

## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BROADCASTS ABOUT ISSUES (Daily Broadcast)

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<b>Update on the Pro-Life Movement - I</b>	<b>Jun 1</b>	<b>(C3) US only</b>	<b>28:30</b>
<p>Dr. James Dobson introduces today's broadcast guests; Frank Pavone, who has been the National Director for Priests for Life since 1993; Father Robert Sirico (by phone), President and co-founder of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, and pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Kalamazoo, MI; and pastor &amp; author Jim Garlow (by phone), from Skyline Wesleyan Church in La Mesa, CA. Pastor Garlow was instrumental in the Proposition 8 victory last year in California, and is in Washington D. C. receiving a <i>Watchman on the Wall Award</i> from the Family Research Council for his work on Proposition 8. Today we will share and explain good news occurring within the pro-life movement. This subject is highly relevant right now, because something dramatic is happening in regard to public opinion as it relates to life and death in the womb. Dr. Dobson remembers Terri Schiavo who was deprived of food and water until she died, due to a brain injury in which her husband and the authorities rendered her as having a poor quality of life. Dr. Dobson states that the Gallop poll released in May 2009 showed that more Americans are pro-life than are pro-choice for the first time since the Gallop Poll began asking the question back in 1995. 51% identify themselves as pro-life, and 42% as pro-choice. It's a very exciting development, and says that things are moving in a pro-life direction. Since 2001, there has been an 8 point rise among Protestants, and a 7 point rise among Catholics, in people who identify themselves as "pro-life". CNN released the results of a poll taken in April 2009 that also supports the pro-life trend, showing a drop in those calling themselves "pro-choice", from 53 – 49, as compared to a poll taken in August of last year. The Pew Research Center poll results show the same thing. Statistics from this poll, taken in March &amp; April, 2009, also show that support for abortion is declining – the number of Americans saying that abortion should be legal in all or most cases has declined since 2008, from 54% to 46%. The U.S. abortion rate is at the lowest it's been since just after abortion was legalized by <i>Roe v. Wade</i> in 1973. Dr. Dobson says that it's curious to see the American population moving decidedly toward <i>life</i> at a time when the majority have elected the most pro-abortion President in history. Also, almost every arm of government now being led by someone who is pro-abortion, including the Cabinet officers, and it looks like the Supreme Court is about to move a little farther in that direction as we;;. With that, Dr. Dobson asks our guests to look at this from both Catholic and Protestant perspectives. Dr. Garlow describes the recent "rally for life" held in California, and the support he received with speaking invitations. He reviews the Proposition 8 phenomenon that happened in California, which passed by a vote of the people and is now part of the Constitution in that state. Dr. Dobson thinks that the Left has a</p>			

way of *over-reaching* when they get into power, and it looks like that may be happening again. Father Sirico describes what is taking place in the Catholic movement in regards to the cause of life-related issues, and confirms that there was a great deal of Catholic participation with Proposition 8. He says that he thinks we need to, in a very deliberate way, work with people with whom we do not agree on a wide array of a variety of things, but who see the importance of preserving the dignity of human life. Dr. Garlow wonders if another dynamic of what is happening is that people are becoming aware of not only the religious, theological or biblical underpinnings of this issue, but are they beginning to “get it” on the economic hit we’re taking by not having people? This has been caused by a holocaust of not only 50 million people, but the numbers of people they would have procreated by now. Dr. Dobson wanted to do this program because this fight has been going on for a long time, and people can get fatigued and tired of fighting this issue. We can’t afford to do that now. People are encouraged to get a copy of this broadcast and share it with their friends and neighbors.

