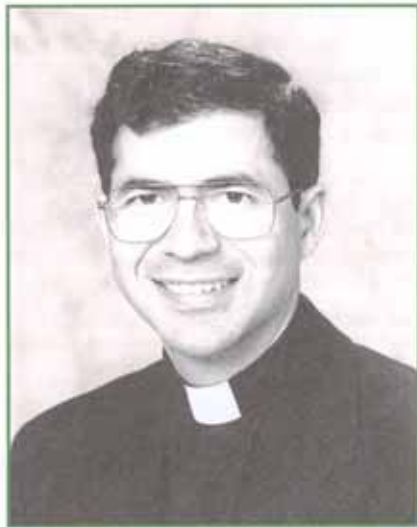


Healing the Wounds of Abortion *Training Seminars*

*Shine out among them like beacon lights
Holding out to them the Word of Life*
Philippians 2:16



**FEATURING
FR. FRANK PAVONE**

"Fr Frank has been a trusted mentor, theological and spiritual advisor and personal friend to me over many years in my work with Rachel's Vineyard. He brings a wealth of psychological, spiritual/pastoral knowledge and experience as priest and counselor with those wounded by abortion. Fr Frank is a popular speaker at our National Leadership Conferences. He is always an informative, compassionate, and inspiring presenter with excellent content and delivery. Fr Frank has the gift of taking complex issues and presenting them in a way that is easy to retain and apply practically in day to day post abortion ministry for clergy, professionals and laity."

Theresa Burke, Ph.D., LPC, NCP
Founder, Rachel's Vineyard Ministries
Author: *Forbidden Grief - The
Unspoken Pain of Abortion*

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Fr. Frank Pavone was born in Port Chester, New York and has been active in the pro-life movement since 1976. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York by Cardinal John O'Connor in 1988. In 1993, with the permission of Cardinal O'Connor, he became National Director of Priests for Life. In this full time position, he has traveled to all of the 50 states and to five continents, preaching and teaching against abortion and helping to train the clergy to be effective ministers of forgiveness and healing after abortion. He has produced numerous television and radio programs and articles on post-abortion healing and has collaborated with the top national and world experts in the field.

Fr. Frank is the Founder of the Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, a new congregation of priests dedicated to pro-life issues. He is currently serving as a priest of the Diocese of Amarillo working under Bishop John Yanta.

Fr. Pavone was asked by Mother Teresa to address the clergy of India on post-abortion healing. He has also addressed the pro-life caucus of the United States House of Representatives on this topic. As a special aspect of post-abortion healing, Fr. Pavone has ministered worldwide to the "Centurions," an international association of former abortionists seeking forgiveness and healing. He has been a spiritual guide to Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Supreme Court's abortion decision Roe vs. Wade, who called Fr. Pavone "the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church."

Fr. Pavone serves as Pastoral Director and Chairman of the Board of Rachel's Vineyard, the international retreat program for post-abortion healing, developed by Dr. Theresa Burke. He also serves as Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, which promotes healing programs and provides women an opportunity to publicly say, "I Regret My Abortion." He has likewise helped to develop and advise many national and local abortion recovery programs.

In 1997 he was asked by the Vatican to help coordinate and promote post-abortion healing throughout the world as an official of the Pontifical Council for the Family. Among his many writings on post-abortion healing is the booklet, *Rachel, Weep No More: How Divine Mercy Heals the Effects of Abortion*.

In 1999, the Daily Catholic named Fr. Pavone among the Top 100 Catholics of the Century. He serves on Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family Institute. He is the recipient, for the year 2001, of the Proudly Pro-life Award of the National Right to Life Committee. In 2002, the National Memorial for the Unborn awarded Fr. Frank the Life Hero Award for "in appreciation of his compassionate leadership in advancing post-abortion healing."

In 2003, Fr. Pavone was elected to be the President of the National Pro-life Religious Council, a coalition of groups from many different denominations working to end abortion and bring healing.

