

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL'S

FRONTLINES

YEAR-END 2015

WHAT WE DO

Organize, Train, Equip, Mentor

OUR AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Contraception

The root of the Culture of Death

Abortion

The tragic consequence of failed contraception

Marriage

Established by God and threatened by man

Euthanasia

Attacking the vulnerable at life's end

Reproductive Technologies

Unethical procedures of procreation

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

WHERE WE'VE WORKED



Dear HLI Family,

I am pleased to send you this year-end report highlighting HLI's efforts over the last year. I hope you will find in the stories and results of our pro-life missionaries a source of inspiration and encouragement.

And there were many stories to tell! Monsignor Barreiro continues to serve courageously at our headquarters in Front Royal and has been writing a great deal for publication. Father Francesco Giordano has assumed the leadership of HLI's Rome office, and has kept a very busy schedule with meetings, speaking and networking in and around the Vatican. See story of this energetic young professor and faithful priest on page 14.

HLI's experts participated in many conferences, and HLI hosted or sponsored several more. From the 20th ASPAC conference in Kota Kinabalu, Taiwan; to the World Prayer Congress in Fatima, Portugal; to our sponsorship of the Symposium on the Family and Marriage and Rome and the World Congress of Families in Salt Lake, HLI brought the Gospel of Life to thousands of supporters and new friends around the world.

In the Mission Trips section, you will find a short description of each of the major trips our missionaries have taken in 2015. We can't share all the dramatic details from these fruitful efforts as there are too many to report here, but it is safe to say that Father Marx's legacy of courageous witness in the developing world is still very much the heart of HLI's mission

As you'll see on pages 10 and 11, our constant efforts to encourage priests and seminarians to make the defense of life and family a cornerstone of their vocations has borne great fruit this year. More and more we are seeing the "multiplier effect" of building relationships with the future leaders of the Church, who in turn go out to their communities and pastorally guide the faithful, or even become pro-life advocates in the public square.

On page 7 we introduce you to HLI's Board of Directors, who share their accumulated wisdom with HLI's leadership and help guide us forward. Of particular note this year is the retirement of longtime board chair Patricia Bainbridge, and election of Stuart Nolan as chairman. Patricia stays in touch with HLI's leadership of course, and keeps our mission in prayer.

The work we are able to do is entirely dependent on you, our faithful supporters. As you read through this issue, know that the role you play in this work is indispensable. I pray the Lord blesses you through this coming year. And may we together continue to battle the Culture of Death and build a Culture of Life.

Sincerely in Christ,



Father Shenan J. Boquet
President of Human Life International



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet
President

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR'S WORK AROUND THE WORLD

MISSION TRIPS 2015

MACAU

Dr. Ligaya Acosta travelled to Macu in February.

FEB Joining her were HLI President Fr. Shenan J. Boquet and HLI Director for Research and Education Dr. Brian Clowes. Dr. Acosta gave pro-life training to the Macau youth, speaking on the topic, “Pre-Marital Sex, Contraception, Abortion: Why Not?” and focusing on all the pressing issues affecting the youth in Macau. Afterwards, Dr. Clowes and Fr. Boquet expanded on these pressing issues with their presentations. Training sessions were later given at St. Augustine Church for around 1,500 people; and a third training session was given at the Pro-Life Symposium for around 350. Top officials of the Philippine Consulate in Macau attended, including Consul General Lilibeth Diapera.



Dr. Acosta speaks to the youth of Macau.

NEW ZEALAND

Raymond de Souza traveled to New Zealand in February.

FEB The purpose of this mission trip was the 20th Wellington Eucharistic Convention, which included about 450 attendees. Among his talks, Raymond spoke on “The De-Christianization of Western Culture and the Gospel of Life,” analyzing the

elements of death in contemporary culture—namely, contraception, abortion, euthanasia and same-sex “marriage”— according to St. John Paul II’s encyclical *Evangelium vitae*, encouraging attendees in a three-fold response to the Culture of Death: prayer, study, and action.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mario Rojas visited the Dominican Republic in March.

