

End of Year 2022 Priests for Life Report

Now into my 25th year (a quarter century!) with our ever-expanding pro-life cutting-edge organization – and family – Priests for Life has been a blessing for me. Though without the air travel and hours behind the steering wheel venturing a new parish, school or retreat center, conference hall or banquet, I have continued planting the message of defending human life and encouraging post-covid weathered churchgoers in the spirit of Isaiah in Advent : *“Comfort, take comfort, my people.”*

The past year has been a mixture of ups and downs for our defense of life in America. We shout praise to God for delivering a blessing of great magnitude in the rescinding of Roe v Wade and the subsequent opinions that hinged on that fallacious document just short of a half century (January 22, 1973), a day that will live more than Pearl Harbor in “infamy.” Legally, the abolishing of this dictum did not disallow any mother who was disposed to abort her child to do just that, regardless of the aftermath of hype and violence bullied deceptively on the populace, especially the majority whose attention have not highlighted the gift of life over all others when addressing voting concerns. In any case, Roe’s trashing is a sweet victory, for its psychological encouragement and very real thousands of unborn lives being saved. To be celebrated and taken out of any “lockdown” mode. States now have implemented their already trigger bills to come to the aid of the unborn.

But the “downside” is on the easy deception of voters, especially women, who have not gotten beyond clutching a “constitutional right” rather than staring at a baby’s slaughtering. That was demonstrated in ignorance or, worse, acceptance of pro-abortion senate and house candidates, or maybe the “Red wave” that never materialized was too much to be expected, and especially the pro-life vote in states’ referendums like Kansas and Michigan to their state constitutions despite valiant efforts fell short with significant margins.

Even so, people are becoming more aware of what abortion is. The more challenging step is still the same: right to life over “right to Choose.” And imparting the consequences of both.

I have been focusing on that in my homilies, just a few of which are listed below, though one will find many more audios on www.priestsforlife.org/frwilde.

[Homily: Trinity Sunday 2022](#) 6/12/2022

[Homily: Responsibility to Vote Pro-Life](#) 5/15/2022

[Homily: The Court, The States, or The Shepherd](#) 5/08/2022

[Homily: Jesus Beckons Us: Do You Love Me?](#) 5/01/2022

[Homily: Babies in the Crosshairs of Cancel Culture Politics](#) 4/02/2022

[Homily: The Prodigal Son and the All Embracing Father](#) 3/27/2022

[Homily: Go to Joseph](#) 3/19/2022

[Homily: St. Patrick the Apostle of Ireland](#) 3/17/2022

[Homily: The Temptation of Christ and Ours](#) 3/16/2022

[Homily: Love is the Pot of Gold](#) 2/20/2022

[Homily: A New Blessedness](#) 2/13/2022

[Homily: Rejection at Nazareth](#) 1/30/2022

[Homily for the Baptism of the Lord](#) 1/9/2022

[Homily for the Feast of St. John Neumann](#) 1/5/2022

[Homily for the Epiphany](#) 1/2/2022

I have largely been on the East Coast during 2022, including for the several Priests for Life team meetings in Florida (March, June and December). I was involved in processing the **Second March for Life in Pennsylvania (Harrisburg, September 19)** and then present with other PA clergy and with Fr Frank, where Silent No More members were also in attendance. We expect this to grow, especially now that legislative matters are more locally handled since the fall of Roe.

The last week of **July I joined once again the Defend Life Maryland team** displaying the victims' images (abortion images) on the streets of Baltimore and around the region. Crusader and founder, Jack Ames and all of us hope that every state will do similar life-witness demonstrations each year, as ongoing methods to raise awareness and move hearts.

On June 23, at the invitation of Patrick Williams, I gave an evening **piano concert and presentation to Pennsylvanians for Human Life**, NE PA chapter, at Marywood University, Scranton, PA. to about 100 present.

I had the opportunity to visit on October 11 **with Mark Houck**, a friend of Priests for Life and a prayer warrior at Philadelphia abortion mill. The FBI descended on his home and family earlier this year. He was cuffed and taken from his home, arrested and arraigned on a concocted FACE federal "violation," of which he was later cleared. He, his wife Ryan- Marie and seven beautiful children shared **Holy Mass together at his home.**

40 Days for Life Delaware invited me to speak at their opening event at Holy Child Church, Wilmington, Delaware, September 24, and again at the closing on November 5.

Craig Martin of "Fishers of Men," St Mary Magdalen Church in Bel Air, MD invited me to give a keynote address (and piano concert of patriotic music, being Columbus Day!) on October 12. Previous to the event they hosted a surprise pre-emptive 80th birthday dinner for me at a local restaurant. It was a great opportunity to me a number of pro-life and church leaders.

Donor Prayers. In addition to these events, I have been keeping track of the requests for prayers and Masses from our many loyal and devoted contributors. I regularly read through the list of names and their requests before offering Mass. A record of requests is kept as an updated Word file privately on Priests for Life domain.

Regularly I off Mass and preach at several of **six parishes in the local area** and at a convent of the Holy Child Sisters near Villanova. So the message gets out and I have received a number of requests from parishioners and visitors to "hear more" homilies and my parish schedule. People are receptive of what we all know is too rarely expounded upon, spiritually starved – the fight for the real right to live!

A highlight of this year for me was leading a **May pilgrimage from Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes and Passion Play of Oberammergau.** I led in Holy Mass in the very spots where saints trod centuries ago. At the end of the pilgrimage in Munich, I capped it off with a visit to the subterranean excavations under the great Duomo in Milan where St Ambrose baptized St Augustine. Then I offered Mass right at the tomb of the great Doctor of Grace in Pavia, on Pentecost Sunday, in the vicinity where he responded with the grace of conversion and baptism.

The story of him and his mother St. Monica is a reminder, the story a booster of encouragement that so much more remains to be done, new twists in legal and medical changes, yet the goal remains the same - make abortion unthinkable!

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