

For those asking about when Pro-Life Leader Frank Pavone was notified about his dismissal from the priesthood, please read the following:

- Based on canonical and legal advice, neither Pavone nor the organization he heads, Priests for Life, accepts any direct communication from Bishop Patrick Zurek and the Diocese of Amarillo.
- This is due to the Bishop's long standing and well documented history of abusing and harassing Pro-Life Leader Pavone (see www.FrFrankPavone.com).
- Any letter advising Pavone of his status should have been sent to Pavone's canon lawyer, or to a specially designated email/fax number known to the Congregation for the Clergy.
- Both the Vatican and the Diocese of Amarillo were fully aware of this non-communication policy with Bishop Zurek—which dates back several years.
- If representatives from the Diocese of Amarillo say they sent something to Pavone, they are admitting to violating a very serious set of instructions regarding the continued harassment of Pavone.
- The oft-cited letter from Papal Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre noted that the decree was dated Nov. 9; yet it was sent only on Dec. 13. Why was there a delay of more than a month in sending a decree the archbishop said has been in force since Nov. 9?
- Failing to send the decree in a manner in which it was sure to be received suggests alternate and questionable motives, about which Pavone and Priests for Life refuse to publicly speculate.
- The non-communication policy with Bishop Zurek— well known to the Vatican— is more evidence of the abnormal and toxic relationship between Pavone and his bishop, and all the more reason he should have been allowed to incardinate into another diocese— one with a non-abusive Bishop. As has been noted, there were *two* opportunities for this excardination/incardination to take place, but they ultimately did not occur because of the Congregation for the Clergy putting up obstacles after initially approving a transfer.