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Dear [REDACTED]

I'm writing to you instead of Father Frank, who is still confined to a convent in Amarillo, because there are things you need to know that Father simply will not say because of his deep respect for the Church, and especially the office of the bishop.

While I share that respect for all lawful Church authority, I think it only fair and just to give you all the information I can so that you have a clear understanding of what's going on.

The first thing I want you to know is that Father is bearing up surprisingly well. I use the word "surprisingly" only because Father, as you know, is a whirlwind of activity. He's forever on the road preaching the Gospel of Life in as many as four states a week! He's a prolific writer. And always willing to make himself available to anyone in the pro-life movement who calls on his assistance.

Right now, apart from the writing – which keeps him up till all hours of the night – he can't do any of that. Out of humble obedience to his bishop, Father is staying put.

But apart from his inability to travel, he's as engaged in the fight to end abortion as he's ever been.

And that's why I'm writing to you today.

I'm not going to take up a lot of your time but like I just said, I have some important information to give you ... and an urgent request to make of you. You can probably guess what my request will be.

But first, here's a detailed accounting of Father's situation with his bishop.

Let me begin by telling you that almost everything you've read or heard about Father and his bishop is not true. Believe me, I know. I've been following all the blogs, internet postings, newspaper articles and everything else. It's shocking to read the flat out lies and total fabrications being reported by many in the mainstream news media.

What has been far more disheartening and painful to me, however, are the things being written about Father from those we all considered our friends and comrades in the pro-life movement. I have no idea what is motivating these individuals to repeat the half-truths coming out of Amarillo.

In any case, I've enclosed an Op-Ed piece that I wrote for the Amarillo Globe News that you need to read. If you want, you can read a more detailed accounting on the Priests for Life website: [www.priestsforlife.org/update](http://www.priestsforlife.org/update). As one of Priests for Life's most loyal and most generous supporters, [REDACTED] you deserve to have as much information as possible about what's going on. So please read my Op-Ed. Then, if you have any questions, call me and we can discuss them.

Okay, that's the information I have for you. Now here's my request.

As you can imagine, with all that's being said and written about Father, a lot of our Priests for Life supporters are confused. They really don't know what they're supposed to do or how they're supposed to act. And again, much of this confusion has been sown by our supposed friends!

Be that as it may, the bottom line in all this is that a fairly large number of our supporters have decided to hold off on sending contributions to Priests for Life until this matter is resolved. But there's no telling how long the bishop will keep Father in Amarillo. And as long as Father is there, contributions to Priests for Life will continue to lag and our work suffer.

This breaks my heart. That's because, thanks to Father's leadership and your dedication, Priests for Life has become the voice and face of the pro-life movement in America. If we can't continue in that role, who will pay the price?

Not me. Not you. Not Father Frank. Not Bishop Zurek.

The ones who will suffer the most will be the tens and hundreds of thousands of innocent children who will be slaughtered in legal abortions.

That's why I'm writing to you as I am.

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Priests for Life needs a massive infusion of contributions and we need it now!

In telling you this let me assure you that Priests for Life is NOT about to shut down. I know that's the goal of a lot of people involved in this whole mess. But it's not going to happen. All of our projects are moving forward. All of our programs are in full swing. Our Pastoral Team is on the road as much as ever. No one on staff has been let go. If anything, everyone here at Priests for Life is more committed to winning the battle than ever; if that's even possible.

Still, while you and the bulk of our supporters are sticking with us, there are many who have withdrawn their support due to the uncertainty that's been created in their minds ... uncertainty about mere suspicions, with no specificity.

That said, here's what I'm asking you to do today ... begging would be a better word.

The best thing we can do for Father Frank right now is, first, to pray for him every day; and second, to make sure that when he comes back to New York he'll find Priests for Life as strong and vibrant as ever!

That said, the favor I'm asking of you in this letter is to make as generous a contribution as you possibly can to Priests for Life ... and that you rush me your gift today.

What I'm trying to do is give Father an unexpected Thanksgiving Day gift.

That gift would be a phone call telling him that you and your fellow Priests for Life family members pitched in and helped Priests for Life raise the \$676,618 that Father asked you to help Priests for Life raise in a letter he sent you just before he was to celebrate Priests for Life's 20th Anniversary with a special Mass in San Francisco back in October. Of course, we had to cancel that celebration when Bishop Zurek restricted Father's ministry to the Amarillo diocese.

I'm confident that if you give as much as you can, that together you and I and the other diehards in our Priests for Life family can raise that \$676,618.

As Senior Vice President at Priests for Life, I can tell you that now is the moment for each one of us to step to the plate and show those who are out to destroy Father Frank and Priests for Life that we're not going anywhere! We have a war to win! We are on a mission to end legalized abortion-on-demand in America! And we're not going anywhere until we win that fight! Our unborn brothers and sisters are counting on us!

And so today I beg you to re-dedicate yourself to the cause of life.

Let your prayers and your special Thanksgiving Day gift be a sign of your renewed commitment to the fight to end abortion and win for the youngest members of our human family their unalienable RIGHT TO LIFE!!!

Please do this. If ever Father Frank needed you, he needs you now.

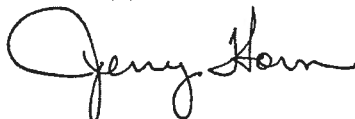
The enemies of life are working furiously to destroy Priests for Life. They are hoping to drive a wedge between you and Father Frank so that they can keep abortion-on-demand the law of the land. Father is working as hard as ever to thwart them. But it's becoming more and more difficult as the economy continues to sap Priests for Life of the dollars we need to carry on the fight.

