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## END OF YEAR REVIEW OF 2021 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 Priests for Life Family of Ministries**

### **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 have a particular calling to bring God's Word into the world and to exercise the ministry of charity. Their opportunities to promote the Gospel of Life are uniquely valuable. 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**

Part of the Priests for Life Family 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., and a member of the Priests for Life team, founded Civil Rights for the Unborn, which reaches the African-American community and all citizens 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, at which Priests for Life is a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), at the Organization of American States, at which Priests for Life is a recognized Civil Society Organization, 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 2021 ACTIVITIES

### 1. Daily Diary

As an aspect of our transparency and accountability, Fr. Frank Pavone continued and increased his activity of providing the public a daily video detailing his private and public activities, hour by hour, from waking in the morning to going to sleep at night, for each and every day (see [www.PriestsForLife.org/Daily-Diary](http://www.PriestsForLife.org/Daily-Diary)).

This allows our supporters the opportunity to see how we are putting our resources to good use, how we function as a ministry, and how we are aware that we work for God, for the unborn, *and for them*.

These videos are meant to also inspire them to devote as much of their own time, energy and resources as possible to defending the unborn.

### 2. Healing After Abortion

Within the family of Priests for Life ministries is Rachel's Vineyard ([www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org)), and again this year, with special protocols we added to our retreats to keep safe in the pandemic, we welcomed moms, dads, grandparents and other family members to hundreds of healing retreats – in Catholic, Interdenominational, and Spanish-speaking formats -- in the United States and throughout the world.

Our retreat program – based on the Word of God, the sacraments, and sound psychological research -- is sometimes sponsored by dioceses or Catholic ministries and at other times by interdenominational or other organizations.

A related program, "Grief to Grace," developed also by our pastoral associate Dr. Theresa Burke (founder of Rachel's Vineyard) has helped, throughout 2021, many dioceses minister the healing love of God to victims of sexual abuse.

Theresa, her husband Kevin, Fr. Frank and Janet Morana have continued, both in person and online, to present training seminars to help clergy and other professionals bring healing to those wounded by abortion. They also continue to produce written publications to educate professionals and lay people about the need and process of healing after abortion.

[A more comprehensive report of the activities of Rachel's Vineyard in 2021 can be found here.](#)

### **3. Healing After Abortion: The Silent No More Awareness Campaign**

Many of those who experience healing through Rachel's Vineyard or other similar ministries want to share their testimony, as many healed by Jesus wanted to tell everyone about it.

Our Silent No More Awareness Campaign ([www.SilentNoMore.com](http://www.SilentNoMore.com)), co-founded by our Executive Director, Janet Morana along with Georgette Forney of Anglicans for Life, worked throughout 2021 to help such people discern that call and to share their testimonies ([www.AbortionTestimonies.com](http://www.AbortionTestimonies.com)), hence alerting others to the harm of abortion, consoling them with the awareness that there is hope and healing, and advancing the New Evangelization by assuring all those who feel alienated from God and the Church that we have a great and merciful High Priest in Jesus Christ.

Gatherings that were held around the country and the world, broadcasts, and personal sharing brought these testimonies to thousands of people.

### **4. Youth Outreach**

Young people are more pro-life than ever before, and Priests for Life continues, through our StandTrue.com youth outreach, to mobilize them for this cause.

Through initiatives like the National Pro-life T-Shirt Day (and the many versions of pro-life t-shirts that our ministry produces) and the national Pro-life Day of Silent Solidarity, our youth outreach was active nationwide throughout this year. We also completed work on a new book by our Youth Director, Bryan Kemper.

## 5. International Pro-life Work

The pro-life battle is international, and the members of our international team are experts on how this battle plays out on the world stage, including in international bodies like the United Nations and the Organization of American States. Priests for Life remained an active participant in both of those bodies throughout 2021, attending sessions, providing information to delegates, and submitting written reports to advance the protection of the unborn and their families.

We gave voice to the rights of nations who rely on the USA for aid and are often rightly offended by the attempts of pro-abortion administrations like that of Biden to pressure them to permit and advance abortion within their own sovereign borders.

We continued to directly assist legislators and pro-life organizations in other countries to strengthen their messaging and advocacy on behalf of the unborn.

[A more comprehensive report of the activities of our international outreach in 2021 can be found here.](#)

## 6. Civil Rights Outreach

Evangelist Alveda King joined our Priests for Life team fulltime in 2005 and built up our outreach called “Civil Rights for the Unborn” ([www.CivilRightsForTheUnborn.com](http://www.CivilRightsForTheUnborn.com)). This past year saw an immense amount of speaking, writing, broadcasting, traveling and strategizing on the part of Dr. King along with Fr. Frank and the rest of the team.

