

You Can Save Someone's Life Today!

There are alternatives to abortion

Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement.

She never has to feel that abortion is the only option. Thousands of pregnancy centers, Churches and other organizations are providing counseling, medical services, legal advice, job and education opportunities, adoption services, or just the understanding ear of a friend. People anywhere in the country can find assistance at the following numbers:

Option Line of Care Net/Heartbeat
1-800-712-HELP (4357) • www.PregnancyCenters.org

National Life Center
1-800-848-LOVE (5683)

Please publicize these numbers and websites!

Pastors may want to place one of these numbers on their parish bulletin, or the link on their parish website. Individuals should keep these numbers close at hand at all times, and also share them with schools, hospitals, and other community groups. The numbers can be placed on posters, business cards, in newspaper ads, on the internet, and on signs posted in Churches, stores, and other places. You may also inquire at these numbers as to how you can volunteer to assist those who provide alternatives to abortion and healing after abortion.

Sign up for pro-life updates: **subscribe@priestsforlife.org**

Resources for clergy: **clergy@priestsforlife.org**

Invite pro-life speakers: **www.priestsforlife.org/speakers**

Tune in to pro-life radio and TV programs:

www.priestsforlife.org/media

Priests for Life is the largest pro-life ministry in the Catholic Church. It is an Association of the Faithful and a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation.

There is forgiveness after abortion

We who reject abortion do not reject those who have had abortions. Counseling, forgiveness, and healing can be found after abortion. Priests for Life operates the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion. Known as "Rachel's Vineyard," this ministry holds hundreds of retreats worldwide each year and provides followup services as well. The following numbers can lead you to this and other forms of assistance:

Option Line
1-800-712-HELP (4357)

Rachel's Vineyard
1-877-HOPE-4-ME (467-3463)
www.RachelsVineyard.org

National Helpline for Abortion Recovery
1-866-482-LIFE (5433)
www.NationalHelpline.org



Fr. Frank Pavone discusses pro-life strategy with Mother Teresa in Calcutta

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Priests for Life is not subsidized by dioceses, the Bishops' Conference, or the Vatican. We rely completely on individuals like you! All contributions are tax-deductible and are used to carry out the kinds of activities described on this flier. You may donate at www.priestsforlife.org/donate, or by making a check payable to "Priests for Life" and sending it to PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314. If you wish to support us with a monthly donation, you may sign up online or call us at 888-735-3448, ext. 232., and we will arrange to charge your credit card automatically, in the amount you designate.

WHAT IS AN ABORTION?

Although abortion is the most common surgery in America, most people never see what it looks like. The hearts and minds of most people who see it are changed forever. See for yourself! www.Unborn.info

Following are quotes from three abortionists and the Supreme Court, all describing legal abortion procedures:

"Question: Can the heart of a fetus or embryo still be beating during a suction curettage abortion as the fetus or embryo comes down the cannula?"

Answer: For a few seconds to a minute, yes."

(Sworn testimony given in US District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin (Madison, WI, May 27, 1999, Case No. 98-C-0305-S), by Dr. Harlan Raymond Giles, an abortionist. He describes legal activity.)

"A long curved Mayo scissors may be necessary to decapitate and dismember the fetus. . ." (From the medical textbook Abortion Practice – Dr. Warren Hern, p.154, describing legal activity)

"The friction causes the fetus to tear apart. For example, a leg might be ripped off the fetus as it is pulled through the cervix."

(US Supreme Court, Gonzales vs. Carhart, April 18, 2007, describing the D&E procedure, which is legal)

"Typically the skull is brought out in fragments rather than as a unified piece. . ."

(Sworn testimony given in US District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin (Madison, WI, May 27, 1999, Case No. 98-C-0305-S), by Dr. Martin Haskell, an abortionist. He describes legal activity.)

HOW FAR IN PREGNANCY IS ABORTION LEGAL?