MAR There, he presented the educational video “Population Control” from the HLI video series “HLI Lifelines.” He expounded on the myth of population control and gender ideology. With Mario was Raymond de Souza, who



Regional Director of Asia and Oceania
Ligaya Acosta, Ph.D.

Dr. Ligaya Acosta joined Human Life International in 2007 and directs HLI’s affiliates in Asia and Oceania. She resides in the Philippines.

spoke on the harmful effects of contraception around the world. While there, they also conducted a live radio interview on Radio Juventus Don Bosco and a TV interview on *TeleVida*. They spoke at length about the work of HLI and the necessity of teaching people to defend Life, Faith, and Family, especially the young.



Regional Director of Latin America
Mario Rojas

Mario Rojas joined Human Life International in 2009, and directs HLI's affiliates in Latin America. He resides in Bolivia.

PANAMA

In April, Mario Rojas and Marlene Gillette-Ibern travelled to Panama for the Seventh Summit of the Americas.

MAR This event is held every three years with the leaders of the 35 member states of the Organization of American States (OAS). HLI representatives attend this events in order to work with

other pro-life, pro-family groups to fight for language protecting the life and dignity of the most vulnerable in OAS declarations.

In one session, Mario Rojas obtained inclusion of language protecting parents in the education and formation of their children. At another session, Ana-Melissa España (a member of HLI Panama Foundation for Life and Family) assisted in having the principle of re-

spect for the health of the human person recognized as an inalienable human right. Marlene Gillette-Ibern was able to prevent incorporation of “respect for Mother Earth” and obtain incorporation of language in favor of human rights in the recommendations during another session. All representatives for HLI worked very hard during the other sessions, and had similar success in changing OAS resolution language.

WHERE WE'VE WORKED IN 2015





Fr. Boquet (center) and other pro-lifers march to an abortion center in South Africa.

NAMIBIA

In May, Emil Hagamu traveled to Namibia.

MAY There, he helped organize a three-day pro-life training conference for clergy, religious, and lay leaders in the country. In many cases, even consecrated religious had to be reminded about Catholic Church teaching on homosexuality. Many members of our faith do not see the intrinsic evil of homosexual actions, using such arguments as “Are they not human beings created in the image of God?” to justify toleration.

During the conference, Emil discussed God’s divine plan for human

procreation and man’s obligation to be fruitful and multiply to fill the earth. He also spoke about the spiritual and physical threats to the culture, and how to strengthen the sacred institution of marriage in society.

SOUTH AFRICA

In May, HLI President Fr. Shenan J. Boquet and HLI Director of Research and Education Dr. Brian Clowes traveled to Cape Town, South Africa.

MAY They joined Emil Hagamu to help organize and define the mission and goals for pro-lifers in this region and to pro-

OTHER MISSION TRIPS

The following are mission trips made in 2015 but not reported on in our monthly newsletter *Mission Reports*:

January

Rome: Dr. Joseph Meaney
France: Dr. Joseph Meaney

March

Lesotho: Emil Hagamu
Hungary: Joannes Bucher

April

Nigeria: Dr. Brian Clowes
Mexico: Mario Rojas

May

Rome: Joannes Bucher
Belgium: Dr. Joseph Meaney

June

Montreal: Raymond de Souza
Paraguay: Raymond de Souza

September

Costa Rica: Mario Rojas
Nigeria: Emil Hagamu
Lesotho: Emil Hagamu
Morocco: Dr. Joseph Meaney
Uganda: Emil Hagamu
Portugal: Fr. Boquet



Regional Director of English-Speaking Africa
Emil Hagamu

Emil Hagamu directs HLI’s affiliates in English-speaking Africa, and is also director of HLI’s affiliate in Tanzania, where he resides.

vide them with materials to fight the battle. During their stay, they participated in a wide range of activities, from picketing a Marie Stopes International abortion center to doing interviews for (EWTN).

TURKEY

In May and June, Dr. Ligaya Acosta made her first mission trip to Turkey.