She and Fr. Frank authored a number of joint op-eds that appeared in major publications, and continued their work on a co-authored book.

## 7. Good Shepherd Project

This year Priests for Life began “The Good Shepherd Project” ([www.TheGoodShepherdProject.com](http://www.TheGoodShepherdProject.com)), which consists of renewed efforts to assist the clergy to teach, counsel and preach regarding abortion and the defense of the unborn. The project helps clergy directly and helps the laity to encourage and equip their clergy.

Utilizing Zoom calls for the clergy and new brochures that explain how and why to encourage our pastors, the project focuses especially on healing the wounds of abortion, and inviting those wounded by it to come back to the Lord and the Church.

The project makes use of Fr. Frank Pavone’s book *Proclaiming the Message of Life* (Servant Books, 2016) which takes *the Sunday readings of the lectionary for every Sunday of Years A, B, and C* and provides, for each Sunday, an analysis of how the preacher can develop the theme of protecting the unborn.

## **8. My Heart Beats Just Like Yours Campaign**

This year Priests for Life began the “My Heart Beats Just Like Yours” campaign ([www.MyHeartBeatsJustLikeYours.com](http://www.MyHeartBeatsJustLikeYours.com)), which introduces people to the unborn child utilizing the latest imagery of the baby in the womb at 7, 8, 9, and 10 weeks after fertilization. These images were created using the technique NASA uses to put together photographic data of near-earth images.

A new brochure showing the images as well as pins, t-shirts and stickers help get the message out, as well as special broadcasts, seminars at pro-life conferences, and social media tools.

## **9. Travels and Presentations**

As travel and in-person gatherings resumed throughout most of the country, Priests for Life remained in the forefront of being physically present at pro-life conferences, prayer vigils, rallies, Churches and schools as our pastoral team responded to invitations from pro-life groups large and small. We serve pro-life groups and dioceses without charge for our services or materials.

Fr. Frank Pavone, Fr. Denis Wilde, Janet Morana, Alveda King, Theresa and Kevin Burke, and Bryan Kemper were among those traveling and speaking nationwide.

We also participated by means of both taped and live video at other events, including for pro-life groups at such schools as Harvard and UCLA.

## **10. Online Broadcasting, Daily Mass, and New Programming**

Our online broadcasting effort from our professional TV studio at our Priests for Life headquarters brings our programming to multiple social media platforms as well as video-sharing channels including ROKU, Google Play, Android TV, Apple TV and Apple IOS.

Throughout this year we continued offering the Daily Masses and homilies, and expanded our programming to include a new series by our pastoral associate Kevin Burke called “Oceans of Mercy” and focusing on healing after abortion; a new series by our pastoral associate Bryan Kemper called “Pro-life is the New Punk Rock,” focusing on our youth outreach, and a joint production of Priests for Life and Right Side Broadcasting Network called “Praying for America,” in which Fr. Frank Pavone presents Biblical patriotic education in the context of prayer. Our Executive Director Janet Morana continued her program called “Just Ask Janet,” and Fr. Frank continued his called “Pro-life Prime Time.”

As mentioned above, the broadcasts also include a “Daily Diary” segment, in which Fr. Frank Pavone discusses what he did from morning to night on each day.

Our programs have also included various interviews with bishops to give them a chance to highlight the pro-life dimensions of their pastoral ministry and encourage the clergy and laity we serve.

We also began offering a broadcast of the daily Rosary in Spanish, in addition to our existing Rosary broadcast in English.

This year saw significant development in the technical capabilities of our studio, including the expanded use of green screen technology.

## 11. 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* began airing in 2021.

Arrangements were also finalized between Priests for Life and EWTN for the episodes of a new season of *Defending Life* to be taped at the in-house professional studios at Priests for Life headquarters in Titusville, Florida.

## 12. 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. Our team also conducted numerous interviews for the national Christian, conservative, and secular print, radio, television and online media.

## 13. Priests for Life Publishing

Our publishing division released this year a new prayer book for pro-life activists, called *In the Light of His Word*, which contains prayers to end abortion based on various Biblical themes and passages. This belongs to the series of the prayer books Fr. Frank has written, containing *In the Palm of His Hand* and *In the Heart of His Mercy*. We likewise began work on two additional ones, *In the Embrace of His Mother*, and *In the Company of His Saints*.

We also released the book *Christmas for the Unborn*, written by Fr. Frank, and containing extensive reflections on Advent and Christmas, connecting these observances with our commitment to defend the unborn.

Our publishing arm likewise completed our Executive Director Janet Morana's latest book, *Everything You Need to Know About Abortion – For Teens* as well as the new book by our Youth Outreach Director, Bryan Kemper, called *Pro-life is the New Punk Rock*.