As the University of Detroit Law Review points out, *"The Supreme Court's decisions. . . allowed abortion on demand throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy"* (Paul B. Linton, Enforcement of State Abortion Statutes after Roe: A State-by-State Analysis, Vol. 67, Issue 2, Winter 1990).

HOW MANY ABORTIONS OCCUR?

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, in 2005, 1.21 million abortions took place in the United States. Some 42,350 of these occurred on women who were 16 to 20 weeks pregnant; over 13,310 occurred on women who were 21 weeks or more into their pregnancy. In 2004 there were 96,890 abortions on women who had had three or more previous abortions.

From 1973 through 2005, more than 45 million legal abortions occurred in our country. No other single cause accounts for more deaths.

WHY DO PEOPLE GET ABORTIONS?

Abortions are done mostly for non-medical reasons. As the abortion industry itself admits on the website of the Alan Guttmacher Institute, *"[T]hree-fourths say they cannot afford a child; three-fourths say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or the ability to care for dependents; and half say they do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner."*

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Join our Prayer Campaign

Prayer is the foundation of everything we do in the pro-life movement. You can strengthen the movement, save lives, and change hearts and minds by praying explicitly each day for an end to abortion, for the babies and their parents, for doctors and public officials, and for all who are working in this great cause. At www.PrayerCampaign.org you can follow our prayer campaign throughout the year. You will find

- A daily prayer to end abortion
- Seasonal pro-life prayers (Advent, Lent, Easter, etc.)
- Novenas to prepare for special days (like January 22, the commemoration of Roe vs. Wade)
- A Facebook cause to unite with others praying to end abortion

We invite you to join this effort and to promote it in your family, parish, school, pro-life group, website, and more!

Partner with the Silent No More

Awareness Campaign

At www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org, you can partner with the world's largest movement of women and men who have lost children to abortion.

By doing so, you can spread the word that healing and forgiveness are available to those who have had abortions. An individual, organization, or church can "partner" with the campaign and thereby



- Promote the opportunities for healing
- Use the testimonies (text, audio, and video) of those who have had abortions, to awaken others to the devastation it brings and to the healing Christ brings

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WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO? Cont...

- Invite men and women who are willing to share their abortion testimony to do so at gatherings, in churches, on radio and TV, or in private meetings with legislators and others.
- Invite those who have lost children to abortion to go to IRegretMyAbortion.com and indicate, anonymously if they prefer, that they regret their abortions. This creates a large chorus of voices showing the damage abortion does.

Study and Live the Pro-life Spirituality

Defending the unborn is not simply a "hobby" or a political ideology. It is a spirituality, an aspect of one's discipleship of Christ. You can study and commit to live the spirituality of being pro-life, and the particular virtues that go with it, by visiting www.MissionariesoftheGospelofLife.org. By doing this you will be given specific reading material that will deepen your understanding of the pro-life movement, such as Fr. Frank Pavone's book *Ending Abortion, Not Just Fighting It*, and his daily devotional, *Pro-life Reflections for Every Day*.



Missionaries of the Gospel of Life

You will also be able to connect with and be encouraged by like-minded people around the world who are also committed to this spirituality. You will meet them through our conference calls, online networking, and

"Life cell" meetings in local communities. Visit www.MissionariesoftheGospelofLife.org. Ask for our introductory manual online or by calling 888-735-3448.

Minority Outreach

Priests for Life assists the African-American and Hispanic communities to realize that the pro-life movement belongs as much to them as to anyone else. Resources designed specifically for these communities are available, as are speakers and strategic alliances. You



can help promote the pro-life message among African Americans by going to www.AfricanAmericanOutreach.org, and within the Hispanic community at www.SacerdotesPorLaVida.org.



Tune in to "Defending Life"

From the privacy of your own home, you can learn from the experts about the best pro-life strategies and most compelling pro-life testimonies by tuning in to "Defending Life," the world's largest, longest-running TV series about abortion and the pro-life movement. Hosted by Fr. Frank Pavone, this series airs on EWTN, the world's largest religious broadcasting network. It can be heard on radio and internet as well. You can also order DVDs of the programs. Visit www.priestsforlife.org/defendinglife for details.