June There, she met with His Excellency Bishop Louis Pelâtre, A.A., the Vicar Apostolic of Istanbul, Turkey to discuss pro-life training conferences in Turkey for clergy, religious, and lay leaders. She was also able to conduct a pro-life training session to 70 people on the Church teaching on contraception, abortion, and natural family planning, which lasted nearly three hours. One resolution from this trip is the plan for Dr. Acosta to return after Easter 2016 with a pro-life training mission that will hopefully include many bishops.

MALAYSIA

In September, Dr. Acosta made a trip to Malaysia.

Sept The primary purpose of this trip was to attend a Pro-Life Congress organized by HLI



Regional Director of French-Speaking Africa

George Wirnkar

George Wirnkar directs HLI's affiliates in French-speaking Africa, and is also director of HLI's affiliate in Cameroon, where he resides.

affiliate Human Life Service (HLS) that was held in Miri. To maximize the trip, Dr. Acosta also flew to Kuching for two similar congresses – one with church leaders of the Diocese of Kuching and another one exclusively for seminarians and priests of St. Peter's College Major Seminary, also in Kuching.

IRELAND

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet and Dr. Brian Clowes flew to Ireland to meet Patrick McCrystal, Director of HLI Ireland, in September.

Sept The mission was to inform, encourage, and activate pro-lifers to stand up and resist the tide of death, which threatens to engulf their nation. They began the trip with a four-day Catholic Pro-Life Activist's Training Course at the Legionaries of Christ Center in Leopardstown, Dublin. They covered an immense amount of mate-

rial, from organizing to history, and talked about specific issues from abortion to in-vitro fertilization to homosexuality.

VIETNAM

In October, Dr. Ligaya Acosta and Dr. Brian Clowes traveled to Vietnam.

Oct They conducted a three-day training program on "Building a Culture of Life and Love." Dr. Clowes spoke on the anti-life agenda, and Dr. Acosta spoke about the problems of contraception. Throughout the three days of training, there were ample open forums for everyone to ask questions.



Fr. Boquet speaking at the Drummond Hotel in Ireland.



Regional Director of Europe

Joannes Bucher

Joannes Bucher is the regional director of Europe at Human Life International. Joannes resides in Salzburg, Austria, which is a strategic location for carrying out pro-life work in Europe.

HLI Board of Directors

STUART W. NOLAN, JR., ESQ. is the Chairman of the Board of Human Life International. He is the founder and managing attorney at LegalWorks Apostolate, PLLC, a law practice that provides legal representation informed by fidelity to the Magisterium. Stu and his wife, Cynthia, have been married for 20 years and have been blessed with five children, ages 4 to 15 years.

LISA JENKINS CAHILL, MD attended Mount Saint Mary's College and received her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She went on to complete a residency in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and subsequently completed a second residency in Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania (Temple). Dr. Cahill retired from the practice of medicine in order to devote more time to her family and to home school her ten children.

SR. TERESE AUER, OP, PHD is a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation. She received her Masters and Doctoral Degrees in philosophy from the Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. She is currently teaching bioethics at Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School in northern Virginia.

MSGR. CHARLES POPE is the pastor of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian, a vibrant parish community in Washington, DC. A native of Chicago with a bachelor degree in computer science, he attended

Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and was ordained in 1989. A pastor since 2000, Monsignor also has led Bible studies in the U.S. Congress and at the White House in past years, and he writes regularly for the Archdiocese of Washington and *National Catholic Register*.

FRANK DENNEHY, MD earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Georgetown University. A member of the Catholic Medical Association, Dr. Dennehy's medical interests include Natural Family Planning, NaPro Technology, Medical Ethics, and Sports Medicine. He and his wife are the homeschooling parents of 4 children.

KARLA POLASCHEK, MD, FACOG obtained her medical degree at Southern Illinois University in Springfield, Illinois, in 1993, completing her residency in obstetrics gynecology at Columbus-Cabrini Hospital in Chicago in 1997. Dr. Polaschek currently has a busy OB GYN practice in Moline, Illinois. She lives in Davenport, Iowa with her adopted son Michael.

