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END OF YEAR REVIEW OF 2020 ACTIVITIES

Introduction

Priests for Life, the largest Catholic-inspired organization focused on ending abortion, is actually a family of interrelated projects and programs, including *Gospel of Life Ministries, Rachel's Vineyard, Deacons for Life, Seminarians for Life, Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, Civil Rights for the Unborn, Hispanic Outreach, Stand True Youth Outreach, Political Responsibility, Prayer Campaign, Life on the Line Media Outreach, and the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues.*

Our Pastoral Team includes Janet Morana (co-founder of the Silent No More Campaign), Evangelist Alveda King (niece of Martin Luther King, Jr.), Marie Smith (International outreach), Dr. Theresa and Kevin Burke (co-founders of Rachel's Vineyard), Bryan Kemper (founder of Stand True), and others who work with the ministries that comprise the Priests for Life Family.

Fr. Frank Pavone serves fulltime as National Director and Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA serves fulltime as Associate Director. Various priests and deacons around the country serve in a part-time capacity.

The enclosed reports constitute a *partial* summary of our activities.

Overview of Activities: Our Family of Ministries

Priests for Life (direct ministry to priests)

Our priests offer clergy seminars in dioceses, training materials for preaching and counseling, and individual consultation for clergy on the pro-life dimensions of their ministry.

Deacons for Life

Deacons often have opportunities not available to priests to promote the Gospel of Life. We train, encourage, and mobilize them, too.

Seminarians for Life

Those who are training for the ministry need to know, from the beginning, the ways in which they can prepare to be effective advocates for life. We therefore reach out to seminarians and provide them the tools and the example by which they can proclaim, celebrate, and serve the Gospel of Life. This involves presentations in seminaries, online resources, and more.

Missionaries of the Gospel of Life (pro-life spirituality for clergy and laity)

Being pro-life, and doing pro-life activities, is not a hobby or simply rooted in an ideology or political platform. It is a *spirituality*, and is rooted in our discipleship. We therefore teach both clergy and laity the spirituality of being a Missionary of the Gospel of Life, and how that spirituality shapes pro-life strategy and tactics.

Rachel's Vineyard

Under the Priests for Life umbrella is the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion. Rachel's Vineyard holds hundreds of retreats each year for men and women who have lost children to abortion.

Silent No More Awareness Campaign

A project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life, the Silent No More Awareness Campaign is the world's largest mobilization of men and women who have lost a child to abortion, have experienced healing, and now want to share their testimony. The Campaign promotes healing and a greater awareness of the wounds abortion causes.

Civil Rights for the Unborn

Evangelist Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is the director of Civil Rights for the Unborn, which is the outreach program of Priests for Life to the African-American community and beyond, with the theme that the civil rights movement of today is the pro-life movement!

Hispanic Outreach

Both in the US and around the world, we are assisting communities of Hispanic heritage to build the Culture of Life.

Gospel of Life Ministries

Gospel of Life Ministries brings to an interdenominational audience the wide variety of pro-life work that Priests for Life does.

Youth Outreach

Bryan Kemper, is the founder and president of Stand True Ministries, a Christ-centered pro-life outreach determined to awaken the youth of this country and share the message of life and the Gospel of Christ. He has spent years reaching out to youth and encouraging this generation to get involved, and now he continues that outreach with Stand True Ministries, which the youth outreach of Priests for Life.

Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues (PNCI)

Marie Smith is the Director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues (PNCI). PNCI equips and encourages legislators around the world to defend the unborn in their own countries. PNCI also provides a pro-life witness at the United Nations and in other international arenas, and educates the public on pro-life efforts internationally.

Life on the Line

Life on the Line is our broadcast ministry (radio, television, internet, social media and podcasting), consisting of daily live and pre-recorded programs, interviews by the members of our pastoral team, and short spots provided to media outlets around the world, including EWTN, Bott Radio Network, Radio Maria, and many more.

Prayer Campaign

All we do is rooted in prayer, which both undergirds and fosters productive action. At PrayerCampaign.org, we foster prayer campaigns throughout the year, corresponding to various liturgical and secular seasons and holidays.

Political Responsibility

As both citizens of heaven and citizens of this world, we are called to exercise political responsibility to elect leaders who will defend life, and to sustain those leaders on the right path. We therefore teach and mobilize voters to make a difference in the voting booth.