A gift from you today would be a huge help and provide much relief.

So please take a moment right now to send Priests for Life a special Thanksgiving Day gift that Father Frank will use to lead the People of Life to victory over the powers of evil and the culture of death!

Thank you and may God truly bless you for your willingness to help defend and protect His defenseless, innocent unborn children.


Sincerely yours in the Love of Christ,



Jerry Horn, Senior Vice President  
Priests for Life

P. S. If you'd like, along with your special Thanksgiving Day gift, use the space at the bottom of the enclosed sheet of my letterhead to write Father Frank a note. I know for a fact that he would really appreciate hearing from you because you mean more to him than you know. It would make his Thanksgiving a truly memorable one. On behalf of Father Frank, thank you again for your help. I cannot overstate how urgently it's needed right now.

**Jerry G. Horn**  
Senior Vice President ♦ Priests for Life

 Use this sheet of my letterhead to send Priests for Life your special Thanksgiving Day gift. And don't forget to write Father Frank a note of encouragement and support if you'd like to. As I told you in my letter, I know Father would appreciate very much hearing from you. Thank you for being such a loyal friend to Father and such a great member of our Priests for Life family. God bless.

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Jerry:

As a sign of my support for Father Frank, my commitment to the cause of life, and my unwavering belief that God has raised up Priests for Life to lead the People of Life to victory over abortion, here is a special Thanksgiving Day contribution. My tax-deductible gift is for:

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 If you prefer to use your credit card, please complete the following:

\_\_VISA \_\_MASTERCARD \_\_AMERICAN EXPRESS \_\_DISCOVER

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*Note to Father:*

# AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

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## SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT IN DISPUTE Guest Columnist - Jerry Horn

For over a month now a tremendous amount of misinformation has been spread across the country about Father Frank Pavone and Priests for Life. In the interest of fairness the editors have offered us the opportunity to set the record straight and we thank them.

This whole matter was made public because of the unauthorized release of a letter written by Bishop Zurek to his brother bishops on September 9, 2011 in which numerous unsubstantiated suspicions were cast against Priests for Life and Father Pavone.

First, we want to reiterate unequivocally that all of this should have remained a *private matter* between Bishop Zurek and Father Pavone. Indeed, Priests for Life has gone to great lengths to avoid any public statements except when absolutely necessary—such as now. We have encouraged our supporters to be calm, respectful, and *prayerful* as they voice their opinions.

Yet when we refrain from making public statements, we are accused by some in the media of trying to “hide” information. Despite these unfair charges, we will continue to be cautious about what we say to the press, refusing to publicly fight bishops, even if it means that some complain that we withhold information.

Second, Father Pavone has asked the Bishop on numerous occasions for the assistance of a mediator to resolve these matters (the first being September 16, the latest October 13th). Why mediation? Because past communication with the bishop



has regrettably proven unproductive and confused. At this point, trust is so low and confusion so high, that a mediator is absolutely necessary *at least in the initial stage*, in order to clarify the expectations of all parties involved.

Third, it has been asserted that Priests for Life and Father Pavone have not been transparent about financial management. In its defense, Priests for Life released a comprehensive list of 43 financial and internal management documents provided to Bishop Zurek over the years and has posted its 2010 audit on the Priests for Life website. The audit has evoked media criticism because it reports a loss of almost \$1.4 million in 2010. But 2010 was a difficult year for *everyone*; most non-profit organizations in the U.S. showed a sharp decrease in income in 2010. Unlike many of these groups, Priests for Life did *not* cut back on its programs, and did not slash and burn its budget or fire any of its employees. Priests for Life instead attempted to “stick out” the bad times—and the strategy has worked. In 2011 so far, Priests for Life is in the black.

With the exception of 2010, Priests for Life has grown each year since 2000 (peaking at \$12 million in 2009). That’s a pretty impressive record, considering the brutal economic climate. In fact, it’s a lot better than the growth numbers posted by the newspaper industry, the auto industry, Wall Street, and the U.S. government! Amidst suspicions of “financial mismanagement,” many in the media seem to conveniently ignore this point.

Along these lines, one of the reasons for Priests for Life’s success is that we always foster *unity* within the pro-life movement, constantly assisting other pro-life organizations—especially those that need financial help. Rachel’s

Vineyard, for example, as the largest post-abortion healing ministry in the world, has helped tens of thousands of women and men overcome the emotional and spiritual harm they suffer from abortion. Yet, without the help of Priests for Life this effort could not continue as it now does.

But does helping these ministries make Priests for Life’s “finances” look any better? Of course not! It would be much less costly to stop assisting Rachel’s Vineyard, but then tens of thousands of people would continue to suffer without help. The media and some in the Church criticize Priests for Life for sharing resources with groups like this—to its own financial detriment—but they really should be applauding.

Finally, a recent article in this paper raised an issue regarding Priests for Life’s status within the Catholic Church. Priests for Life was recognized as a “Private Association of the Christian Faithful” by Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco on April 30th 1991 and has operated as such to this day. It is recognized as a valid apostolate to which bishops and religious superiors assign their priests and invite us to their dioceses; it is recognized by the Vatican, which actively collaborates with it, and by bishops and Cardinals who join our advisory board.

Despite the present difficulties, we at Priests for Life remain confident that once all these issues are dealt with fairly, a resolution will come quickly. More importantly, we will be able to move full speed ahead in the most important work in the world—spreading the Gospel of Life!

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