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PRO-LIFE CHAMPION BROTHER PAUL O'DONNELL DIES AT AGE 55
Chairman of Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network Mourned

PHILADELPHIA (Feb. 23, 2015) – The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network releases the following statement:

Brother Paul Joseph O'Donnell, superior of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, unexpectedly passed away at his home on February 20, 2015. He was 55.

Brother Paul was a co-founder and president of Pro-Life Action Ministries, founding board member of Human Life Alliance and chairman of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network.

Bobby Schindler, executive director of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, said, "Brother Paul was not only our chairman but a part of our family for many years. He was instrumental in our lives, standing by our side and serving as our spokesman during the height of my sister Terri's ordeal. He was involved with the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network since its inception."

Brother Paul was a dedicated, nationally recognized leader in the right-to-life movement, advocating for the human rights and dignity of the unborn, handicapped and elderly, with a heart for serving the spiritually and bodily poor.

"Brother Paul led his life standing up for the vulnerable and those who could not speak for themselves. He will be deeply missed," Schindler said.

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The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, a 501(c)(3), was established by the family members of Terri Schiavo to defend the rights of the medically vulnerable. These rights include the protection from the removal of food and water (via a feeding tube) which has been redefined as medical treatment instead of basic and ordinary care. The Life & Hope Network has communicated with and supported more than 1,000 families, and has been involved in hundreds of cases since Terri's death. To learn more about the work of the Life & Hope Network, please visit lifeandhope.com

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