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Evangelium Vitae turns 30

I can remember vividly first reading the announcement from Rome that Pope John Paul II would be issuing an encyclical called Evangelium Vitae - The Gospel of Life. I smiled widely, knowing the encouragement this would bring to pro-life activists everywhere. I knew this would be a Magna Carta for the pro-life movement.

At that time, I had only been working for a couple of years as the national director of Priests for Life. Cardinal John O'Connor had granted me permission to fulfill what I had described to him as a "call of conscience" to devote my entire life and ministry to ending abortion.

Now, he - as a close advisor of Pope John Paul II - was part of creating a document that would affirm not only the Church's position on abortion, but the reasons why it is a more serious and fundamental moral issue than the many other moral challenges of our time.

March 25 will mark 30 years since Evangelium Vitae was published.

Shortly after its publication, I had the privilege of working at the Vatican for two years in the office that coordinates pro-life ministry for the whole Church. I saw the importance that Pope John Paul II placed on this document; I spoke with him about it, and with many of those who collaborated with him to write it. And from them I learned what I have seen over these 30 years: This document was meant to light a fire, to mobilize a movement, to sustain a self-sacrificing effort to defend the

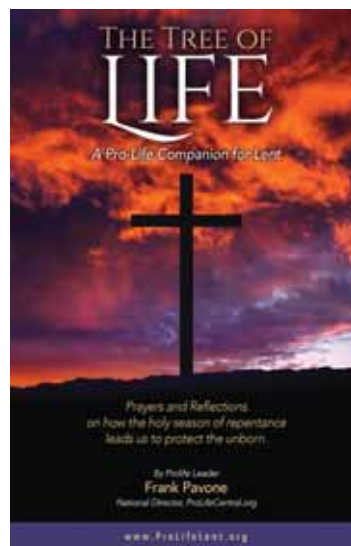
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The Eucharist and Abortion

As parishes and dioceses promote Eucharistic revival, learn how the Eucharist brings prolife revival! See EucharistAndProLife.org for resources and online courses.



Pastors in Wichita prayed over Frank Pavone after he addressed them at the banquet for the "City Elders."



The Tree of Life: A Pro-Life Companion for Lent

The holy season of Lent calls us to repentance and holiness as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Christ's death and resurrection make us the People of Life. *The Tree of Life* by Prolife Leader Frank Pavone provides prayers and reflections that show the connections between Lent and our commitment to defend the unborn.

For instance, Lent prepares people to be baptized, and for the rest of us to renew the vows of our baptism at Easter. In those vows we reject "Satan and all his works and all his empty promises."

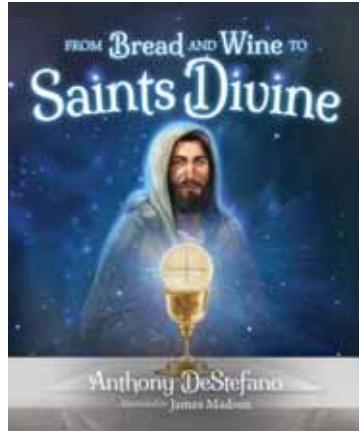
Abortion is one of those works. "Prochoice" is one of those

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A book that explains the Eucharist in a way kids can understand



Best-selling author Anthony DeStefano's newest book for children unlocks the profound mysteries of the Eucharist in a way young readers can understand.

In *From Bread and Wine to Saints Divine*, DeStefano explores the many changes that take place in the world around us—from the seasons'

shift and the growth of plants to the metamorphosis of caterpillars into butterflies. Each change serves as a steppingstone, leading children to marvel at the change of bread and wine into Jesus in the Eucharist. The book then gently guides readers to understand that this miraculous change in the Eucharist invites a change within us, too.

Perfect for children, families, and educators seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Order using the form below or at ProLifeProducts.org

Praise for our Work

In May, I will celebrate my fifty-fifth year as a Catholic priest. From my experience, Priests for Life has preached the "Gospel of Life" effectively for more than thirty years. ...Priests for Life demonstrates, by its concern and outreach, a mission both vital and effective. That is why I personally support Priests for Life and pray each day that, through its zealous labors, and the whole Respect for Life movement's witness, our nation and the world may CHOOSE LIFE.

– Fr. Andrew Luczak

Join us for ongoing clergy training: The Good Shepherd Project

All priests, deacons, and clergy of all denominations are invited to join in Priests for Life's clergy seminars, which explore the Church's pastoral response to abortion.

Since September 2021 we have been conducting these seminars on a monthly basis, expanding our audience beyond the in-person seminars we have done on the road since 1993.

We cover praying, preaching, teaching and counseling on abortion, leading people to alternatives, healing the wounds, and mobilizing our congregations with concrete action.

We have guest presenters, including experts in abortion recovery like our own pastoral associate Dr. Theresa Burke; Dr. Martha Shuping (psychiatrist); and key researchers like Dr. David Reardon, Dr. Vincent Rue and others.

"Every priest I'm sure must be for life," said Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, Bishop Emeritus of San Angelo, TX. "We need to be much more expressive about this, ...so I encourage you, brother priests, to become involved in this vitally important ministry."

Bishop Joseph Coffey has endorsed the Good Shepherd Project as well. He writes, "As a seminarian, I heard Fr. Pavone and Fr. Wilde give inspiring Pro Life homilies and as a priest, I have happily made use of homily helps from Priests for Life."

The seminars air monthly on EndAbortion.TV and any of the platforms linked from there.

Sign up for the Good Shepherd project at TheGoodShepherdProject.org.

Stand True highlights pro-life Women in History

What do Nellie Gray, Janet Morana and Susan B. Anthony have in common?

They are all pro-life women in history!

