

Pro-Life Initiative Launches on Roe v. Wade 40th Anniversary

Priests for Life launched a new pro-life initiative Tuesday, the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions.

is based on a basic principle of social reform as well as a basic biblical exhortation.

"The project is simple: At , I will share with you one quote a day that exposes the horror of **abortion**," Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, explained. "It may be a quote from a past or current abortion provider, or a court case, or someone who has had an abortion, or some other source. These short quotes will open people's eyes, often make them gasp in horror, and enable them to awaken the consciences of their neighbors to what abortion really is.

"The project is based on my conviction that a real debate on abortion hasn't even begun in our nation, because the two sides often talk past each other. Before discussing whether abortion is right or wrong or should be legal or illegal, we have to focus on what it is and what it does. Then we can be sure the opposing sides are discussing the same thing, and then the rest of the discussion can get started.

"In social reform movements that uproot deeply embedded societal evils, the victim is always visualized. If we don't see the victim, we don't see the violence, and we are not moved to stop the violence.

"And in Scripture, we are told by St. Paul, 'Have nothing to

do with the fruitless works of darkness; rather, expose them!'"