Our Latest Products

A Spiritual Guide to the Gospel of Life

The entire Priests for Life pastoral team has put together this brief study guide to Pope John Paul II's encyclical "The Gospel of Life," in observance of the tenth anniversary of that document, which has been called the "Magna Charta" of the pro-life movement. The guide is set up to lead people back to the text of the encyclical itself (which will be sent to you without charge along with the study guide), and has questions to guide discussion and application of the encyclical's teachings to everyday life. Great for individual and group study!

"This spiritual guide to Pope John Paul II's Evangelium Vitae will be of great help to all who are looking for ways to implement the spirit of this great encyclical in their daily lives - respecting, protecting, loving and serving every human life." -- ***His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles***

"Priests for Life is well know for its courageous and straight forward promotion of the dignity of each human life. I am happy to endorse their current efforts to urge priests and faithful to read the great encyclical of Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae. Also, Priests for Life is promoting other useful materials. We all need to grow in the depth of our knowledge of the mystery and truths about human life so that we can promote them even more effectively." -- ***Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark***

Renewed by the Gospel of Life CD Album

Listen to an entire retreat given by Fr. Frank Pavone for people active in the pro-life movement. Based on The Gospel of Life, each of these seven talks reflects on the Kingdom of Christ from one of the angles mentioned in the liturgy: a Kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace. The set concludes with a homily.

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Priests for Life is eager to stock your bookstores and parish bookracks with our pamphlets, prayer cards, videos, and other pro-life resources. You can help save lives by getting this information out! The prayer cards, in particular, will be sent to you without charge to include in other items you sell or give away. Please contact our orders department at orders@priestsforlife.org or at 718-980-4400, ext. 238

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Fr. James Heyd Newest Full-Time Priest-Associate of Priests for Life



Fr. Jim Heyd

On July 15 of this year, Fr. James Heyd, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, began working full-time for Priests for Life. Given permission to do so by Cardinal Francis George, Archbishop of Chicago, Fr. Heyd becomes the seventh priest currently serving in this capacity (along with Fr. Frank Pavone, Fr. Peter West, Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA, Fr. Walter Quinn, OSA, Fr. Giacomo Capoverdi, and Fr. Mark Clarke, CMF).

Fr. Heyd is no stranger to Priests for Life. In fact, he served as Associate Director of the organization when Fr. Frank Pavone first became National Director in 1993. Ordained by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Fr. Heyd assisted the initial development of Priests for Life after being contacted by Fr. Lee Kaylor, the original founder. For years, Fr. Heyd has traveled and spoken on behalf of Priests for Life, and has visited numerous parishes to share with his brother priests the resources that Priests for Life has to offer for their preaching and parish and school activities. Fr. Heyd has served as a liaison between Priests for Life and many groups within the Church.

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Dear Father/Deacon,
If you would like to receive a weekly email with a pro-life bulletin insert, general intercessions, and suggested homily talking points, sign up at clergy@priestsforlife.org. Please include your name, parish, and the state in which you reside. Your email address will be kept confidential.
-- Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director



United States Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas spoke at the 2005 National Right to Life Convention and is seen here with (l. to r.) Stacy Massey, Director of A.R.I.N. (Abortion Recovery International Network), Janet A. Morana, Associate Director of Priests for Life and Co-Founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, and Ann Marie Cosgrove (Director, Silent No More Minnesota).

Elections 2006

We are only a year away from critically important elections for the United States Senate, and other offices, that impact the abortion battle. Pro-abortion forces have lost more and more elections in the last several cycles. Next year will be no different, provided we all do our part.

All issues that impact human life are critically important. But that is not to say they are all equal. Pope John Paul II wrote the following in his 1988 apostolic exhortation, *The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World (Christifideles Laici):* "The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights - for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if *the right to life,* the most basic

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

Link to our Website!
www.priestsforlife.org

The Priests for Life website was established in 1994, and since then has been providing a massive library of print, audio, and video education on the pro-life cause to clergy and laity alike. The site is updated every day with new material – in fact, we have done so every day for the past decade. Major sections include the following: pro-life news, homilies, prayers, talks and documents of the Holy Father and bishops on the right to life, post-abortion testimonies (the largest collection on the internet), photos (found nowhere else) of the abortion procedure, testimonies of former abortionists, material for students, suggested activities for individuals and parishes, links to hundreds of pro-life groups, an online poll, Fr. Frank's daily radio message, audio homilies, talks, and retreat conferences that Fr. Frank has given around the nation, and much more.

If you or your pro-life group have a website, would you please link to ours? If your parish has a website, please ask the webmaster to link to: www.priestsforlife.org. Also, why not invite your email list to visit the site? You will be providing your friends with access to pro-life information that they will not find elsewhere!