Stand True, the youth outreach for Priests for Life, will once again honor 31 pro-life women during March, which since 1987 has been celebrated as Women in History Month.

"The women we highlighted all have been trailblazers in the fight for life," said Bryan Kemper, founder of Stand True and a pastoral associate of Priests for Life who initiated the project with Priests for Life Executive Director Janet Morana. "We know there must be hundreds of stories about how their work changed hearts and minds."

Make sure to check back every day at ProLifeWomeninHistory.com so you don't miss anyone!

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empty promises. To be a Christian means to reject those things.

Also, the events of Good Friday, as St. John Paul II wrote in *Evangelium Vitae*, give birth to the People of Life. Jesus dies on the tree of life, and even in the midst of his death, we see the fruits of life blossom forth: the Good Thief is promised paradise, the Centurion and the crowd of onlookers repent, and some people in the city are raised from the dead that very afternoon.

Nowhere will you find prayers and reflections that more deeply link the Scriptures, liturgies, and events of the Lenten season more deeply with our commitment to the unborn than in *The Tree of Life: A Pro-Life Companion for Lent*.

Order it now at ProLifeProducts.org or ProLifeLent.org.



Frank Pavone in DC with newly elected Rep. Brandon Gill (TX-26) on the first day of the 119th Congress, Jan. 3, 2025. He and many of his colleagues are ready to do great things for the unborn!

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weakest among us.

And it does precisely that. It has encouraged people already active in the pro-life movement and has brought new people in. It has helped Catholic priests and theologians present the pro-life message and it has nourished and inspired clergy of other Christian denominations, many of whom have spoken to me of their love for this document.

The encyclical was placed in our hands when we in the United States were in the shadow of the Casey decision, which reaffirmed *Roe v. Wade* in 1992, and of the pro-abortion Clinton administration. He permitted the most gruesome forms of abortion - twice vetoing the ban on partial-birth abortion - exported abortion overseas, got abortion drugs approved, put pro-abortion justices on the Supreme Court and punished pro-life leaders and activists for peaceful pro-life activity.

Now, after four years of an even more pro-abortion president than Clinton, we need a new dose of that call and that document. It's time to leave the darkness of abortion behind - and with the incoming Trump administration and the new Congress, we have new hope that our ability to do so will only grow stronger in the years immediately ahead of us.

Thirty years after this ground-breaking document was published, we can rejoice in the fruits it has borne, and we can take it up again as if on the first day, to forge a path in what is still a culture of death, but to do so with even more confidence in the victory of life!

To read the text itself, and to utilize the Study Guide prepared by the Pastoral Team of Priests for Life, visit GospelOfLife.org.

Pro-Life Social Media

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Connect with us on social media so we can exchange encouragement and information. At ProLifeSocialMedia.com you will find a multitude of platforms that Priests for Life manages. Follow us, friend us, like us, and communicate with us. Among our largest platforms are the following:



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PrayerIntentions.org and ProLifePrayers.com

Leave us your prayer intentions as often as you like at PrayerIntentions.org and we will remember you in our prayers and Masses! Visit ProLifePrayers.com for prayers and resources.

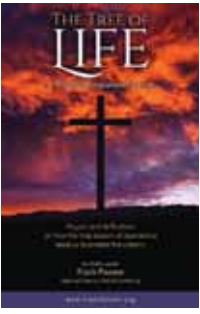
March 5 - April 16: Lenten Prayer for Life (PrayerCampaign.org/Lent)

March 25: Annunciation (PrayerCampaign.org/Annunciation)

March 31: Prayer in remembrance of Terri Schiavo (2005) (PrayerCampaign.org/Terri)

March intention: That the Church may study, share and live St. John Paul II's teachings in "The Gospel of Life," issued 30 years ago this month.

Featured Products



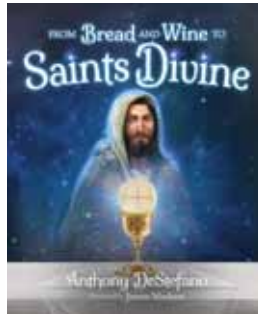
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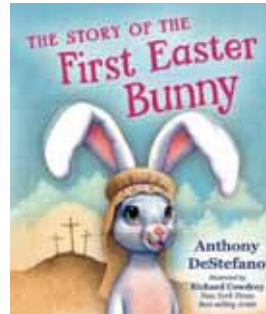
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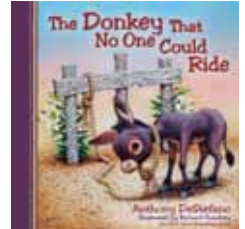
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(A) The Tree of Life: A Pro-Life Companion for Lent

Prayers and Reflections on how the holy season of repentance leads us to protect the unborn by ProLife Leader Frank Pavone. *Downloadable E-book found at ProLifeProducts.org.*

(B) Pro-Abortion 'Catholic' Politicians and Communion: Ten Things to Know This brochure gives some of the key points to understand the issue.

(C) Protect the Baby Humans Too! Turtle T-Shirt Sand Crew-neck t-shirt with vibrant green lettering and turtle image. Next level apparel. High quality. Pre-shrunk. 60% Cotton, 40% Polyester. Order for ProLife T-shirt Day (April 18) and Earth Day (April 22).

(D) From Bread and Wine to Saints Divine

Brand new by Anthony DeStefano. An enlightening journey through the wonders of change and transformation in this delightful children's book that unlocks the profound mysteries of the Eucharist in a way that is accessible, engaging, and deeply meaningful for young readers.

(E) The Story of the First Easter Bunny A refreshing and heartwarming reminder of the true meaning of this most holy of Christian holidays.

(F) The Donkey that No One Could Ride Tells the tale of a weak and useless donkey whose life is transformed after meeting Jesus and learning that all things are possible if only he believes.

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