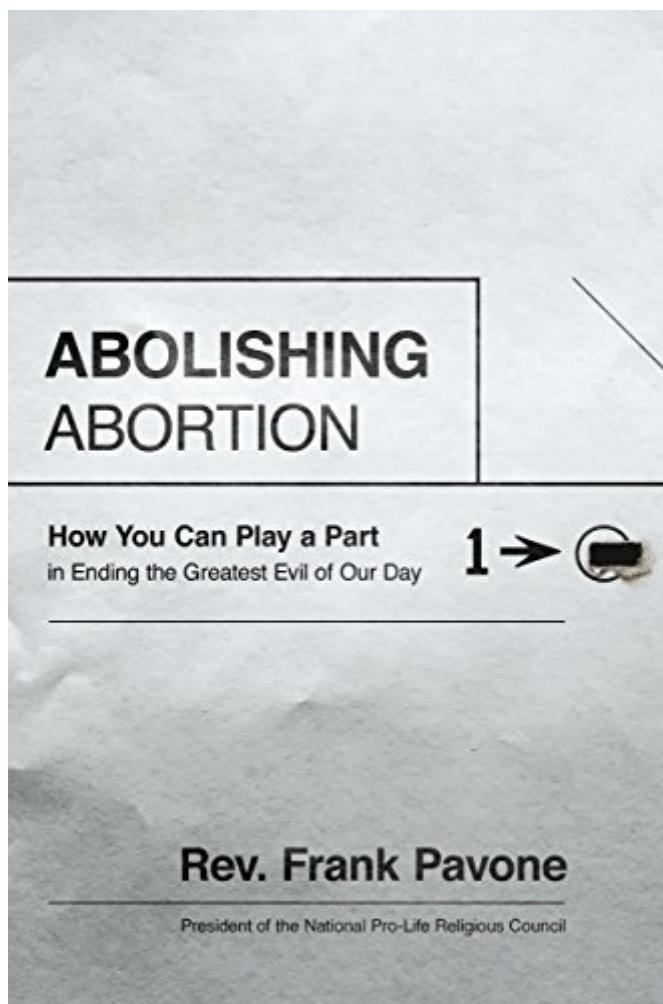


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Abolishing Abortion: How You Can Play A Part In Ending The Greatest Evil Of Our Day



Synopsis

The struggle against abortion in our nation has been going on a long time. Sometimes it seems like an evil that will never go away. People want to get involved in the fight, but it feels futile, and increasingly the culture tells Christians to stay out of politics. Longtime activist Rev. Frank Pavone counters this frustrated mindset with challenge, encouragement, plain facts, and a healthy dose of strategy. He explores biblical, moral, historical, and legal reasons Christians belong in the public square and challenges both churches and individual Christians to full engagement. Pavone argues convincingly that the battle against abortion not only can be won, but must be won. The soul of our nation depends on it.

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In *Abolishing Abortion*, Fr. Frank Pavone presents a ringing indictment of abortion, showing it to be destructive not only of the innocent unborn child, but also of the mother, father, and

