

# PRIESTS FOR LIFE

## Gospel of Life Ministries

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

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*Fr. Frank Pavone with Ennio Cardinal Antonelli, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family at a November 2009 meeting at the Vatican during which Fr. Frank updated the Cardinal about the Pro-Life movement in the United States.*

### “Terri’s Day” March 31

March 31, 2010 is the fifth anniversary of the murder of Terri Schiavo.

On that day, the Terri Schindler Schiavo Foundation ([www.TerrisFight.org](http://www.TerrisFight.org)), in collaboration with Priests for Life, again observes the “International Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Terri Schindler Schiavo, and All of Our Vulnerable Brothers and Sisters” (“Terri’s Day”).

This year, for the first time, Terri’s family is without the physical presence of Robert Schindler, Sr., who died on August 29, 2009.

During these weeks, we invite everyone to learn more about Terri, and to pray for all whose lives are threatened in the same way that hers was.

We invite Churches to hold memorial services and to educate their people on the dignity of every human life, despite disability or disease.

We invite educational institutions to help dispel the myths and inaccuracies about Terri’s life and death, and to contribute to a mature reflection on the ethical demands of caring for the weak and vulnerable.

We invite all people to use the resources on our website and to help us continue to draw good out of the sad and tragic way in which Terri was treated.

At [TerrisDay.org](http://TerrisDay.org), you will find prayers, outlines for memorial services, homily hints, and other suggested activities for this important observance.

### Recommended Book

#### *A Will to Live: Clear Answers on End of Life Issues* (from *The Shepherd’s Voice Series*)

*By Archbishop Jose Gomez, Archbishop of San Antonio*

Archbishop Jose Gomez explains what every Catholic needs to know in order to effectively and morally prepare for the inevitable death of our loved ones and ourselves. With changing values and modern medical technologies to deal with, this booklet explains how to approach end-of-life issues and prepare for death in a way consistent with our Catholic faith.

For more information and to order this book visit [www.priestsforlife.org/books](http://www.priestsforlife.org/books).

### Pro-Life Concerts Available

Our Priests are ready and waiting to come to your area to help advance the pro-life cause. Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA, has been with Priests for Life for nine years and is a concert pianist. Father feels a unique interest in relating music and pro-life ministry much as the heart is moved through beauty in life. Contact us to have Fr. Wilde come to your parish or school.



*Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA*

### Praise Corner

*“Just a note to let you know of our appreciation and thanks to Susan, and your staff in all the work you did to make Fr. Wilde’s visit to Minnesota so successful... His words made quite an impact on many people in our parish and community. I know that the many non-Catholics involved in this endeavor were very impressed with Fr. Wilde and the work of Priests for Life. It was great he had the opportunity to meet other Protestant clergy and they were happy to receive the clergy packets. We kept Fr. Wilde moving at a steady pace. We loved his energy and passion for life! God bless all of you for your dedicated work”. –Marlene*

### 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](http://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](mailto:subscribe@priestsforlife.org).**

## Blessed Margaret of Castello

Feast Day, April 13

Blessed Margaret of Castello was beatified on Oct. 19, 1609. She was born to a wealthy family, and when they saw that she was hunchback, dwarf, blind and lame, they were ashamed of her and kept her hidden from view. Eventually, to make sure nobody saw her condition, the family kept her enclosed in a prison-like cell. One day they took her to a Franciscan Shrine, but then abandoned her there.

Despite her miseries, Margaret was serene, cheerful and courageous. She found strength in prayer, in daily Mass, in Holy Communion, and eventually became a sister of the order of St. Dominic. She has become an inspiration to those who are discouraged and tempted to self-pity. Her story likewise provides a good examination of conscience. If we were around at the time of Blessed Margaret and knew that her family was keeping her in a cell, would we have spoken up for her?

Please join the Priests for Life family in helping to further the cause for her canonization by saying the following prayers. For more information visit [priestsforlife.org/margaretofcastello](http://priestsforlife.org/margaretofcastello).

### Prayer in Honor of Blessed Margaret of Castello

Father,  
Your care extends to every human person,  
No matter what afflictions they suffer,  
And you uphold the dignity of every human life,  
Regardless of the false ways that the world may calculate its value.

You gave us Blessed Margaret of Castello as a sign and a challenge.  
You permitted your glory to shine through her human weakness,  
And called those around her to love her  
Despite her physical limitations.

Forgive us when we fail to defend the least among us.  
Through the intercession of Blessed Margaret,  
Give us grace to speak up for the outcast  
and to welcome those who are rejected.

When this brief life is over,  
Grant that we who have welcomed all our brothers and sisters,  
May be welcomed by you into the life that never ends.  
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Pro-Life Prayers

Please join us at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org) and praying and promoting the following prayers:

March 31, 2010: Prayer in remembrance of Terri Schiavo

April 4 - May 12, 2010: Easter Prayer for Life

### Prayer Intentions

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

#### MARCH INTENTION:

That children may witness to their peers about the sanctity of life.

#### APRIL INTENTION:

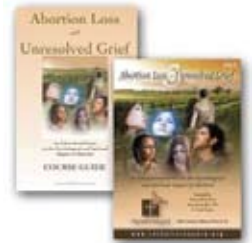
That religious, by their consecration, lead many to discover that true freedom is found in obedience.

## Order Key Pro-life Products

Order at [www.priestsforlife.org/store](http://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](mailto:orders@priestsforlife.org).

### 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.



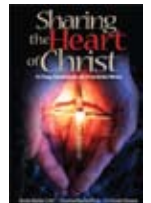
### Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief Course Guide

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.

### Sharing the Heart of Christ

By Kevin Burke, LSW, Theresa Burke, Ph.D., Fr. Frank Pavone

In this book, abortion is presented as a relational wound exploring the effects on Marriage and family life and special chapters address unique issues for clergy in their ministry. This book is for Priests, Deacons, Counselors and Laity in ministry to those suffering after abortion and in need of emotional and spiritual healing.



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