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In Defense of Father Frank Pavone and Priests for Life

An open letter to all U.S. Catholic Bishops

"The Negro cannot win ... if he is willing to sell the future of his children for his personal and immediate comfort and safety." — **Martin Luther King, Jr.** ("The Living King", *Ebony*, Vol. 41, No. 3, January 1986, Page 63.)

The **National Black Pro-Life Coalition (NBPLC)** is a network of **Pro-Life** and **Pro-Family** organizations committed to restoring a culture that celebrates Life and Family, cultivating Hope in the Black Community.

Abortion is the #1 cause of death in Black America. Abortion kills over 1,000 Black babies everyday. Black children are aborted at a rate 3 to 5 times higher than any other people group. Over 15 million Black American lives have been lost since 1973. Out of 653,071 annual deaths in Black America, the most common cause of death is Planned Parenthood and their abortuaries that target us.

Understanding that no people group is more impacted by the incontestable evil of abortion than Black America, like **Father Frank Pavone**, we are "completely dedicated to the defense of the pre-born. There is no issue more important. No tragedy more profound. There is no mission with a more urgent priority than stopping the killing of children."

On several occasions we have joined hands with **Father Frank Pavone** to end the dismemberment of children inside the womb of their own mother. In particular we are indebted to **Father Frank Pavone** and the ministry of Priest for Life for their role in the Pro-Life Freedom rides. The Freedom rides communicated a determined and desperately needed Pro-Life message to communities of color.

In his Wednesday, August 28th, 1963 "I Have A Dream" speech, Dr. **Martin Luther King Jr.** said: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." With the very survival of our people firmly in our minds and in our hearts, we strongly and steadfastly voice our support for **Father Frank Pavone** and request his immediate restoration as the **National Director, Priests for Life and Missionaries of the Gospel of Life on a full time basis.**

Sincerely,

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