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OREMUS COMMUNICATIONS MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone. From February 21st to Sunday the 24th, Pope Francis and the Bishops throughout the world met in Rome to address the clergy abuse scandal in the Catholic church. In his closing statement, The Holy Father outlined a number of strategies for ending violence against children. He recommended the "Best Practices" formulated by the world health organization and 10 international bodies. As a cornerstone for dealing with the problem, a range of presenters from Cardinals to other Bishops, Religious Sisters, Lay Women spoke about a code of conduct for Bishops, the need to establish and handle accusations against bishops, user-friendly mechanisms, and the essential rule transparency must play in the process. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, President of the USCCB (www.usccb.org) stated on February 24 that to achieve these goals will require the active involvement and collaboration of the laity. In sum, he went on to say that "all of these models for reform discussed at the meeting will rely on the good help and prayers of God's people."

Oremus Communications (OC) supports the USCCB in their efforts to eradicate sex abuse by the clergy through our prayerful programs at www.oremuscomms.com. We are reminded by St. Jacinta, one of the three children of Fatima, to pray for sinners, priests and religious. "Priests should concern themselves only with the things of the Church, and priests must be very, very pure. Disobedience of priests and religious to their superiors displeases our Lord very much." OC will add our prayers to those of our prayer partners to put this scandal behind us and go forward.

In other events, Deb Piroch was our guest on the Family Rosary Program on the 12th. She is the Communications Director for Human Life International (HLI). She covered a number of topics including the education of the clergy about the Human Life issue, teaching about the evils of Planned Parenthood, abortifacients, assisted suicide, and stem cell research. For more information, go to <https://www.hli.org/> and subscribe to their weekly newsletter.

OC was pleasantly surprise by the warm welcome that we received from the Men's Gospel Forum Group at the Church of the Resurrection in Fort Myers, FL in early February. OC looks forward to praying in union with our new friends in Florida.

Once again, Carl Malburg, Representative of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Foundation was at his best on February 19 where he spoke about religious oppression, especially, in the Middle East; the crisis in Venezuela; and the beginning of the 40 Days for Life Campaign at the start of Lent. Charlie DeFeo spoke of these same things and more when he appeared as guest co-host on Friday, February 22 (one can experience these insightful broadcasts by going to the archives page on our website).

On Sunday, February 24, Pennsylvanians for Human Life (PHL) held their annual Celebrate Life Banquet, featuring guest speaker Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life in America. She delivered an inspirational and upbeat message, especially, to young people urging them to keep up the momentum for the promotion of the Culture of Life in today's world. Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Philadelphia delivered the Invocation before dinner was served. OC had the good fortune of meeting and talking with Reverend Fitzgerald, and we hope to have him as a future guest. Bryan Gail, author of the best selling trilogy, "Childless, Fatherless, and Motherless", and a leader in the organization founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Knights of the Immaculata (<http://missionimmaculata.com>) met with Tony McGinley and Charlie DeFeo. OC expects to have Mr. Gail as one of our co-hosts at a future date. (St. Maximilian is the Patron Saint for OC.)

In March, we anticipate a large gathering at the annual Philly Man Up Conference, being held this year at Neumann College on Saturday, March 9. We will be sure to talk about the highlights of this gathering in our April newsletter. Don't forget to put on your calendar the Pro-Life Movie "Unplanned" starting on March 29 in area theatres. The film tells the story of Abby Johnson, former administrator at Planned Parenthood, and her conversion to the Culture of Life.

Don't forget that Saturday, March 2 is the first Saturday of the month, and Ash Wednesday begins on March 6. Carl Malburg will be guest co-host again on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph; followed by Charlie DeFeo on Friday, March 29. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue our efforts to make a spiritual difference around the world.

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Picture on the Left: Tony McGinley and Bryan Gail at the Annual Pennsylvanians for Human Life dinner on Sunday, March 24.

Picture on the Right: A salute to OC by the Men's Gospel Forum Group at the Church of the Resurrection in Fort Myers, FL in early February.

