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END OF YEAR REVIEW OF 2022 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.*

The key leaders who constitute our team are 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.

Pro-life Leader 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.

Street Activism

Priests for Life has an outreach for Street Activism, by which we promote marches, prayer vigils at abortion facilities, protests of the abortion industry, life chains, Face the Truth tours, and various other actions of public witness.

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 2022 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).

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

In various ways, Priests for Life continued leading the way in programs offering healing after abortion.

First of all, within the family of Priests for Life ministries is Rachel's Vineyard (www.RachelsVineyard.org), the largest ministry in the world for healing after abortion.

This ministry, of which Fr. Frank Pavone serves as Chairman of the Board, continued to hold around the world its retreats based on the Word of God, the sacraments, and sound psychological research.

The international training conference which Rachel's Vineyard holds every few years was also held again in 2022, this time as an online conference that will continue with new presentations available every few months into mid-2023.

A more comprehensive report of the activities of Rachel's Vineyard in 2022 can be found at www.PriestsForLife.org/EndOfYearReports.

Secondly, Priests for Life co-founded, along with Anglicans for Life, the **Silent No More Awareness Campaign**, which is the world's largest mobilization of those who have lost children to abortion and share their testimonies of hurt and healing.

Throughout 2022, the Campaign continued its public witness at gatherings and online, as well as its multiple educational and broadcast initiatives.

Our healing initiatives are part and parcel of the Abortion Recovery Coalition, which brings together similar ministries and provides a monthly opportunity for dialogue, shared prayer and discussion.

In 2022, we drew special attention to the observance of *Abortion Recovery Awareness Month* in April. Special educational and pastoral broadcasts and communications to the Churches were among the tools utilized.

3. The Reversal of Roe vs. Wade

Priests for Life was among those who announced to the world the reversal of *Roe v Wade* by the *Dobbs* decision of the Supreme Court. Fr. Frank Pavone, Janet Morana and Bryan Kemper were conducting a live broadcast at the moment the Court released its decision. From his position at the National Right to Life Convention which was in progress, Fr. Frank read aloud the holding of the decision less than a minute after it was released.

Since then, through articles, brochures, numerous interviews and our own broadcasts, as well as speeches at pro-life conventions and leading pro-life strategy sessions, Priests for Life has helped the movement understand this new chapter in its history and build on it.

4. Midterm Elections and Political Outreach

Priests for Life was a leading catalyst in the pro-life and Catholic world for voter education and mobilization for the 2022 midterm elections at every level of government.

We conducted in-person and online trainings in how to influence elections.

Our broadcasts, social media, email and snail mail communications, along with preaching in Churches, speaking at conferences, and participating in 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.

5. Exposing the Democrat Agenda

Democrats in Washington continue to work contrary to the mission of the Church, and to the principles of democracy, by pushing for abortion on demand with no restrictions, including the most reasonable limitations supported by large majorities of the American people (for instance, parental involvement laws and protection of taxpayer dollars from being used to kill children).

Educational efforts through talks, op-eds and social media, broadcasting, direct and grassroots lobbying efforts, strategic meetings with other pro-life groups, and support of pro-life legislators have been among the tools we have used to expose and oppose the pro-abortion Democrat agenda.

6. Fostering Pro-life Public Policy

Both on the federal and state level, the Priests for Life team worked for public policies advancing the protection of the unborn.

Republicans introduced several measures to increase protections for babies who survive abortion, protect tax dollars from paying for abortion, and set gestational limits on abortion.

Priests for Life has led and participated in discussions among pro-life leaders to determine the best goals to set for Congress on these matters.

Priests for Life also assisted states that had pro-life ballot measures in 2022 (particularly in Kansas) or had to fight against pro-abortion measures (particularly in California and Michigan).

Our work with pro-life leaders has also focused on increasing national-to-state collaboration, so that every state battle receives national support from the pro-life movement.

7. Collaboration with the America First Policy Institute

Priests for Life collaborated with the America First Policy Institute, which consists largely of former Trump Administration officials who created and implemented many pro-life, pro-family, pro-freedom policies.

Our team presented at some of their seminars, participated in broadcasts and conference calls, attended and spoke at their national gatherings, and promoted their publications.

In particular, Priests for Life has promoted the biblically-based policies articulated through their Center for American Values. We also provided volunteers to carry out a key project for their Center for Election Integrity, whereby data was gathered, inspected and investigated to correct irregularities in voter roles in various states.

8. 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.

9. 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 2022, 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.

See a more detailed international report at www.PriestsForLife.org/EndOfYearReports.

10. Honoring aborted babies

Priests for Life was involved both behind the scenes and publicly in advocating for the babies whose bodies were recovered from a medical waste truck in Washington DC, arranging for their burial, showing the images of their bodies, and calling for an investigation into whether any laws were broken when they were killed.

Priests for Life also held a National Day of Reparation for Baby Amanda Marie, who was killed by an abortion whose audio was aired by NPR in an attempt to trivialize abortion.

11. Good Shepherd Project

The “Good Shepherd Project” (www.TheGoodShepherdProject.com), continued this year, with renewed efforts to assist the clergy to teach, counsel and preach regarding abortion and the defense of the unborn.