FR. JERRY J. POKORSKY, MA, MDIV, THM is the pastor of Saint Michael Church in Annandale, VA. Before ordination, he was a CPA after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1976. Fr. Pokorsky has had several articles published by *Catholic World Report* and other Catholic journals as well as Gospel commentaries in the diocesan newspaper, the *Arlington Catholic Herald*.

RICHARD MATHEWS, ESQ. is an attorney focused on ministry non-profit corporations and employment law in Texas. He is a member of the Michigan and Texas Bar Associations and is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the Federal Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Sixth Circuits. Richard earned his law degree at the Drake University School of Law in 1983 and a Master of Laws degree in Employment and Labor Law from Wayne State University in 1993. Richard and his wife, Laura, have been married for 30 years and have been blessed with two children.

PATRICIA BAINBRIDGE, MA (CHAIRMAN EMERITUS) retired as chairman of HLI's Board of Directors in October 2015. A former professor at Michigan State University, Patricia is co-founder and executive director emeritus of Life Decisions International. On June 30, 2010 Patricia retired from the Diocese of Rockford, where she built the Respect Life Office and served as its director, as the Natural Family Planning Coordinator, and as a columnist for the official newspaper of the Diocese of Rockford. She has spoken to numerous churches, pregnancy care centers, schools, community groups and pro-life conferences in the United States, Canada, Eastern Europe, and the Caribbean. In August of 2010, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo presented Patricia with a "People of Life" award for her "lifetime commitment to the pro-life movement." She and her husband, "Red," have been married for 44 years.

TRAINING Priests & Seminarians

Zambia

Emil Hagamu traveled to Zambia in October for his third visit to St. Dominic's Major Seminary, where 144 seminarians study systematic and pastoral theology.

On the first day, Emil's presentation focused on the Culture of Life, beginning with the mission of the pro-life movement, a talk on the beginning of human life, fetal development, and the sacredness of human life. Topics on marriage and family were presented on the following day, together with a presentation on the threats to life, marriage, and family: contraception, abortion, euthanasia and reproductive technologies. On the third day, he gave presentations on abortion, contraception, and reproductive technologies, ending his talks on the subject of Billings Ovulation Method for Natural Family Planning.

As Emil completed the training sessions, some seminarians resolved to start a pro-life club at the seminary. About 36 seminarians formed the first Pro-Life Club, devoting themselves to the pro-life movement in a special way in order to promote pro-life activism and become proactive in matters of Life, Faith, and Family.

Benin

In June and July of this year, HLI organized our first Francophone Africa Priest Institute in Benin, Africa.

HLI has had a fantastic response to our Seminarians for Life International program in Benin. Our program grew in tandem as the Church in Benin added two new major seminaries to the original St. Gall Seminary in Ouidah because of the growing number of vocations. Our pro-life seminarian program is active in all of Benin's seminaries.

This is largely a tribute to George Wirnkar's work over many years.

We decided that Benin was the best place to encourage our "graduates" from the HLI seminarian pro-life program and start groups of pro-life priests in their respective countries. These young priests are carrying out their apostolates in a wide variety of settings, from parishes to chaplaincies and other ministries. We gathered 88 priests, 10 sisters, 18 seminarians and 8 lay people from Burkina Faso, Mali, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chad, Togo, Nigeria and Cameroon. We brought the priests in from these different countries and gave presentations and HLI pro-life materials to take back with them, including pro-life films, books, and HLI's St. Michael prayer cards for the conversion of abortionists.



Training Priests and Seminarians

Our theme this year was “Consecrated Persons: Contemporary Challenges to the Christian Family.” It was wonderful to hear the testimonies of these fervent young priests. Fr. Benoit Toum from Cameroon described how he was so enthusiastic to start work in pro-life and pro-family ministry after his contact with HLI that his bishop appointed him to direct the Family Life Office of the diocese when he was still only a transitional deacon! Here is his description of his apostolate: “I visit numerous parishes and write letters inviting couples to recollections, weekends for couples, talks and meetings focused on family life. Every week I host an hour-long program on Radio Maria Cameroon called ‘family crossroads.’ I pay special attention to situations where people are ‘wounded in their affective life.’ I encourage couples to live in an upright way with family and

Christian values. Currently, I am setting up a pro-life program and the teaching of natural methods of birth regulation.” We can look forward to 50+ years of fruitful sowing of the Gospel of Life by Fr. Toum, who was ordained to the priesthood in 2013.

