



PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Gospel of Life Ministries

Assisting God's people to respond to the evils of abortion and euthanasia

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From the Vatican...

"In our present times there is an urgent need to promote a culture of life and also to undertake direct actions that help protect the life of the weakest, especially the unborn. For that reason the work done by 'Priests for Life' deserves the gratitude and support of the whole Church."

—Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, President, Pontifical Council for the Laity, Vatican City State, June 7, 2011

Rachel's Vineyard Record-Breaking Leadership Conference



Some 250 Rachel's Vineyard leaders from around the world gathered in Malvern, PA from July 17-21 for the bi-annual leadership conference. The new version of the Catholic Retreat Manual was

issued. Bearing the imprimatur of the Church, this manual contains the official guidelines for a Catholic Rachel's Vineyard retreat. Psychiatrists, psychologists, and other professionals who have worked with Rachel's Vineyard for years gave presentations at the conference, which also included Regional Coordinators of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. Rachel's Vineyard operates under the umbrella of Priests for Life and is the world's largest ministry of healing after abortion. Many dioceses use this retreat program as their official post-abortion outreach.

Letter from the Associate Director



20th Anniversary Mass: Come to Priests for Life's Birthplace!

Dear Priests for Life Family,

On behalf of our entire Board of Directors, and our National Director, Fr. Frank Pavone, I

invite you to join Priests for Life and the Archbishop of San Francisco, Most. Rev. George Niederauer, for a Mass celebrating the occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of Priests for Life. The Mass will be held on Wednesday evening, October 5, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. An informal reception will follow. If you can attend the reception, please RSVP at: anniversary@priestsforlife.org.

Priests for Life began in 1991 in the San Francisco Archdiocese, and has spread to become the largest ministry in the Catholic Church dedicated exclusively to ending abortion and euthanasia.

We are currently applying to the Vatican for recognition as an international association, given that our work has spread to so many countries.

You are an important part of this work! Please join our many projects, and please support our work by your generous donations!

Sincerely,
Fr. Denis G. Wilde, OSA
Associate Director

Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity October 18, 2011

Priests for Life and its Youth Outreach, Stand True Ministries, are calling on students across America to participate in the "Pro-life Day of Silent Solidarity." On October 18, people from all over this nation will give up their voices for a day in solidarity with the 4,000 children killed and 4,000 women wounded by abortion every day. They will wear red arm bands and duct tape and carry fliers explaining why they are silent and educate others about the plight of the innocent children we are losing every day. The Pro-life Day of Silent Solidarity is in its sixth year, and last year students from more than 4,800 campuses in 25 countries stood together in solidarity. We have heard of hundreds of girls who have cancelled abortions because of this day every year. Are you willing to give up your voice for a day for those who will never have a voice? If you are interested, see www.silentday.org.

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Pro-Life Novenas

Please join us at www.PrayerCampaign.org in praying and promoting the following Novenas, and in ordering prayer cards to be distributed in your parish, school, or organization:

October 8-16, 2011: St. Gerard Majella (Patron Saint of Pregnancy and Childbirth)

October 22-30, 2011: Novena for Priests, leading to Priesthood Sunday

Rest in Peace, Fr. Richard Hogan



Priests for Life is saddened by the death of Fr. Richard Hogan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul who served as Associate Director of Priests for Life from 1995-2000. He was the first priest, aside from Fr. Frank Pavone, to be given permission to serve Priests for Life as his full-time ministry. May Fr. Hogan rest in peace!

Priests for Life is Supported Only by You!

Priests for Life is not subsidized by dioceses, the Bishops' Conference, or the Vatican. We rely completely on donations from individuals like you! All contributions are tax-deductible, and may be designated for specific projects if you so choose. You may donate at www.priestsforlife.org/donate. On that web page you will find several options:

1. Make a one-time donation by credit card, or by electronic charging of your checking or savings account.
2. Allow us to charge your credit card, checking, or savings account each month.
3. Sign up for monthly mailings that will remind you to send your donation.
4. Call us at 718-980-4400, ext. 232 to discuss other options, including remembering Priests for Life as a beneficiary when you do your financial planning.

At any time, of course, you may write a check payable to "Priests for Life" and mail it to PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314.

Pope John Paul II Bioethics Commission

The Pope John Paul II Bioethics Commission was created to fulfill the request of Pope John Paul II for special institutes to train people in biomedical issues. It is dedicated to him in gratitude for his witness to the nature and dignity of the human person.

Our friend, Fr. Joseph Howard, a moral theologian and bioethicist, said that the late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, MD, taught him: "One can never obtain a morally correct answer to a problem unless one possesses and understands the correct medical science first!" Many moral decisions are made by those with an improper understanding of the medical issues involved; hence, the Commission has scholars from virtually every field of medicine.

The Commission is available to help priests. They can arrange for conference calls, webinars, consultations, and lectures for priests individually, collectively, or in their parishes/facilities. They ground their research and

work in the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Magisterium's teaching on the Natural Moral Law. See www.JohnPaulBioethics.org.

Prayer Intentions

You are encouraged to remember the following intentions in all your prayers, and please join our Facebook prayer cause at: www.ProLifePrayers.com

September intention: That the pro-life message may be adequately and fairly represented in educational institutions of every level during this academic year and in the years to come.

October intention: That the many initiatives of Respect Life Month may bring many of the faithful to a sustained level of activity in the pro-life movement.

Featured Products

2012 Priests for Life Calendar

Share in the joy of the work of Priests for Life with this monthly reminder.



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