We often receive emails like the following about www.priestsforlife.org:

- Your site is wonderful. I am a college freshman. I never agreed w/ abortion, but now I am finally making myself vocal and taking a stand about it. Thank you for this site, I am using it to totally convince my friend, who sometimes agrees w/ abortion.
- Hello. I don't normally write to websites but I felt I needed to thank you for yours! A really good friend of mine was going to have a baby and being 16 and the father not wanting the baby she first turned to abortion which I was outraged and searched the web for some-way to describe to her the meaning of life and I found your site!. It's probably saved her unborn child's life, again thanks for making it clear to her and to ensuring me on where I stand.
- I was looking for answers online and this was the ONLY place I found such precise explanations!!!
- Thank you for your wonderful website. I really have experienced much healing and forgiveness through your website.

Can you make a gift to enable us to send this newsletter to every priest in your diocese?

Call Jerry at (718) 980-4400

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and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination" (n. 38).

Many in the Church ignore these words and continue to claim that the linkage of all the issues means the *equality* of all the issues. But linkage is not equality; it is *linkage*. The right to education depends upon the right to life. If you take the right to education away, the person is still alive. If you take the right to life away, both are gone: the person is no longer alive, and can no longer be educated. The same is true of rights to health care, housing, voting, employment, wages, a clean environment -- and, in fact, everything else. Life itself is the foundation.

No public official who fails to protect the right to life belongs in public office. This is a message we will echo and re-echo throughout the coming year, and we urge you to do the same.

Bulletin Insert in Spanish

Dolor No Nacido

El 6 de abril de 2004 el Dr. Kanwaljeet Anand ofreció el siguiente testimonio en una Corte de Distrito de Estados Unidos (U.S. District Court – District of Nebraska) ante el Juez Richard G. Kopf en el caso Leroy Carhart M.D. et. al. v. Ashcroft "Pregunta: Entonces doctor, ¿tiene una opinión con respecto al dolor que el aborto de parto parcial causaría al feto?

Respuesta: Si el feto ha pasado las 20 semanas de gestación, asumiría que se causa dolor al feto. Y creo que el dolor causado al feto sería severo y agudísimo.

P: ¿Que significa severo y agudísimo?

R: Mire, el umbral de dolor es muy bajo. El feto es probablemente muy sensible al dolor durante las 20 a 30 semanas de gestación. Luego los procedimientos asociados con el aborto de parto parcial que acabo de describir causarían probablemente dolor severo, desde el mismísimo momento en que el feto está siendo manipulado y tratado hasta que se hace la incisión y se succionan el cerebro y los contenidos intracraneanos."

Prayer Intentions

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

NOVEMBER INTENTION:

For a greater awareness of pain management options for the terminally ill.

DECEMBER INTENTION:

That prayerful presence at abortion facilities may turn many away from the act of abortion.

Fr. James Heyd…*Continued from page 1*

In his new position as a Priest Associate, Fr. Heyd will continue speaking, traveling, and networking. He sees another important dimension of this work as well: "It is my firm belief that the pro-life movement fosters solid vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and strengthens the life and belief of the church."

Further commenting on his new role, Fr. Heyd stated, "It is a privilege to be a part of Priests for Life and be able to stand up for the voiceless preborn threatened by abortion. Father Frank Pavone has done a stellar job with this work and deserves the support of the entire church. This is not just the work of a few priests but of all of us who call ourselves Christian."

Do The Photos Work?

Some people wonder whether graphic images of aborted babies convert anyone. Read the following email for yourself and see more of them at www.priestsforlife.org/images. We get these emails all the time.

"Hello, I am a sixteen-year-old female and I just finished looking at the pictures on your site and reading what actually happens during an abortion. Up until five minutes ago, I was extremely pro-choice. I thought things like, "let women make their own decisions about their own bodies" and things along those lines. Because of your site, I realize that abortion is not a choice about a woman's body...it is the LIFE of a BABY. Never before did I realize how truly horrible and careless abortion really is. Maybe it's because I'd never seen the pictures, or read the actual descriptions of abortion. Maybe I was too afraid to know the truth. I really don't know. But within 3 minutes of viewing your website, my face was covered in tears. Those pictures just really hurt to look at. To see an innocent child...dead before it was even born. It hurts me to know that people find this acceptable. Killing your baby just because you don't want it is beyond irresponsible. How could someone murder an innocent little baby? I thank you so, so much for your wonderful website. I cannot express how grateful I am that you have shown me the truth about abortion. God bless you. Thank you once again."

Pro-Life "Third Order"

Bishop John Yanta of the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, has given Priests for Life permission to start a new community of priests dedicated exclusively to full-time pro-life work. If you want to be a priest or are a priest who wants to do pro-life ministry, contact vocations@priestsforlife.org.

Lay men and women who do not join the community can, nevertheless, associate themselves with it as missionaries of life. This means continuing to do the pro-life work they already do in their own communities, but doing it with the blessing and in the spirituality of this new community, and receiving special training and prayer resources from Fr. Frank Pavone and his associates. For more information on how to join the Priests for Life lay association, contact missionary@priestsforlife.org.

Together, let's all thank God for this historic new initiative in the Church and in the pro-life movement!

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