

Priests for Life: 2022 Intergovernmental Report

Priest for Life (PFL) continued throughout the year to enhance its international presence through increased participation in various fora provided by the United Nations, the Organization for American States, and Catholic Inspired NGOs. We expanded our outreach to a growing number of international prolife coalitions and collaborators in over 97 countries and helped make an impact in ending abortion around the world.

Our Work at Intergovernmental Organizations

The United Nations

PFL is in its 19th year defending unborn children and mothers as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Special Consultative Status with the [Economic and Social Council](#) (ECOSOC) of the [United Nations](#) (UN). We participated 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 and in person in critical conferences in New York including:

- [60th Session of the Commission on Social Development](#) (February 07-16)
- [66th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women](#) (March 14-25)
- [55th Session of the Commission on Population and Development](#) (April 25-29)

In conjunction with the [Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues](#), which is part of the Priests for Life Family of Ministries, we submitted written statements in defense of women and the unborn for the above-mentioned conferences. All three statements are available at [Our Work at the United Nations](#) and were published by the UN.

Other important UN meetings we participated in included:

- [ECOSOC Partner Forum](#) *Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (February 2)
- [HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2022 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ECOSOC](#) Under the auspices of the [Economic and Social Council](#). The theme for the HLPF 2022 will be “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. (July 5-15)
- [Geneva Consensus Declaration](#) two-year anniversary commemoration sponsored by The Institute for Women's Health. (November 17). This is the coalition of pro-life nations initiated under the Trump Administration.

The Organization of American States

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 Mission. PFL was [accredited to the OAS](#) Civil Society in March 2020 and have been formally involved since that time. In 2022 we participated in related social issue events, including:

- The [Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#) "Forum with Civil Society Organizations for the preparation of the Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027 of the IACHR". (May 2)
- [OAS 52nd Regular Session of the General Assembly](#) hosted by Peru. In particular, we participated virtually in the Dialogue between the Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and the Representatives of Civil Society Organizations. During the event, representatives from various coalitions of civil society organizations spoke on various themes including adolescence and youth, women, sexual orientation and gender identity, religious freedom, among others. (October 5-7)
- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) presentation of [Strategic Plan for 2023-2027](#), which is the main instrument and compass of institutional management to successfully fulfill its mission and face the current and future challenges that the attention and protection of human rights in the region demands. (December 9)

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

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 and Vatican sponsored events*, including

- **Path to Peace Foundation Gala** honoring His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in

recognition for their work in service of peace and interfaith harmony in the Middle East and the wider world. (May 9)

- [10th World Meeting of Families](#) in Rome with a theme of “Family Love: a Vocation and a Path to Holiness”. (June 22-26)
- **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 and General Assembly in Rome. (December 2-3).
- **The Pontifical Academy for Life** conference on [“Public health in global perspective. Pandemic, bioethics, future”](#). (September 27-28)
- Providing assistance to the team at the New York headquarters.

USA

[Virginia March for Life](#) at the Capitol in Richmond. (April 27)

United States Conference of Catholic of Bishops (USCCB) [General Assembly](#) in Baltimore with episcopal advisors and learning more from the Committee on Pro-Life Activities about “Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World”. (November 14-16)

International

Italy’s annual [March for Life](#). (May 21) Inspired by the March for Life in Washington D.C., thousands came out in 81degree sunny weather for this most important event. Congratulations to organizers of “Scegli Amo La Vita” and those who supported the march.