family of the child as well as society as a whole. Throughout the book, he draws upon the principles advanced by our Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence to show that abortion is un-American, as it infringes upon our most fundamental right to life. Towards the end of the book, Fr. Pavone quotes Scripture to show that abortion is the exact opposite of love. Fr. Frank introduces the reader to the many ways in which both clergy and laity can work to end abortion. As a beginning step, he encourages one to repent of the fear and cowardice that has thus far prevented one from becoming involved in the mission to end abortion. To succeed in the fight against abortion, embracing neutrality or agreeing to disagree is not an acceptable option. Drawing upon the Golden Rule, Fr. Frank urges one to have courage, take great risks and make sacrifices in order to save the lives of the weakest and most dependent and vulnerable members of society, namely, the unborn children in the womb. In the mission to end abortion, Fr. Frank encourages clerical leaders and laity to cooperate in advancing the Gospel of life into the political arena, which is consistent with Second Vatican Council's recommendation that the Catholic Church should pass moral judgment on matters related to politics. The ways of getting involved include preaching pro-life sermons from the pulpit and distributing pro-life leaflets and voter education materials during election time. Fr. Frank discusses how the Johnson Amendment and IRS interpretations have created a chilling effect on some dioceses who are unwilling to get involved politically in the fight against abortion for fear of losing their federal tax exempt status. Fr. Frank, however, sets the record straight on this issue by proving that the Johnson Amendment and the attending IRS interpretations are too vague to be practically enforced. One effective method which Fr. Frank recommends for shaping public opinion against abortion is the use of graphic imagery in photographs and videos to show that abortion is an act of violence against the innocent unborn child. Another recommended approach is to reframe the abortion debate from a conflict between mother and her unborn child to a conflict between the family and an unscrupulous, unregulated abortion industry. Fr. Frank introduces the reader to Rachel's Vineyard, as well as the Silent No More Awareness Campaign sponsored by Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life, showing how the abortion industry has hurt women and caused them to suffer emotionally and psychologically. At the same time, Fr. Frank emphasizes the need to impress upon women who are suffering from abortion that the pro-life movement is ever willing to embrace them with love and compassion. I highly recommend Fr. Frank's excellent book, the ultimate pro-life manifesto. Recently, protests have been launched across the nation to defund Planned Parenthood. Fr. Frank's book hit the book stores at the right time. This fine book will, no doubt, increase the momentum of the pro-life movement.

Father Frank starts his case with the Constitution, in which it says all of us have "inalienable rights from our Creator to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", putting life first and foremost, then liberty and finally the pursuit of happiness. This applies to all human life. The calling the unborn as not a person is mere semantics so as to justify our position on pro-choice. But that is not what the Constitution really says--all life (esp. human) is a right by our very nature and not to be taken away. Next the topic of churches being tax-exempt organizations is pretty implicit in the tax code. Only twice has Congress done anything that might limit this. The main focus is the Johnson Amendment which tries to restrict any church from trying to influence how its congregation might vote. Since then, only one church was ever called and threatened with its tax exempt status, and only for one day, since a church is tax exempt by nature. What has generally happened, bishops have warned their church to follow, such as no voter's guide distributions, any preaching that might be interpreted as leading their flock to vote in a particular way, distribution of outside group political guides. Just their publication on voting with a clear conscience. However, the IRS is not likely to challenge one's tax exempt status under the Johnson Amendment, because this would mean drawing some boundaries for a law that may even be illegal to begin with. Finally, the book deals with how abortion is discrimination against the unborn, comparing it to slavery, race, gender, etc. Eventually the courts will get this right. Compare to the Kermit Gosnell trial, and the advances in science that show a beating heart, the development of feet, hands, head at a very early age. Also, they have shown that the unborn can actually be feeling pain at a very early age, leading to restrictions in some states as to no abortions after so 20 weeks, with the hope of eventually eliminating all abortion. Father Frank concludes by giving programs developed by Priests for Life, such as forgoing those who have had an abortion and the healing process. Gives a strong case for life at all stages.

For people who are undecided about the issue of abortion in our country today, Fr Frank Pavone presents a compelling case for them not only to stand up for the human rights of the preborn child, but also provides concrete suggestions which will lead to the eventual end of this practice which not only takes the life of a human person, but also seriously and permanently damages the baby's mother as well.

This is a "must read" for all in America who want to preserve their liberty. Fr. Pavone shows us how to learn from the past and March forward to change the culture of death to LIFE and save our country. Lots of practical suggestions. Read it and give it to your pastor and beg him to read it

before he loses his ability to speak the gospel from his church.

It is a profoundly to the point of how the church and state have to interact in order to end this devastation of babies.

Absolutely an excellent book. Great for anyone who is pro life or who is pro choice and wants to read the truth.

An excellent call to action to stop the industry that promotes murder of innocent humans.

Great book by Father Frank Pavone!

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