



# NEWSLETTER



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### NEWS

Congratulations to our incoming officers who were installed in July and will be guiding us through the next year of our Assembly. We are especially grateful to Father Melvin for assuming the position of Faithful Friar. We understand this commitment will result in more time in his already busy schedule, and we thank him for making us a part of his ministry. We also wish to thank Father Tom Hanus for his past work as Faithful Friar, and ask God to protect him as he continues his journey.

Our next meeting will be on August 10, in Caldwell. As noted in a previous e-mail from our new Faithful Navigator Adrien Drouilhet, there will not be a meal, but beverages will be available. Should come in handy on these hot and dry August days. You will need to bring your own Koozie, or be prepared to drink fast. There will be plenty to discuss, as we formulate our plan for the future.

Another potential casualty of the COVID situation, are the Catholic Schools in our country. It seems we can finance just about anything in our COVID bills, except when it comes to our Catholic schools. Just a little paragraph below in an email from "Catholic Vote" to let you see what is happening.

"The U.S. Bishops [are supporting the School Choice Act](#), which would provide emergency funding in the COVID relief bill to organizations giving scholarships to Catholic school students. Their plan has the backing of the Trump administration already. The only thing standing in the way are congressional Democrats. "

We need to pray that those representatives who oppose this funding will come to their senses.

## Fr. Frank Pavone Announces Full Support for Pro-life Candidates, Calls for Unprecedented Election Effort for Next 100 Days

Titusville, FL – On Sunday, July 26, which marked the 100-day point until the completion of Elections 2020, Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, issued the following statement:

“With 100 days left until Election Day, November 3, 2020, I call upon all of my fellow patriots who embrace pro-life and conservative principles to put aside, as much as possible, all other activities and to make it their first priority, as it will be mine, to re-elect President Trump, to give him a Republican House and Senate, and to elect Republicans on the state and local level as well.

“Along with all my brothers and sisters in Christ, I affirm that my platform is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I also affirm that the Democrat Party, in the principles and policies it embraces, has radically abandoned that Gospel, as well as the principles on which America was founded and Western Civilization rests.

“It is no exaggeration to say that everything we’ve worked for, as a Church, a nation, and a pro-life, pro-family movement, is on the line in these next 100 days. This is a spiritual battle and no less than a civil war. We have to be all in, publicly, unapologetically, and with crystal clarity.

“A Democrat victory would bring the holocaust of abortion, paid for by taxpayers, to unprecedented levels, taking away every restriction, even on infanticide; it would destroy our nation, bringing us socialism and open borders; it would replace law and order with mob rule and depleted law enforcement; it would deprive the Church of the freedom to conduct her mission and instead subject ministries to oppressive mandates, as Biden has already promised; it would destroy the family and any public protection for it; it would ruin our economy, ensnare us in destructive international agreements, and allow China to pursue its destructive agenda; it would fill the courts with judges who tear up the Constitution rather than apply it; it would roll back the protections President Trump has put in place for the consciences of healthcare workers, student on campus, and children who want to pray in school.

“And that’s just the beginning of the woes.

“We have to be able to read the signs of the times, and understand the stark differences between the Democrat and Republican parties. These are not merely difference of policy, but of principle. These are not two parties choosing different means to get to the same goal. They have radically different and irreconcilable goals. Only by choosing the Republican candidates can we preserve the values we hold as Americans and believers. That is not the canonization of a party; it is simply the recognition of who our friends and enemies in the political realm are at this point in time.

“Our President and the Republican candidates are standing for America as an exceptional nation, for our Constitution and the rule of law, for the protection of the unborn, for pro-life judges, for parental rights and school choice, for a strong military, strong but welcoming borders, and a strong economy, for fair trade deals, for the rights of pastors to preach the Word of God freely and of all believers – domestically and around the world – to conduct their affairs without discrimination against their faith; for strong and ethical healthcare, and for many more policies that protect rather than abandon our principles.

“Along with countless others, I am ashamed and disgusted at the silence and lack of leadership by so many of the Churches. They have made themselves irrelevant, failing to preach on the issues of the day and using the lame excuse of political neutrality, and a desire to promote “unity,” to hide in the sanctuary instead of engage the public square while the Democrats destroy the unity on which this nation and the Church are founded. Moreover, many Church leaders try to intimidate and silence those of us who are not afraid to pass moral judgment in matters of politics, and to name the enemy. It is a disgrace, and it is time for believers to take matters into their own hands, link arms and hearts with fellow believers, and engage in new and creative ways to proclaim and apply the Gospel teachings to this moment in history.

“So I stand proudly today with our President, and with Republican candidates all across this land, as we take back our country.

“I am inspired today by two pastors. **Blessed Cardinal Clemens von Galen**, who died in 1946, preached fearlessly against the Nazi regime and its oppression of human life and religious freedom. He was not afraid to name and fight the political threat that was right before his eyes.

“And **Pastor John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg**, in his sermon of January 21, 1776, declared, *“In the language of the Holy Writ, there is a time for all things.* There is a time to preach and a time to fight. And now is the time to fight.” He then threw off his clerical robes to reveal the uniform of an officer in the Continental Army. Drums began to roll, men kissed their wives, and they walked down the aisle to enlist. The next day, Pastor Muhlenberg led 300 men of his church and surrounding churches to join General Washington’s Continental Army.

“What we are fighting for in this election is no less fundamental than what our Founding Fathers fought for; the principles at stake are the same. As they did, we must for these next 100 days, and indeed for life, “pledge ... our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor” (Conclusion of the Declaration of Independence).

“As we devote ourselves totally to this task in these next 100 days, I invite my fellow patriots to work closely with the pro-life, conservative and political groups of their choice, to connect with their local Republican Party offices and candidate campaigns, and to connect with me and my team at [www.ProLifeVote.com](http://www.ProLifeVote.com).”

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