Sample Schedule for Seminar on Post-abortion Healing

9:00am	Welcome and Prayer
9:15am	Abortion and the Ministry of Reconciliation. <i>This introductory presentation would look at the Biblical, doctrinal, and canonical aspects of the Church's approach to those who have had abortions.</i>
10:15am	Questions
10:45am	Break
11:00am	An overview of Post-Abortion Grief: What is it, and how widespread is it? <i>This session explains how abortion hurts women, because of the procedure and because of the way it is performed. It also explores the nature of the physical, emotional, and spiritual damage abortion does to women, men, and surviving children.</i>
12:00	Questions
12:30	Lunch
1:30pm	Time of Prayer and Intercession for those wounded by abortion.
2:00pm	The Pastoral Response to the Wounds of Abortion. <i>This session examines preaching, counseling, sacramental administration, and practical methods of reaching out to those in the parish and school community wounded by abortion. Specific examples of healing services and ministries like Rachel's Vineyard and the Silent No More Awareness Campaign are examined.</i>
3:00pm	Questions
3:30pm	Concluding prayers and Dismissal <i>In some instances, circumstances may suggest that the day should be ended with a Eucharistic Liturgy.</i>

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

Sacramental practice

How should a priest handle the penitent who has had an abortion, and what is an appropriate penance? How do we advise penitents who have cooperated in an abortion, or find themselves in compromising situations regarding cooperation? Are any forms of cooperation justified? How does one avoid cooperation? What are one's moral duties and legal rights in this area?

Post-abortion Anger

Post-abortion distress includes anger at many people, including at times the Church and the clergy who were silent. How does one deal with this anger? Also, what is the best way to handle the angry parishioner after Mass, who may have had an abortion experience and is upset by the homily?

Compassionate Preaching

Does the presence of women in Church who have had abortions mean we cannot preach about it? In fact, their presence is all the more reason to preach, because silence does not interpret itself. How does their presence shape our preaching? What can be done to effectively minister to those who may need to talk to someone after the homily?

Effective Counseling

What are the basic elements of counseling the post-abortion individual? What elements are specific to a priest-counselor?

Magisterium

What does the Magisterium of the Catholic Church teach on forgiveness from the sin of abortion? Included in this analysis is a detailed look at the Pope's words in "Evangelium Vitae" #99. Under what conditions does an abortion bring about excommunication? How do we effectively communicate to the public that excommunication is not a permanent exclusion from the Church, but rather is meant as a stimulus to repentance and healing?

The Biggest Hoax

Legal abortion is the biggest hoax ever perpetrated on women. How did the abortion industry launch this hoax, and how has it hurt millions of women?

Abortion Industry Corruption

One cannot practice vice virtuously. An industry that kills children is also marked by numerous other forms of corruption, such as malpractice, sexual abuse, and various forms of fraud. This corruption in the abortion industry creates an added source of post-abortion distress. This will be examined, with the help of testimony from former abortionists and clinic workers.

Behind Closed Doors

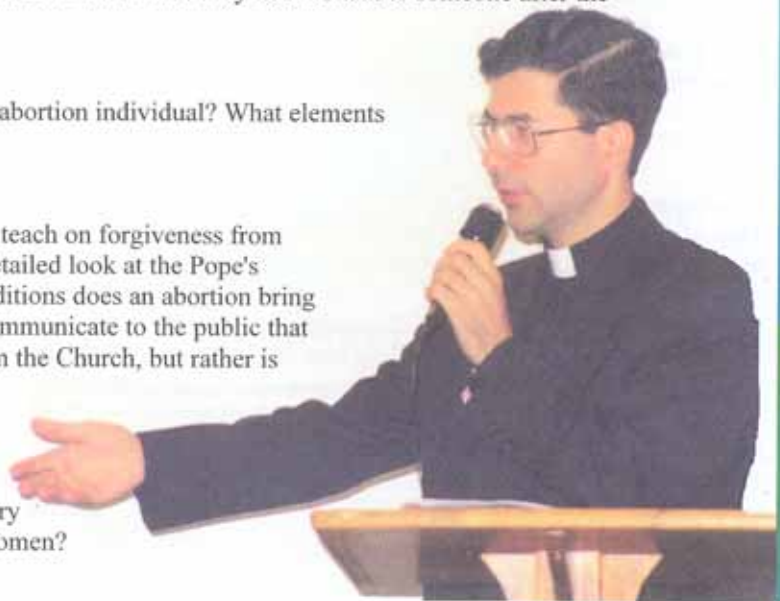
What does the abortion industry say behind closed doors about post-abortion grief? Priests for Life possesses numerous transcripts of abortion-provider conferences, from which this presentation draws.

