



Activating God's People to End Abortion

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END OF YEAR REVIEW OF 2023 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, such as Fr. David Begany, SSJ and Deacon Keith Fournier.

The enclosed reports constitute a *partial* summary of our activities. Learn more on our main website, www.EndAbortion.US, and see our end of year reports in more detail at www.PriestsForLife.org/EndOfYearReports.

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 encountering seminarians in the course of our travels, individual consultations, and online resources.

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

Dr. 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.

EndAbortion.TV

EndAbortion.TV 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.

ProLife Vote

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. Through our DBA called “Prolife Vote,” we teach and mobilize citizens to make a difference in the voting booth for the protection of the unborn.

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 2023 ACTIVITIES

1. 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 Pro-life Leader 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. New sites continued to be established domestically and internationally throughout 2023.

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 2023, 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 2023, 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.

A more comprehensive report of the activities of Rachel’s Vineyard and the Silent No More Awareness Campaign in 2023 can be found at www.PriestsForLife.org/EndOfYearReports.

2. 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, and to promote and urgently invite people to the healing and reconciliation available after abortion.

Monthly live broadcasts feature the priests, deacons, and other experts on our pastoral team addressing clergy directly about how to deal effectively with the abortion issue (in prayer, preaching, teaching and parish/school activities).

The broadcast also explains to laity how to encourage and equip the clergy on these matters.

3. Liturgical resources

On our websites and via regular emails, faxes, newsletters, social media, and onsite seminars, we equip the clergy with resources for praying and preaching on the abortion issue. These include homily hints, General intercessions and more.

The book *Proclaiming the Message of Life* contains pro-life commentary on the Sunday readings for the entirety of Years A, B and C. And on ProLifeLiturgy.org, clergy can find short videos with ideas for elements of a pro-life homily.

4. Eucharist and Pro-life

As the Church in the United States continued to focus on Eucharistic devotion and revival, Priests for Life continued to build on its decades-long teaching about the connections between our Faith in the Eucharist and our pro-life commitment.

Through broadcasts, the publication of a new brochure on the topic, a new prayer campaign (with prayer cards), online courses, and the web page www.EucharistAndProLife.org, Priests for Life helps the faithful understand and live these connections.

5. 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.

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

Events included the three main national conferences of pregnancy center directors/staff: Heartbeat International, Care Net and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), as well as the National Right to Life Convention, the 40 Days for Life Symposium, the March for Life and Walk for Life West Coast, various state marches (Arizona, California, Michigan) and various political conferences (CPAC, Road to Majority, Turning Point USA, America First Policy Institute), Christian music festivals, parish and school visits, pregnancy center banquets and more.

Photos, videos and other details of the travels are found at www.PriestsForLife.org/Frontlines.

We also participated by means of both taped and live video at other events and national prayer calls.

6. Pro-life Vote

Priests for Life has a DBA called “Pro-life Vote,” through which we have become a leading catalyst in the pro-life and Catholic world for voter education and mobilization for elections at every level of government.

Throughout 2023, 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.

As part of this activity, we continued our collaboration 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.

In particular, Priests for Life has promoted the biblically-based policies articulated through their Center for American Values.

7. State Ballot Initiatives

As the pro-abortion movement prepared to introduce more pro-abortion state ballot measures across the nation, trying to force an invented “right to abortion” into state Constitutions (just as *Roe v. Wade* had forced one onto our federal Constitution until *Dobbs* reversed it), Priests for Life rose to the occasion with prayer efforts, educational seminars (online and in person), publications and articles, and strategic meetings among the state pro-life leaders, and with the national groups, to fight these measures. These efforts will continue into the following year.

Our national survey also examined talking points about these ballot measures to identify what voters would find as the most persuasive reasons to reject them.

8. National Survey

In partnership with McLaughlin and Associates, Priests for Life prepared a national survey, to be launched the following January, to prepare for our national elections and examine the influence that the abortion issue has on voters this year.

9. FOIA request

Evidence has come to light, including in Congressional investigations, that the Biden Department of Justice has been spying on parishioners in Catholic Churches, sometimes with the collaboration of Catholic “officials,” for activity suspected to somehow be dangerous to America because of its ultra-conservative nature.

Priests for Life submitted a formal “Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)” request to the FBI and the DOJ in order to uncover more details about this blatant interference in the freedom of speech and religion.

We did receive various documentation from the government which shows a troubling pattern of an increasing police state that has become all too common in Democrat circles.

10. See Baby Grow

Priests for Life has been very involved in teaching and promoting the newest app that introduces students and the general public to the embryology of the unborn child. “See Baby Grow,” available in the App Store and Google Play, has video footage and scientific information unlike any other source. Priests for Life connects this resource with Churches, schools, pregnancy centers, pro-life organizations, and the general public.