Networking Leaders

Priests for Life occupies a strategic place of unity in the pro-life movement. We foster relations between leaders, groups, and ministries. We facilitate strategic planning sessions on every level, as well as leadership retreats and seminars. Priests for Life coordinates the quarterly meetings of national pro-life leaders in the United States and periodic strategy summits whereby national pro-life leaders come together at our headquarters for several days.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020 ACTIVITIES

1. 2020 Elections

Priests for Life was a leading catalyst in the pro-life and Catholic world for voter education and mobilization for the 2020 elections at every level of government, as our separate election activities report indicates. Trainings, broadcasts, social media, email and snail mail communication, along with preaching in Churches and regular conference calls, gave leaders, activists, and citizens nationwide an opportunity to examine the issues, know the candidates, and utilize the voting process in the most effective way.

2. Online Broadcasting, new platforms, new growth

In 2020, we at Priests for Life expanded our broadcasting in terms of the numbers of platforms, the frequency of programming, and the size of our audiences. By the end of the year we were reaching several million a day. Along with social media platforms we added to our existing Roku and Amazon Fire platforms several other broadcast platforms, including Google Play, Android TV, and setup for Apple TV and Apple IOS.

3. Ministering during the Pandemic – Daily Mass

Because the China virus led to many restrictions on Church attendance, more and more people came to rely on broadcast Masses. Starting in March, Priests for Life began offering a daily broadcast mass which has served countless Catholics and has also attracted those of other Faiths to worship with us.

4. Priests for Life Publishing

Our publishing division released this year a new prayer book for healing after abortion, called *In the Heart of His Mercy*, as well as the book *Rivers of Blood, Oceans of Mercy*, in which Dr. Theresa and Kevin Burke, pastoral associates of Priests for Life, join with Fr. Frank Pavone in offering insights for the pastoral care of those who have had abortions.

Evangelist Alveda King of Priests for Life also released some new books and some of our other pastoral associates worked on book revisions to be released next year.

5. Pro-life Leadership Coalition

In February, Priests for Life organized and hosted a strategy summit meetings of national organizations in the pro-life movement. Dozens of national leaders spent three days at the Priests for Life headquarters mapping out strategy for ending abortion, learning from one another, and agreeing on areas of joint activity.

Meanwhile, Priests for Life continued its role in 2020 of facilitating the quarterly one-day meetings of national pro-life leaders.

6. *June Medical Services* Supreme Court Abortion Case

Priests for Life played a key role in informing the public of the significance of the *June Medical Services* abortion decision handed down by the Supreme Court. The Priests for Life team, and our Silent No More leaders, held a rally in front of the Court on the day before the oral arguments, and also helped organize the prayer vigil held that night and the rally the next day.

7. Justice Amy Coney Barrett

Priests for Life played a key role in mobilizing support for the confirmation of Justice Amy Coney Barrett, the third Supreme Court appointment of President Donald Trump. Broadcasts and other educational communications, a national prayer campaign, and encouragement of the US Senators to conduct a swift and fair confirmation process were some facets of the effort.

8. EWTN Program Productions

The two series which Priests for Life produces for EWTN, namely *Defending Life* and *The Catholic View for Women*, continued airing throughout the year, and a new set of 13 episodes of *Catholic View* were filmed at the EWTN studios.

9. Regular pro-life commentary in print and on air

As the media report explains in more detail, Priests for Life team members continued to produce op-eds published regularly by outlets like Newsmax.com, Breitbart, LifeNews.com, Washington Examiner, Town Hall, National Catholic Register, Catholic Online, and many others. We also published articles in the Wall Street Journal, Real Clear Politics, and others, as well as numerous interviews for the national Christian, conservative, and secular print, radio, television and online media.

10. National Prayer Service

In January, Priests for Life once again organized and led the National Prayer Service on the morning of the March for Life. Marchers from all over the country, including groups of students, participated in the interdenominational service, at which the National Pro-life Recognition Awards were also presented.

11. Deacons for Life

In 2020 we strengthened the outreach of Deacons for Life around the country, communicating with the deacons by mail, email, fax and special Zoom calls to assist them in the pro-life dimensions of their ministry, and to help them prepare their people for the 2020 Elections.

12. Burying Aborted Babies

Last year, the nation was shocked when, after the death of abortionist Ulrich “George” Klopfer, the bodies of thousands of aborted babies were discovered in his home. Priests for Life helped spread the word about this, and in February of this year Fr. Frank Pavone conducted the burial service for these children in South Bend, Indiana.

13. Abortion Recovery Coalition

With the world’s largest ministry of healing after abortion, Rachel’s Vineyard, operating under Priests for Life, and with our Silent No More Awareness Campaign (a joint project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life), we have continued to play an active role in the

“Abortion Recovery Coalition,” which brings together leaders in this important arena of pro-life work and ministry, in order to work more effectively together. We are facilitating the development of “Standards of Care” for these ministries.