## **14. Dobbs Supreme Court Case**

Priests for Life has played a key role in informing the public of the significance of the *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization* abortion case accepted and argued in 2021 by the Supreme Court. Many are hoping that this case will reverse *Roe vs. Wade*.

The Priests for Life team submitted a friend of the court brief, produced and broadcasted an educational video series of interviews with attorneys and leaders who submitted briefs, worked directly with the office of the Attorney General of Mississippi (from which the law being reviewed by the Court originated), spearheaded a national prayer campaign for victory in the case, and helped organize rallies and press conferences in Washington in conjunction with the oral arguments as well as concurrent activities around the country.

## **15. Fighting the Biden Administration and the Democrat Congress**

Along with the entire pro-life movement, Priests for Life has been working throughout 2021 to expose and admonish the Biden Administration and the Democrat Congress for carrying on the most extreme efforts in our history to expand the killing of children by abortion and have taxpayers fund it.

Educational efforts through talks, op-eds and social media, broadcasting, directly lobbying efforts, strategic meetings with other pro-life groups, and support of pro-life legislators have been among the tools we have used.

Moreover, educating and mobilizing voters for the elections of 2021 and 2022, in order to put the brakes on the extreme Democrat agenda, have been aspects of our work as well.

## **16. Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act**

Consistent with what we have done in the past, Priests for Life undertook major educational work in support of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (see [www.BornAlive.US](http://www.BornAlive.US)), and the efforts of lawmakers to bring the bill to a debate and vote

in Congress. This bill would expand the currently weak, inconsistent, or non-existent legal protection of the lives of children who survive abortion procedures.

The efforts to advance this bill have been carried out exclusively by Republicans in the Congress, and uniformly blocked by the Democrat Party leadership and members of Congress, who will not so much as permit a debate or vote.

## **17. Deacons for Life**

In 2021 we continued 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.

## **18. Priests for Life Headquarters and Staff**

Priests for Life was happy to announce in 2021 that our new headquarters, purchased in Titusville, FL five years ago, is completely paid off, thanks to the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our finance department.

Our building continues to serve Priests for Life as well as the wider pro-life movement as a hub of leaders' meetings and broadcasting.

Our staff expanded this year as we continued to hire new personnel to serve at our headquarters. The technology department also significantly expanded the strength and redundancy capabilities of our websites and other online services.

## **19. Coalitions of Pro-life Leaders**

Throughout 2021, Priests for Life continued to organize and build up effective working coalitions of the national pro-life groups, and coordinate their meetings, many of which were virtual.

These include the *Pro-life Leadership Coalition*, the *Vote Pro-life Coalition*, and *The 115 Forum* (named after Psalm 115, which begins, “Not to us, O Lord, but to Your Name give the glory.”)

The regular meetings and conference calls of these groups keep the leaders informed of the latest developments in the pro-life movement and give them an opportunity to work out strategy and collaboration.

## 20. 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.

Fr. Frank Pavone continued to head the “Standards of Care” working group, to help these ministries compare and improve guidelines on such matters as training, screening, confidentiality and record-keeping.

## 21. Countering Ecclesiastical Abuse

Many are aware that Fr. Frank and Priests for Life have endured significant abuse of authority, professionally and personally, by certain leaders within the Church over the years, and have had to defend our reputation through successful appeals to the Vatican and to the general public.

Some Church leaders have attacked our finances, although we have always had clean annual audits and even had a Vatican Visitation that contradicted the public criticisms and said our finances were in good order; some have attacked our handling of the bodies of aborted babies, literally making up and repeating false accusations *after* we had provided the facts that counter their narrative; some

have violated our legitimate autonomy by trying to take over our Board of Directors and then accused our National Director of being uncooperative because, with the unanimous backing of his Board and all his legal advisors, he did not give in to it; they have contradicted themselves multiple times by promising one thing and then doing another, repeatedly moving the goal posts of their stated expectations, and totally misrepresenting the position of the Vatican itself, and much more.

This year we took additional proactive as well as defensive measures to protect our good name and to counter the lies that some like to repeat about us and our work. We will use all means, both civil and canonical, and in the court of public opinion, to continue to do so.

Characteristically, those who attack and judge us publicly have never taken the time to visit us. Priests for Life is an open book and we invite our critics to take an honest look at what we do and how we do it, through reports like this and through direct contact, and to take heed to these words of Pope Francis, which are an appropriate conclusion to this report:

"The invitation to "come and see", which was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, is also the method for all authentic human communication. In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history, it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we "already know" certain things. Instead, we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us" ([Jan. 23, 2021, Message for the 2021 World Communications Day](#)).