**Update on the Pro-Life Movement - II                      Jun 2    (C3)    US only    28:30**

Dr. James Dobson opens today’s broadcast by reading a statement relevant to the recent murder of George Tiller, the notorious physician most identified with late-term abortions. As many of our listeners know, he was shot and killed in Wichita, KS on Sunday morning. We did not choose the topic for yesterday and today’s programs based on Dr. Tiller’s death – these were determined last week. Dr. Dobson reads a statement that was released to the media on Sunday night. He states that we are shocked by the murder of George Tiller, and we categorically condemn the act of vigilantism and violence that took his life. Our condolences are extended to the Tiller family, and the person or persons responsible for his death should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. At this point, we return to our discussion with distinguished pro-life leaders Father Frank Pavone, Dr. Jim Garlow, and Father Robert Sirico, about some recently released polls which show - for the first time in more than a decade - that Americans are identifying themselves as “pro-life”. The panel starts out by discussing the recent Notre Dame Graduation ceremony, where President Barack Obama was asked to give the commencement address and to receive an honorary doctorate. As a Catholic institution, this created tremendous controversy. Father Pavone was on campus that day, attending at the invitation of some of the seniors that were graduating. Dr. Dobson watched the event on television. Some students attended an approved alternate commencement ceremony held at a different part of the campus. They called it a prayer rally -the *Class of 2009 Vigil for Life*. Father Sirico has written about that event, and states that President Obama can sound very moderate, and agrees that Obama never criticizes a single form of abortion or efforts to limit it. He thinks Notre Dame created a major scandal, and that the positive outcome of this is that almost 400,000 signed a petition objecting to this. This is an amazing galvanizing moment. Dr. Garlow says that President Obama has done a great service to the pro-life cause by galvanizing pro-life people as a result of his comments. Dr. Dobson reads a list of several things that President Obama has done in his first 100 days, including signing an executive order allowing taxpayer funding to go to international groups that promote or provide abortions by striking down the Mexico City Policy; opening the door for more human embryos to be destroyed by unethical stem cell research; began the process of

rescinding the Bush Health Care Provider Conscience Regulations; he lifted a 7 year ban on taxpayer funding of the United Nations Population Fund, which is linked to forced abortion programs in China and elsewhere; he nominated Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State, who is an ardent pro-abortion politician; he nominated Kathleen Sebelius as Secretary of Health and Human Services, who may have been the most pro-abortion Governor in the country, and was linked to late term abortionist George Tiller and took money from him; he nominated Dawn Johnson, former legal Director of *NARAL Pro-Choice America* to head the office of legal counsel at the Department of Justice; he attacked charitable giving by proposing a reduced tax deduction for gifts to non-profits; nominated David Hamilton to the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; appointed Ellen Moran to a major communications post at the White House; nominated David Ogden and a list of others to the Department of Justice who have linkage to abortion; and in some cases linkage to pornography. Dr. Dobson claims that President Obama is not looking for common ground. Dr. Garlow says that history is going to be hard on the pro-abortionist 100 years from now, as Truth has a way of revealing, and it will expose the travesty of this phenomenon called abortion. The fight for traditional marriage is an uphill battle, but when you come to the issue of abortion Truth has a way or working its way to the surface in regards to what is going on in the womb of a woman. Garlow believes that if network television would visually show an abortion, so people of America could be exposed to an actual abortion and see how horrific this is, it would turn the tide in this country. Dr. Dobson says that this is what *Option Ultrasound* is made to do, so a mother can see her baby, and reports show she will usually keep that baby. Father Pavone has written a paper titled *10 Reasons Why the Pro-Life Movement is Winning*, in which he shares that the men and women who have lost children to abortion are speaking up in greater numbers than ever before. This article also discusses the flow of conversions of pro-choice people that are turning pro-life, but it's not happening vice-versa. Nobody gets tired of saving babies, but they do get tired of killing them. In our country's court system, the evidence is mounting about the humanity of the child, as shown with a legislative victory in South Dakota recently. *The Freedom of Choice Act* is out there, and during his campaign, candidate Barack Obama said that this piece of legislation would be the first thing he would sign after inaugurated. This would be a sweeping piece of legislation that would affect hospitals and pharmacy's and right down the line. In fact, it would attack what most Americans support as reasonable restrictions on abortion. Dr. Garlow is excited having Truth on our side, and the opposition has to sustain a lie. Dr. Dobson concludes the program by saying that there were some images from the Notre Dame Commencement event that really touched him, one of them being a priest who was arrested, and was still singing a song celebrating life. Follow up articles, information and statistics are available at [www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com).