We were very happy to have HLI President Fr. Shenan J. Boquet as the main speaker at this conference. He spoke to encourage these men to continue defending Life and Family as a central aspect of their priestly ministry. Fr. Boquet showed how our educational apostolate, which focuses on Contraception, Abortion, Euthanasia, Reproductive Technologies, and Marriage & Family could really transform parishes and the Church, using the pastoral plan Pope St. John Paul II originated for creating a Culture of Life.

After seeing the enthusiasm with which our pro-life resources were re-

ceived by these pro-life priests, it is clear that we must redouble our efforts to equip them and the young seminarians who are coming forth in ever greater numbers from the world’s “Spiritual Super-Power,” as Pope Benedict XVI called Africa.

Lower left: Participants of the first Francophone Africa Priest Institute in Benin, Africa. The papal nuncio to Benin, Archbishop Brian Udaigwe is pictured in the center.

Lower right: Emil Hagamu HLI Director of Anglophone (English-Speaking) Africa training seminarians at St. Dominic’s Major Seminary.



TRAINING PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS IN Latin America

Through HLI's REDESSVIDA program (the Latin American Network of Priests and Seminarians for Life) our national, regional, and international congresses have trained thousands of priests and seminarians across Latin America to defend life from conception until natural death.

The main audiences for these congresses are Catholic priests and seminarians. These men can have a great impact in mobilizing communities against the Culture of Death, but many are lacking formation in Life and Family issues and need HLI's training and resources to effectively change the culture.



HLI President Fr. Shenan J. Boquet addressing the Congress through a video message.

REDESSVIDA

Training Priests & Seminarians in Latin America

In August of this year, Human Life International sponsored our 7th International REDESSVIDA Congress in San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina to train and equip priests, seminarians, and lay faithful to understand and combat the many threats to the sanctity of life and the family around the world.

While REDESSVIDA congresses have been held in many countries in Latin America, this was the first time HLI's pro-life missionaries were able to organize this comprehensive pro-life training for priests and seminarians in Argentina. And although this was HLI's first major pro-life congress here, HLI has had a presence in Argentina for several years under the leadership of HLI Argentina Director Dr. Oscar Botta.

The congress was split into two parts lasting four days: two days of training priests and seminarians and two days training lay community leaders. The opening ceremonies for the congress were presided over by His Excellency Alfredo Zecca, Archbishop of the Diocese of Tucumán.

HLI Regional Director for Latin America, Mario Rojas, was a main presenter at the congress and made an eloquent speech for the young adults present. Mario also introduced a pre-recorded video message from HLI President, Fr. Shenan Boquet, who was unable to attend, addressing the participants and giving his blessings for the congress.



Mario Rojas presents a thank you award to Archbishop Alfredo Zecca for authorizing the organization of a REDESSVIDA Congress in the diocese of Tucumán.

Fr. Boquet thanked all the participants for recognizing the importance of HLI's REDESSVIDA congress in combating the threats to Life and Family. "No one can be on the sidelines," he said. "We all must be engaged."

"We are seeing societies around the world collapse because they are embracing a secular mentality and are rejecting life, rejecting the family ... it's up to us, it's up to you, to be engaged," he told attendees.

Speaking with Mario, one priest who attended, Fr. Gabriel Barros, IVE, fully embraced Fr. Boquet's message of needing to be engaged to change the culture. Fr. Barros said it was "an obligation [for all priests] to all the souls God has entrusted to us" to receive this pro-life training and work in an active way to defend Life.

When the 7th International REDESSVIDA Congress came to an end, Mario presented a token of thanks to Fr. Marcelo Barrionuevo, Vicar of Faith and Culture for the Archdiocese of Tucumán, and the lay pro-life leaders who helped organized the congress. The "Tucumán Proclamation" was read by Fr. Marcelo Barrionuevo at the close of the congress. It highlighted the truth that "Life is a gift from God" and expressed the urgent need for continued pro-life training of seminarians, priests, and laity.

