



24th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

October 2 – 10, 2016 Overview

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PAST IWOPF SPEAKERS:

Mother Angelica (foundress of EWTN), **Former Senator and Presidential Candidate Rick Santorum** (R-PA), **Dr. Scott Hahn** (well-known speaker and author), **Johnnette Benkovic** (founder and president of Women of Grace), **Congressman Chris Smith** (R-NJ), **Msgr. Charles Pope** (pastor of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish in Washington D.C.), **Fr. Jose Hoyos** (Executive Director of the Spanish Apostolate for the Diocese of Arlington, VA), **Dr. Gloria Polo** (author of *Struck by Lightning* and international speaker), **Andy LaVallee** (Founder of Live the Fast), **Dr. Alveda King** (niece of Dr. Martin Luther King and pro-life advocate), **Joe Scheidler** (founder of Pro-Life Action League), **Lila Rose**, (foundress of Live Action), **Norma McCorvey**, (the Roe of Roe vs Wade), **Jennifer O'Neill** (former actress and model, pro-life spokesperson for Silent No More), **Bobby Schindler** (Terri Schiavo's brother), **Gianna Jessen** (abortion survivor), **Fr. Frank Pavone** (Priests for Life), **Eduardo Verastegui** (star of the film, *Bella*), the late **Dr. Bernard Nathanson** (former abortionist, pro-life activist), **Mother Agnes Mary** (foundress of the Sisters of Life), and **Jim Caviezel** of *The Passion of Christ*, and many other well-known speakers.

BISHOPS WHO HAVE CELEBRATED MASS AT IWOPF IN THE PAST:

Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Military Services, USA, **Bishop Paul Loverde** of the Diocese of Arlington, **Bishop Martin Holley** Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Washington, **Bishop Joseph Perry** Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, **Bishop Francis Lysinge** Diocese of Mamfe, **Bishop Joseph Osei-Bonsu** Diocese of Konongo-Mampong, **Bishop Sam Jacobs** Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, and **Bishop Michael Sheridan** of Colorado Springs.

APOSTOLIC BLESSINGS AND SUPPORT:

Pope Francis had given his Apostolic Blessing to all the participants of the 22nd International Week of Prayer and Fasting.

Saint, Pope John Paul II had given two Apostolic Blessings to the IWOPF organizing entities and participants of this International Prayer and Fasting Movement.

“...As a pledge of an abundance of Divine Blessings upon you and yours, I paternally impart to all participants of the International Week of Prayer and Fasting my most heartfelt apostolic blessings.....”

— Pope Saint John Paul II (October 11, 2001).

Additionally, **Blessed Mother Teresa** was a major supporter. I spoke to her several times and she always encouraged us stating,

*“You must do this week – God wants this.
Prayer is the answer to the world’s problems.”*

— Blessed Mother Teresa