



TERRI'S PRESS RELEASE

Ave Maria University to Host National Mass for Seventh Anniversary of Terri Schiavo's Death

Growing Bias Towards the Cognitively Disabled Highlights Importance for Terri's Day Mass

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ST. PETERSBURG, March 5, 2012 / -- The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network is delighted to announce that Ave Maria University will once again host "The National Mass for Terri's Day" at the Ave Maria Oratory at Ave Maria University, located near Naples, Florida.

The International Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Terri Schindler Schiavo, and All of Our Vulnerable Brothers and Sisters ("Terri's Day") was established in 2007 and is observed each year on or around March 31, the date of Terri's death.

The purpose of this day is to foster education, prayer, and activism regarding discrimination against the cognitively disabled, and advocacy for people in situations similar to what Terri and her family faced.

"Every person has a right to proper health care. It is frightening to see health care professionals usurp the God given rights of family members wanting to care for their loved ones.

"Currently, in all but eleven states, doctors and hospitals have been empowered to disregard a person's advance directives even in cases when the call for treatment is food and water," noted Suzanne Schindler, Terri's sister and Executive Director of Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network.

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, stated, "Priests for Life is proud to co-sponsor, together with Terri's family, this day of remembrance each year. As I preached at Terri's funeral Mass, the tragedy of what happened to her is meant to bring us all together, galvanized to help all the other Terris of the world. Let us not miss this opportunity to educate and inspire one another, and let's all continue to support Terri's family and the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network."

All are invited and encouraged to attend "The National Mass for Terri's Day" on Friday, March 30th, 2012 at 5:00 PM ET located at Ave Maria Oratory 5050 Ave Maria Boulevard, Ave Maria, FL 34142-9505

You can visit Terri's Life & Hope Network's website (www.lifeandhope.com) to learn more about defending the medically vulnerable and how to take action to protect yourself. You can

also find suggestions for observing Terri's Day and how you can get involved.

About Terri's Life & Hope Network: The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group dedicated to helping the medically vulnerable who are facing life-threatening situations. For more information or to join Terri's Life & Hope Network visit www.lifeandhope.com.

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