Connect with us Online

We have an extensive online presence serving multiple needs of the pro-life community. Our main website is www.PriestsforLife.org, and there you will find the links to the various facets of our ministry. You'll be able to

Connect with us on Facebook

(www.priestsforlife.org/facebook),
 YouTube (www.priestsforlife.org/youtube)
 and Twitter

- Hear homilies Fr. Frank and the other priests have given (www.priestsforlife.org/audio) and watch our videos (www.priestsforlife.org/video).
- Sign up for our email alerts
- Send us your prayer requests (See our home page www.priestsforlife.org)
- Ask any question you have and get an answer! (www.AskFrFrank.com)



And much more... Follow Fr. Frank Pavone on Twitter
www.twitter.com/frfrankpavone



Please Pardon Our Pets!!!

Here at the Holiday Inn Irondale we have adopted the "Ladybug" as our pet. In recent years Birmingham has seen an increase in the "Ladybug" population however; it has been beneficial to us. Due to the benefits of what our pets provide us, they are protected by law and cannot be killed.

*This notice was in a hotel in Birmingham, AL.
 If we don't have the right to choose to kill a ladybug,
 why do we have the right to choose to kill a baby?*

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO? Cont...

Exercise Political Responsibility

The pro-life movement works across party lines and calls everyone to rediscover that the foundational principle of government is the right to life, and the duty of government to protect life. Moreover, if we want our public policies to be based on that principle, then it's necessary to participate in elections and in communicating with those who are elected. At www.PoliticalResponsibility.com, you can learn more about the many activities you, your family, your organization, and your church can take part in to make a difference in public policy. You can learn about how to register voters, find information about candidates, get people to the polls, and hold public officials' feet to the fire so that they deliver on their promises.

What happens to people after an abortion?

After my abortion I hemorrhaged, later to become infected. When I met the man I wanted to marry I found I would never be able to have other children. He wanted children, we did not marry....—Lavonia

I struggled to face the joy of others who became pregnant and the pain of holding a newborn baby was too much. Then I broke, yes literally had a nervous breakdown of hellish proportions, was hospitalized...—Karen

Eventually I got out of bed, but I battle depression to this day and have been suicidal many times in my life. I abused drugs and alcohol. I was very promiscuous but never enjoyed sex. I had very little self-worth and developed bulimia. I hated my parents and rebelled anyway I could.—Kelly

Read more at www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org/testimonies.



Fr. Frank Pavone with Norma McCorvey, the former "Jane Roe" of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Norma is now pro-life, and Fr. Pavone received her into the Catholic Church in 1998.

Father Frank A. Pavone

FR. FRANK PAVONE is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world. Originally from New York, he was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal John O'Connor. He is a priest of the Amarillo Diocese and serves full-time in pro-life leadership with his bishop's permission. In 1993 he became National Director of Priests for Life. He is also the President of the National Pro-life Religious Council, and the National Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and of Rachel's Vineyard, the world's largest ministry of healing after abortion. He travels throughout the country, to an average of four states every week, preaching and teaching against abortion. He produces programs regularly for religious and secular radio and television networks. He was asked by Mother Teresa to speak in India on the life issues, and has addressed the pro-life caucus of the United States House of Representatives. The Vatican appointed him to the Pontifical Council for the Family, which coordinates the pro-life activities of the Catholic Church. He also serves as a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life. He was present at the bedside of Terri Schiavo as she was dying and was an outspoken advocate for her life. He was invited by members of the Class of 2009 at Notre Dame to lead an alternate commencement ceremony for those students who refused to attend the ceremony in which President Obama was honored. Fr. Frank was invited by members of Congress to preach at the prayer service they had in the Capitol just prior to the vote on health care reform. He received the "Proudly Pro-life Award" by the National Right to Life Committee, and numerous other pro-life awards and honorary doctorates. Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade abortion decision, called Fr. Frank "the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church."



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