11. Pro-life University

Fulfilling a vision that has long been part of Priests for Life, a “Pro-life University” was prepared in 2023, with the collaboration of Catholic Online (Deacon Keith Fournier) and Bishop Joseph Strickland. It will reside at www.ProLifeUniversity.org.

This will provide training by many pro-life experts in every angle of the issue of abortion and the efforts to end it.

It builds on the Catholic Online School, for which pro-life Frank Pavone prepared two courses so far, one on Scripture and Abortion and the other on the Eucharist and the Pro-life Commitment.

12. 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.

We reach them on social media with engaging posts and interactions.

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 laid the groundwork in 2023 for two special projects of our Youth Outreach for 2024: the Pro-life Women In History Month and the National Pro-life Essay Contest.

13. Online Broadcasting 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. Our programming is also seen on other broadcasting networks like Right Side Broadcasting Network.

This year we added to the already existing lineup of programs the following:

Pro-life Update with Bishop Strickland – a regular discussion between Frank Pavone and Bishop Joseph Strickland about the landscape of the pro-life movement.

Janet Reacts – a segment by our Executive Director Janet Morana giving a quick response to news developments or public commentary on the abortion issue.

The other regular programming includes:

Praying for America – a half-hour show each weeknight commenting on the political landscape from a Biblical perspective and preparing voters for the 2024 election

The Living Word – Frank Pavone gives pro-life reflections on the daily readings.

Pro-life PrimeTime News – giving the latest news on abortion and the pro-life movement

Just Ask Janet – our Executive Director interviews powerful guests making a difference for the pro-life movement.

EndAbortionUS – our National Director and Executive Director share strategic insights, talking points, and projects related to ending abortion.

Prolife Primetime – National Director Frank Pavone delves deeply into various aspects of the abortion issue.

Daily Diary – Frank Pavone shares what he did each day and night, hour by hour, in a spirit of transparency and accountability.

These programs also air on our podcast, called the *End Abortion Podcast*, which continues to rank as the number 1 podcast on abortion.

14. Priests for Life in the Media

In addition to our own broadcasting, 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, The Gateway Pundit, The Washington Times, LifeNews.com, Washington Examiner, Catholic Online, and many others.

In 2023, Priests for Life made use of a major media firm to build on our increased presence in secular and conservative media.

15. Social Media

Throughout the year, Priests for Life placed a high priority on utilizing the power of social media not only to spread the pro-life message but to identify, unite and activate like-minded people for the pro-life cause.

All our platforms grew exponentially and consistently throughout the year, giving us one of the largest reaches in the world for the pro-life message.

In particular, live broadcasting on these platforms, as well as immediate commentary on breaking news, were key factors in this growth.

16. Priests for Life Publishing

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

Work was done during 2023 for some new publications to be issued the following year, including a book jointly authored by Frank Pavone and Dr. Alveda King, as well as a new prayer book about voting.

Work was also done on a book that will show the influence of Priests for Life on the pro-life movement, the Church, and the political arena.

17. 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 2023, 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.

18. Priests for Life Staff

We continued to hire in 2023 (fulltime staff as well as interns) to serve at our Florida headquarters. Particularly in our video editing and broadcast departments, we benefit from the experience of young interns trained in that field.

19. Coalitions of Pro-life Leaders

Throughout 2023, Priests for Life continued to organize and build up effective working coalitions of the national pro-life groups, and coordinate their meetings, held in Washington DC three times during the year, and a fourth three-day meeting held at our headquarters in Titusville, Florida.

In between those in-person meetings we also led numerous leaders' meetings via Zoom.

Priests for Life also coordinated meetings of state leaders in those states facing pro-abortion ballot measures, and has led the "National to State Collaboration" by which national groups assist the state groups that are fighting the pro-abortion ballot initiatives.

20. Thriving Despite Ecclesiastical Abuse

Many are aware that over the last few decades, 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 ruled in favor of Fr. Frank and commended the work of Priests for Life multiple times.

After a change of personnel at the Congregation for Clergy several years ago, that Congregation recommended to the Holy Father that he dismiss Fr. Frank from the clerical state, which was done at the end of 2022. He remains, however, a Catholic in good standing, and the organization he leads remains committed to Catholic teaching.

Throughout 2023, the Board of Directors of Priests for Life, and all its distinct branches, has remained unanimous in its support of Pro-life Leader Frank Pavone's ongoing leadership role of the organization. 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 continues to share his knowledge and experience of proclaiming the pro-life message, which he has done in Churches full time for over thirty years. The change in priestly status has not caused him to lose either that knowledge or experience, or the passion to share it through his public work and witness.

We have also resisted the efforts of some to pretend that we do not exist. The Catholic Church and the Christian community more broadly, are not supposed to engage in **shunning**, particularly in the light of Pope Francis exhortation that the Church is for “todos, todos, todos.” That includes laicized priests.

The supporters of Priests for Life have increased their commitment to our organization, because in regard to fighting abortion, we say and do the things they would like to see their own priests and bishops saying and doing.