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The Best Videos in the World of our Unborn Neighbors



Photo of unborn child at six weeks seen by embryoscopy

It's light years beyond ultrasound and will make you practically fall off your chair when you see it.

We at Priests for Life are now promoting and distributing to every sector of the Church and the pro-life movement the most vivid, powerful, and striking videography of the unborn child that exists. Obtained through a rarely used technique called embryoscopy, in which a video camera the size of a pen-point is inserted abdominally or

cervically, this video footage has been incorporated into a 42-minute video called *"The Biology of Prenatal Development,"* now available from Priests for Life.

You can see segments of this imagery at Priests for Life's special website www.Unborn.info.

It is widely known in the pro-life movement that ultrasound imagery changes the minds and hearts of abortion-minded women and even abortion providers. With this stunning, color imagery of the child from four to twelve weeks after fertilization, we expect even more radical conversions to the position that the child in the womb is one of us and fully deserves protection.

The DVD *"The Biology of Prenatal Development"* was produced by the Endowment for Human Development, written and researched by a medical doctor, and endorsed by numerous medical school professors and experts in embryology. The video has received 11 video awards for the excellence of its research and presentation, and has even been distributed by National Geographic!

The video does not address the abortion issue, but certainly will inoculate anyone from the arguments of abortion advocates who try to deny the humanity of the unborn. The video is intended for a non-professional audience of ages 12 and higher, and yet does not oversimplify its subject matter. Hence, it is even useful for medical school audiences. Along with the embryoscopy method, five other medical imaging technologies are used in the video, with accompanying commentary on the scientific facts of the child's development.

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A Pro-life Pioneer

By Leslie Palma, Communications Director, Priests for Life



Msgr. Mannion

The pro-life cause is not just something Monsignor Michael Mannion believes in. "It's part of the air you breathe," says the priest whose "day job" is director of community relations for the Diocese of Camden but whose credentials show him to be "one of the old men of the movement."

He studied in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University and Angelicum University. He took time off to join Mother Teresa in Calcutta, with whom he had a 27-year friendship. "Everything around her shouted life," he recalls, "even if you were immersed into a world of life surrounded by physical death." Monsignor Mannion also spent time in Africa, working with villagers in Uganda.

After ordination in 1971, he got involved with Birthright and the National Pro-Life Center. Leading retreats for high school and college students gave him a platform to spread the pro-life message. He started doing post-abortion healing talks, which brought him into contact with Dr. Theresa Burke. Dr. Burke was inspired by Msgr. Mannion to start Rachel's Vineyard, which has become the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.

For seven years, Monsignor Mannion served as rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden. He is the chaplain for the New Jersey State Police, as well as the Camden County Police and Fire Marshals. He serves on the advisory board of the Rand Institute at Rutgers University and the public policy board of the University of Medicine and Dentistry's School of Medicine.

In the last year he has increased his involvement with Priests for Life as a priest affiliate. "I'm doing this on my own," he says. "I want to be a resource for Priests for Life. It's part of my commitment." Monsignor Mannion, who has written several books on abortion, including *"Abortion & Healing: A Cry to be Whole,"* lives in Pennsauken, N.J., where he was born. He is in residence at St. Cecilia's there.

"In my own life's journey," he says, "God uses every experience of the past to contribute to the ministry of the present, and the future."

FREEDOM RIDES!

Become a Freedom Rider for the Unborn as Dr. Alveda King leads the pro-life freedom rides across the nation! You can participate in the rides and rallies, or can do "Freedom Ride" activities from your own home! Find out schedules and activities at www.ProLifeFreedomRides.com.

This newsletter is available by email, along with a bi-weekly column written by Fr. Frank. Subscribe free of charge at subscribe@priestsforlife.org.

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Priests for Life intends to make this video available to every pregnancy center, every school, and every Church in America. You can help us to do that! Here are some steps you can take:

1. Sign up at www.unborn.info to keep informed about this project.
2. Purchase your own copy of the DVD from Priests for Life and an additional copy to give to a school principal or pastor in your community. Let us know that you are doing this so that we can keep track of what parishes and schools are covered.
3. Make a donation to cover the cost of sending the DVD to every parish or school in your community, diocese, or state!
4. Recruit others to support the project by showing the DVD at your pro-life group meeting, other meetings, or at gatherings you can host in your home.

Some developmental facts outlined in the DVD:

- The heart will beat 54 million times before birth!
- At 6 weeks the embryo begins making spontaneous movements. Touch his mouth and he will withdraw his head.
- At eight weeks, 90% of the anatomical structures found in adults are present – that's 4000 distinct anatomical structures!
- The child has unique fingerprints at 10 weeks – the same fingerprints he or she keeps throughout life.

Find out more at www.unborn.info.

Join us in DC and San Francisco

On Friday, January 22, Fr. Frank will interact with pro-lifers in Washington, DC for the March for Life, and also on the next day at the Walk for Life in San Francisco. At both events, members of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign will share their testimonies. See the full schedule at priestsforlife.org.

Pro-Life Novenas

Please join us at www.PrayerCampaign.org and participate in and promote the following prayer initiatives. We urge pastors to provide a link to this prayer site from their parish website:

January 14-22, 2010: Novena of Reparation for Roe vs. Wade

February 17- April 1, 2010: Lenten Prayer for Life

Prayer Intentions

You are encouraged to remember the following intentions as you pray the Liturgy of the Hours:

JANUARY INTENTION:

For the success of the Annual March for Life in Washington and Walk for Life in San Francisco.

FEBRUARY INTENTION:

For the full conversion of abortion providers who are considering leaving the abortion industry.

Order Key Pro-life Products

Order at www.priestsforlife.org/store or mail your order to: Priests for Life, P.O. Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314; Or fax: (718) 980-3900; Or Email: orders@priestsforlife.org.

The Biology of Prenatal Development

The Biology of Prenatal Development presents human prenatal development throughout all 38 weeks of pregnancy, emphasizing the first trimester developmental period.



Prayer to End Abortion Prayer Card – *Brand new look*

This prayer is to be prayed daily to end abortion.



Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief

An Educational Series by Theresa Burke Ph.D., Kevin Burke, LSW and Fr. Frank Pavone on the Psychological and Spiritual Impact of Abortion. This is a 9 DVD set that comes with one course guide. Additional course guides can be ordered separately.

Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief Course Guide

This is the course guide to accompany the Educational Series on the Psychological and Spiritual Impact of Abortion. The 9 DVD set above comes with one course guide.

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- Send _____ Additional Course Guide(s) for Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief Series (#2378) at \$7.00 each for a total of \$_____
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