The Centurions

Former abortionists around the world have formed a support group called "The Society of Centurions," whereby they seek psychological and spiritual healing. Fr. Frank assists in this specialized ministry, and will share insights into this unique form of grief and pain, and the unique pastoral opportunities it provides for the Church.

Post-Abortion Survivor Syndrome

What impact does abortion have on the children who are not aborted? Psychiatrists have identified symptoms of "Post-abortion Survivor Syndrome." This talk explores the ten types of survivors, and how survivor syndrome impacts youth ministry and the educational efforts of the Church.



The Personal Angle

This talk provides an overview of post-abortion testimonies from women and men around the world, sampling some of the patterns that become evident when one listens to the words of those who have experienced this unique form of pain.

Abortion and men

This talk explores the dilemma of men, who are given no legal rights to stop the killing of their own unborn children, and are therefore often torn between support, which can be interpreted as intrusion, and distance, which can be interpreted as indifference. The special dynamics of grief and healing for men after losing a child to abortion are also explored.

What is post-abortion grief?

Fr. Frank explores what post-abortion grief is, how it compares with other forms of loss, how it manifests itself, and how it affects one's relationship with friends, family, spouse, clergy, self, and God. What do we know about the damage abortion has done, physically, psychologically, and spiritually to those who have undergone the procedure? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the studies that have been done? What studies remain to be done? What statistics are reliable?

Abortion and Child abuse

Abortion is related to child abuse, and this talk explores why there is a mutual causality, whereby abuse and neglect during childhood increases the likelihood that a woman will have an abortion, and why those who have had abortions are more likely to abuse or neglect their living children.

How to reach out

There are numerous, concrete things one can do on an individual, group, and parish level to promote healing after abortion. This talk explores those possibilities, including the common question, "What do I say to a friend or relative who has had an abortion?"

Healing ministry

This talk provides an overview of the basic elements of a post-abortion healing service, as well as an overview of various healing ministries, in particular the retreat program Rachel's Vineyard, of which Fr. Frank serves as Pastoral Director.

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign

Around the world, women are finding new strength to say, "I Regret My Abortion." This presentation explains how these women can be given the opportunity to do so in the local community.

I'm Not Sorry

To counter those who say, "I regret my abortion," some pro-abortion groups have begun to recruit women who say, "I'm not sorry for my abortion." This talk explores how to answer this and other arguments from abortion supporters who try to dismiss the reality of post-abortion distress.

Post-abortion healing and the pro-life movement

The pro-life movement is wide and vast in its diversity of activities and objectives. How does the ministry of post-abortion healing fit into the wider movement to fight abortion through education, lobbying, political activity, peaceful witness, direct action, and the provision of alternatives to abortion? This talk will explore the intimate links between healing and advocacy.

Post-abortion distress and the law

Do women have legal recourse for abortion malpractice? Are there legislative solutions that can minimize the damage abortion does, even while it remains legal? What clues does the text of the Roe vs. Wade decision hold about post-abortion distress and how it can lead to the reversal of Roe? This talk will also explore Fr. Frank's work with Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff "Jane Roe" of Roe vs. Wade, whom Fr. Frank received into the Catholic Church in 1998.

"While viewing the program, I was especially touched by the compassion and non-judgmental attitude you convey to women who have had an abortion. Please know of my profound appreciation..." **Fr. Tom McSweeney, Past President, The Christophers**

"I have known Fr. Frank Pavone for many years, and have observed from the beginning of his Priests for Life ministry his intense interest in both understanding and promoting post-abortion healing. His national work has assisted many priests and laity to convey the compassionate forgiveness of Christ to those who have had abortions and even to former abortionists. I am happy to recommend him for seminars, both for clergy and laity, as well as for opportunities to preach the pro-life message."

Fr. Mike Mannion
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Abortion Reconciliation and
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