

Right after the **Barrack Obama** victory in the US elections, **Fr. Frank Pavone** organized a post election telecast to discuss Pro-life strategies. The telecast featured input from various Pro-life leaders. The purpose was for each leader to share his/ her perspective in light of the election results.

You can listen to an **mp3** of this teleconference by clicking on this link:

<http://www.instantteleseminar.com/?eventid=4819845>

One cannot but be impressed to see how the various Pro-life movements in the US can work together and compliment each other. Below is a summary of the teleconference.

Michael Schwartz (not sure of the spelling) is Chief of Staff for Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn. Michael is also a key political strategist for the Pro-life movement. He provided a political perspective to the Obama win as well as the general results of the November 4th election. In Michael's opinion, the results were not as bad as some people think, and could have been much worse. He recommends putting emphasis of Pro-life activities at the State legislative level in the next few years.

Peggy Harshorn from <http://www.heartbeatinternational.org> the largest pro-life pregnancy centers in the US. She stresses the importance of ensuring that women are clearly informed of the choices they have when faced with an unwanted pregnancy, and that the consequences of each choice should be clearly out there. If this were the case, women would realize the abortion is the worst choice possible.

Joseph Sheidler (from <http://prolifeaction.org/>) is a Pro-life activist with considerable experience in taking the fight against abortion to the streets in a consistent and organized way. Political victory in terms of Pro-life legislation can only take place once the fight for the minds and hearts is won. Joe stresses the importance of sidewalk counseling following appropriate training in fostering such a one on one conversion process. We will eventually win this battle because we all have our souls imprinted with a will that seeks truth and goodness.

David Bereit from (<http://40daysforlife.com/>) talked about the recent **40 Days for Life** campaign which just ended before the US elections. *"Our hope is in Jesus Christ and not in any politician...We are Christ's soldiers fighting a spiritual battle one soul and one baby at a time."* During the campaign tens of thousands of spiritual warriors in 179 cities (US and Canada) took to the streets to create a constructive tension that will eventually necessitate change. The campaign had tangible results with 543 confirmed babies saved (including 3 in Ottawa), abortion mill workers quitting their jobs, and even some abortion facilities closing down. This was not because of any politician or law, but because of faithful people trusting in God and willing to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Everyone is looking forward to the spring **40 Days for Life** campaign.

Janet Morana (<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>) talked about her organization of women and men who have endured great suffering in the aftermath of having their baby aborted. There are millions of such individuals suffering silently who desperately need healing through her ministry and Rachel's Vineyard (<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>). Outreach activities to contact such suffering

individuals must continue and an increase in their visible presence at Pro-life rallies is important in spreading awareness of the long term agonizing effects of abortion.

Brad Mattes (<http://www.lifeissues.org/>). A crucial and central element in converting hearts and minds is education and passing on the knowledge. **Life Issues** has weekly TV and radio program focusing on how to save pre-born babies. There is a wealth of information available on fetal development and other Pro-life issues which is included on fabulous Web sites (some of which are embedded in this document). It is crucial to pass on this information to the media and clergy in particular if we are to have an effect on our culture. An effective way of communicating this knowledge is by sending the links via e-mail distribution lists.
"We may have lost the election battle, but we will win the war for life...we must keep praying".

Dan McConchie is with **Americans United for Life** (<http://www.aul.org/>) Most of the legislative decisions to restrict abortions are done at the State and not National level. Thus because of increased awareness of the evil of abortion (brought about by education and campaigns such as **40 Days for Life**), we are seeing more laws restricting abortion passed at the State legislative level. Through the Website <http://www.aulaction.org/>, AUL will in the next few months develop a facility by which individuals can contact their State representative on any pending piece of pro-life legislation. It is much easier to contact and get a response from a State rep. than a congressman in Washington. In the wake of the Obama win, AUL has developed the following site: <http://www.fightfoca.com/>. The purpose is to mobilize efforts against Obama's promise to enact the Freedom of Choice Act (**FOCA**) – which would put an end to any restrictions on abortion if passed.

Pro-life Youth Groups:

Bryan Kemper (<http://www.standtrue.com/>) .

Kristan Hawkins (<http://www.studentsforlife.org/>)

Matt Lockett (<http://bound4life.com/>)

Today's youth are getting more and more Pro-life because they realize that they are abortion survivors, and therefore feel called to be spokespersons for those who have no voice.... the unborn. A good percentage of abortions take place among women on campuses, and hence the need for increased presence of Pro-life groups among the students. All these youth group reps were thoroughly impressed by the success of the **40 Days for Life** campaign and some indicate they will emulate the practice of prayer and fasting in the future.

Here is the link to a strategic **Plan to End Abortion** drawn up with input from many Pro-life leaders:

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/articles/strategic-plan.pdf>

Nothing has changed following the Obama electoral victory except the need for more trust in God through vigorous dedication as well as prayer and fasting.

Also article by Fr. Frank Pavone on **Ten Reasons We Are Winning:**

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/articles/ten-reasons.pdf>

This is something of which the Pro-life forces need to be reminded so that they not loose heart because of temporary setbacks or disappointments. We are there for the long haul and our final victory is assured.