We created new brochures for this outreach: *Help Your Priests and Deacons End Abortion*, and the interdenominational *Help Your Pastor End Abortion*.

12. My Heart Beats Just Like Yours Campaign

This Campaign (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, continued in 2022.

We created a new *exhibit booth* which we used at conferences such as Heartbeat International and other pro-life gatherings. The highlight of the booth is an enlarged image of the baby as conveyed in these latest professional photos.

13. Travels and Presentations

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 the International Week of Prayer and Fasting to End Abortion.

14. 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.

In 2022 we launched *Pro-life Primetime News*, a program co-hosted by our Communications Director and our Executive Manager, bringing up to the minute pro-life news and commentary from every facet of the movement to end abortion.

This year we also launched *EndAbortionUS*, a new program co-hosted by our National Director and Executive Director.

We also began taping revised versions of our weekly liturgical updates (pro-life reflections on the Sunday readings), as well as “Pro-life Minute” and “Pro-life Reflections for Every Day.”

In 2022 we continued offering the Daily Masses and homilies, as well as lay-led Scripture reflections, the daily Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in English and Spanish, a joint production of Priests for Life and Right Side Broadcasting Network called “Praying for America,” and our Executive Director Janet Morana’s program called “Just Ask Janet.”

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 social media outreach grew dramatically in 2022 on every platform. We engaged in collaborative efforts with many platforms including the relatively new conservative platform GETTR, which carries and promotes our live broadcasts and which gave Fr. Frank an award in 2022 (subsequent to his laicization), for defending the faith.

Our podcast, called the *End Abortion Podcast*, was ranked the number 1 podcast on abortion.

15. EWTN Program Productions

The two series which Priests for Life produces for EWTN, namely *Defending Life* and *The Catholic View for Women*, continued airing in 2022.

Priests for Life was able to tape new episodes of *Defending Life* right in our professional studios at our Florida headquarters.

16. Priests for Life in the Media

In addition to our own broadcasting and our EWTN programs, our pastoral team conducted numerous interviews for the national Christian, conservative, and secular print, radio, television and online media.

Throughout the year, Priests for Life team members continued to write opinion pieces that were published regularly by outlets like Newsmax.com, Breitbart, LifeNews.com, Washington Examiner, Town Hall, National Catholic Register, Catholic Online, and many others.

The media exposure of Priests for Life increased exponentially following the laicization of Fr. Frank, and we used the extra interview opportunities to convey our message about the priority of the abortion issue, the extremism of the Democrats, and the urgency of fostering healing after abortion.

17. Priests for Life Publishing

The publishing arm of Priests for Life continued to produce resources for the pro-life movement.

Janet Morana's new book, *Everything You Need to Know About Abortion – for Teens* was a big hit this year and she gave many presentations throughout the pro-life movement and in the media about it.

Fr. Frank Pavone likewise published three new prayer booklets in his six-part series: *In the Power of His Spirit*, *In the Embrace of His Mother*, and *In the Company of His Saints*.

He also wrote new brochures on the issue of pro-abortion politicians and Communion, an expanded commentary on the *Dobbs* decision, and brochures about how to help pastors address abortion.

18. Religious Exemption letters

Throughout the year, Fr. Frank and Fr. Denis (our associate director) signed hundreds of letters for people seeking a religious exemption from the COVID vaccine. This was part of a collaborative effort with the national legal group Liberty Counsel, who needed a member of the Catholic clergy to accommodate such requests from Catholics.

Unfortunately, many priests were told by their bishops that they could not sign such exemption letters. This left a pastoral gap for many who were being forced to violate their consciences or lose their jobs. It also created confusion in the minds of many as to whether the Church still believes in freedom of conscience.

19. Deacons for Life

In 2022 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.

20. Priests for Life Staff

Our staff expanded in 2022 as we continued to hire new personnel (fulltime staff as well as interns) to serve at our Florida headquarters as well as at our Rachel's Vineyard headquarters outside Philadelphia.

21. Coalitions of Pro-life Leaders

Throughout 2022, 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.

22. Thriving Despite Ecclesiastical Abuse

Many are aware that Fr. Frank and Priests for Life have had to appeal to the Vatican multiple times to defend their work against efforts of certain bishops to restrict it. The Vatican has ruled in favor of Fr. Frank and commended the work of Priests for Life more than once over the years.

After a recent change of personnel at the Congregation for Clergy, that Congregation recommended to the Holy Father that he dismiss Fr. Frank from the clerical state, which was done at the end of 2022.

By a unanimous resolution on December 28th, the Board of Directors of Priests for Life, and all its related ministries, unanimously confirmed Pro-life Leader Frank Pavone in his ongoing leadership role of these ministries. With few exceptions, the leadership of the kinds of activities outlined in this report, do not require priestly faculties. And for those that do, we have other priests working with us on a fulltime or part-time basis.

Meanwhile, Pro-life Leader Frank is abiding by the restrictions and is petitioning the Holy Father to reconsider this decision and reinstate his priesthood. If it is necessary to wait until then, he will petition the next pope as well.

The supporters of Priests for Life have increased their commitment to the organization, because it says and does the things they would like to see their own priests and bishops saying and doing in regard to abortion.