Preaching the Pro-Life Message with Compassion and Hope
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On Friday, March 25th, the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ hosted the first in a series of Life Issues Seminars for Priests. The topic for the seminar was "Preaching the Pro-Life Message with Compassion and Hope."

Over 70 priests and deacons attended and were blessed by an inspirational and informative presentation by Fr Frank Pavone and Kevin Burke. Fr Frank shared ways to more effectively preach the Church's message on the Sanctity of Life with love and compassion. Kevin Burke's presentation focused on reaching out to men hurt by abortion and the increasing prevalence of abortions due to fetal abnormality, and helping couples find healing that abort due to poor pre-natal diagnosis.

Feedback from the attendees reflected the common reaction that when it comes to men and abortion, "we never really understood how deeply this impacts men." The clergy appreciated the opportunity to hear from a world renowned expert in preaching the Gospel of Life. The question and answer period offered an opportunity to not only question the presenters, but provide some excellent topics for future presentations to address.

What a great opportunity to reach so many priests and help them become the voices of compassion and healing to their flock!