

2020 International Outreach - Priests for Life (PFL)

Through global television programming, social media, travel and our ministries, such as [Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues](#), [Silent No More Awareness Campaign](#), [Civil Rights for the Unborn](#), [Youth Outreach](#), [Rachel's Vineyard](#) and our collaborators in over 97 countries, PFL continued to make a significant global impact.

Our Work at Intergovernmental Organizations

United Nations

Priests for Life is in its 17th year as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (UN). We participate in meetings at the United Nations and collaborate with the Holy See and numerous pro-family NGOs to foster international policies protecting the dignity of human life at all stages. PFL participated virtually in critical conferences in New York including the:

- [58th Session of the Commission on Social Development](#) (February)
- [64th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women](#) (March)
- [53rd Session of the Commission on Population and Development](#) (July).

In conjunction with the [Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues](#), PFL contributed written statements in defense of women and the unborn in the three aforementioned UN conferences. All statements are available at [Our Work at the United Nations](#) and published in several languages by the UN.

Other important UN meetings we participated in included the:

- [Regular Session of Committee on NGOs](#) - Quadrennial reports (January & February)
- [SDG - 2020 Targets: Renewing Commitments and Galvanizing Action](#) (July)
- [SDG -The Decade of Action - bolstering change from the ground-up](#) (July)
- [HLPF Special Event: SDG Acceleration Actions to Build Back Better](#) (July)
- [Multi-Stakeholder Hearing "Accelerating the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls"](#) (July)
- [UN DESA and the UN High-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs](#) (July)
- [UN DESA - Recover Better: Economic and Social Challenges and Opportunities](#) (July)
- [Women's Civil Society in light of the COVID-19 crisis](#) (August)
- [IAWG - Nothing for Us Without Us: Prioritizing Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Emergencies](#) (August)
- [Ministerial Meeting on Universal Health Coverage](#) (October)
- [UN Women - Beijing+ 25 Civil Society Virtual Townhall](#) (October)

- [UNFPA - Partners in Solidarity: Action Coalition on Bodily Autonomy and SRHR](#) (November)
- [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) (November)
- [13th Session of The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD\)](#) (December)

Organization of American States

Priests for Life is a recognized Civil Society Organization (CSO) at the Organization of American States (OAS). The [Organization of American States](#) (OAS) brings together all 35 [independent states](#) of the Americas and constitutes the main political, juridical, and social governmental forum in the Hemisphere. In addition, it has 72 [permanent observers](#) including the Holy See.

- [PFL accredited to OAS at General Assembly](#) (March)
- Crisis Generated by the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) (April)
- [50th General Assembly of the Organization of American States](#), (October)

The Holy See - Permanent Observer Mission to the UN and the OAS

In its activities at the United Nations, the [Holy See Mission](#) works to advance freedom of religion and respect for the sanctity of all human life - from conception to natural death - and thus all aspects of authentic human development including, for example, marriage and family, the primary role of parents, adequate employment, solidarity with the poor and suffering, ending violence against women and children, poverty eradication, food, basic healthcare and education.

PFL took part in various *Holy See Mission sponsored events*, including

- [Welcoming Mass and Reception for Archbishop Caccia](#) (January)
- [Annual Prayer Service](#) for opening of 75th Session of UN General Assembly (September)
- [World Day of the Poor](#) (November)

Catholic Inspired Non-Governmental Organizations

PFL also took part in the international work of [The Forum for Catholic-inspired NGOs](#), including its various human rights thematic group meetings (January & October).

United States of America

Priests for Life was part of the Secretary of State's [Annual International Women of Courage \(IWOC\) Awards](#) (March) and various meetings with HHS' Global Women's Health Office of the Secretary Office of Global Affairs, USAID.