

A Note from Dr. Deal Hudson

Dear Supporter of Priests for Life:

I've been given this opportunity to tell you a wonderful story about how Father Pavone, Janet Morana, and the entire PFL staff had a decisive influence on the outcome of 2016 election.

Let me, however, make it clear from the outset: *No priest or religious had more impact on the Catholic and pro-life voters than Father Frank Pavone. And no Catholic organization had more impact than Priests for Life.*

To be perfectly candid, it's not even a close call!

As you know, the primary had several good pro-life candidates, but long before any other pro-life leader made a public statement of trust in Donald Trump's pro-life position, Father Pavone took the lead, because he realized there was only one pro-life candidate who could win the White House. And, yes, there was quite a bit of criticism leveled at Father and Priests for Life.

Having been able to watch this process firsthand, I can tell you it wasn't an easy stance to take, but Father Pavone took it courageously with his characteristic modesty. Both he and Janet Morana were among the first to be placed on the Trump/Pence Catholic Advisory Committee, though all of their outreach effort remained aimed at pro-life voters with a pro-life message.

Since I was in charge of the Catholic Outreach for President George W. Bush in both his national elections, I have some experience of these contentious election campaigns. I know the cost that can be paid, but Father Pavone, his staff, and you PFL supporters remained faithful to the cause in spite of the criticism and, sadly, the attacks. And now that the pro-life candidates have won, those attacks will not abate, but, most likely, will continue and grow louder.

Yet, Priests for Life is now in a unique position to turn its nationwide support into a long-term political force, with a single mission -- *to protect the unborn through political participation.* Such an effort cannot be partisan and it cannot be founded on any single administration, but presidents come and go, party leadership also changes.

What Priests for Life represents does not change, and what we build together cannot be subject to the political climate. It must endure.

I hope you will do whatever you can to help Priests for Life not only to maintain its present, and historic, effectiveness but also support the effort to create a permanent outreach network that can be used to promote the pro-life cause throughout the year and in every election cycle.

As someone who has been in this political arena for over 20 years, I can testify to the fact of how very badly it's needed, and that only Father Pavone and Priests for Life can fill meet that need.

Please continue to help us.

With prayers of gratitude,

Deal W. Hudson