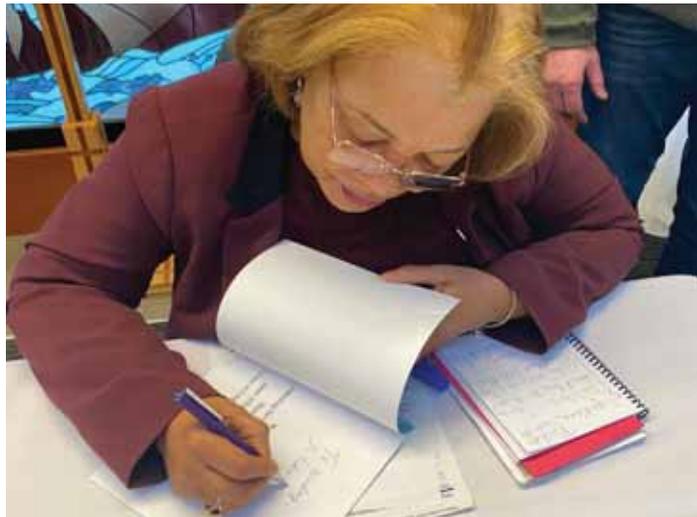
Don’t wait till next year to send a Mother’s Day or Father’s Day card

We often use the phrase “expecting a baby” to describe those couples who are awaiting the birth of an unborn child. But the truth is, the baby they are expecting is already here, the child has arrived, and they have already been mothers and fathers from the moment their child was conceived!

That’s something to celebrate, and May and June give us the perfect opportunity to do just that by congratulating these new parents in our lives, on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, as they embark on their new journey.

Something as simple as the language we use to describe babies and pregnancy can make a difference in bringing about a change in our culture, from pro-abortion to life-affirming. So don’t wait until next year to use Mother’s Day and Father’s Day to congratulate new parents whose babies are still in the womb!

In March, Fr. Frank Pavone attended the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville, where he interacted with many friends and colleagues, new and old, to help advance the prolife message through many Christian media outlets.



*Evangelist Alveda King, founder of our Civil Rights for the Unborn outreach, traveled to Spokane, WA on behalf of Priests for Life to be the keynote speaker at the annual Lincoln Day dinner sponsored by the Spokane County Republican Central Committee. She met with community leaders and citizens at a roundtable event and spoke on pro-life issues at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Spokane.*

[PrayerIntentions.org](http://PrayerIntentions.org) and [ProLifePrayers.com](http://ProLifePrayers.com)

Leave us your prayer intentions as often as you like at [PrayerIntentions.org](http://PrayerIntentions.org) and we will remember you in our prayers and Masses! Visit [ProLifePrayers.com](http://ProLifePrayers.com) for prayers and resources.

May intention: Mary, Mother of Life, give all mothers courage in their pregnancies.

May 26-June 5: Pentecost Novena for Life  
([PrayerCampaign.org/Pentecost](http://PrayerCampaign.org/Pentecost))

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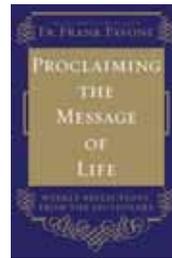
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This is the case currently before the Supreme Court that could reverse Roe vs. Wade.



**New Brochure:** Pro-Abortion "Catholic" Politicians and Communion: Ten Things to Know  
Key points to understand about the issue of whether pro-abortion politicians like Joe Biden who identify as Catholics should receive Communion.



**"My Heart Beats Just Like Yours" Bundle**  
Let the unborn child speak! Purchase a t-shirt and water bottle and we will also send a 2" round button, 4" sticker, tote bag and brochure with four beautiful images of the embryo and fetus at 7-10 weeks after fertilization.



**Proclaiming the Message of Life: Weekly Reflections from the Lectionary**  
Fr. Frank Pavone draws out the pro-life themes found in the Sunday readings for each week.

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