It will require a great effort of prayer, formation, and action to raise new pro-life leaders to guide the faithful towards the final victory. With the financial support and prayers of the HLI Family, our pro-life missionaries will continue the life-saving mission of building a Culture of Life. Please continue to pray for HLI's REDESSVIDA program and for all of our pro-life efforts around the world!

"No one can be on the sidelines. We all must be engaged."

— Fr. Shenan J. Boquet

Conferences

Each year, HLI participates in conferences, where either much larger numbers of people can be reached or where we can collaborate with other organizations. This year, we participated in four major conferences.

ASPAC Conference: Taiwan

Human Life International has conducted 20 Asia-Pacific Congresses (ASPACs), that have addressed virtually every aspect of the battle between the Culture of Life and the Culture of Death. More than 10,000 people have attended these ASPACs, and we have reams of letters and testimonies attesting to their effectiveness in motivating people to take action.

The goals of the 26 talks given at the 2015 ASPAC were to promote the moral teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly with regards to sexuality; to outline God's wonderful plan for marriage and family; to show the specific threats presented by the Culture of Death in the forms of abortion, population control, homosexuality and the gender ideology; and to present concrete and effective programs designed to defend Faith, Life and Family. Judging by the many comments and questions the speakers fielded, we were successful in accomplishing our goals.



World Prayer Congress for Life: Fatima, Portugal

In October, 2015, HLI Austria and our US Headquarters teamed up to organize a spectacular and unique pro-life event, part pilgrimage/retreat and part pro-life educational conference and activist training. The seventh World Prayer Congress for Life in Fatima, Portugal, was a return to the site of our first global prayer congress in 2006.

Timed to coincide with the 20th anniversary year of the great pro-life encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* by Pope Saint John Paul II and the opening of the Synod on the Family in Rome, this prayer congress had a full agenda. The overall theme was, "That they might have life" (John 10:10). The first talk was by HLI President Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, entitled, "In hoc signo vinces—The pro-life generation will win." His supernatural perspective left no doubt that unless we are rooted in Christ, we will labor in vain.

Several bishops addressed the prayer congress, most notably His Excellency Juan Antonio Reig Plà of Alcalà de Henares in Spain. He gave a rousing talk on paragraph 92 of *Evangelium Vitae* on the family as the sanctuary of life.

This HLI congress was jam-packed with wonderful teaching and events. The participants were challenged and refreshed by these days of prayer, study, and action.



World Congress of Families IX: Salt Lake City, Utah. USA

For the 3,300 attendees of World Congress of Families IX in Salt Lake City, the late October meeting was a time of rejuvenation and activation. Most were actively involved in the fight for life and family, coming from more than 30 countries and representing several different faiths.

The scholars, political leaders, artists and activists who participated in the Congress all shared the common conviction that the natural family is under attack, and that now is the time to work together with those of different faiths to have as wide of an impact as possible.

More than 10,000 people have attended these ASPACs, and we have reams of letters and testimonies attesting to their effectiveness in motivating people to take action.

Representing Human Life International were Development Specialist Colleen Leahy and Director of Mission Communications Stephen Phelan, who spoke at four different sessions. His talk on “Fatherhood and Social Justice” dealt squarely with the contradiction between the stated intent of those “social justice warriors” who would redefine marriage based on radical sexual ideology, and the overwhelming sociological data that indicate that the more the natural family is abandoned, the more problems with social justice a society is likely to have.

Symposium on the Family and Marriage: Rome

The Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation in collaboration with Human Life International, organized an International Symposium entitled “The Two Shall Become One” in order to shed light on the family and marriage, using the creation of Adam and Eve as the point of departure for the Church’s doctrine on marriage.

Experts in theology, philosophy, and the natural sciences demonstrated how the traditional doctrine of the Church on creation affirms the truths that the Church has always held about the nature of marriage.

Copies of the talks are available through the HLI office in Rome. If you should wish to have a copy, please email us at vuiroma@tin.it.



Pictured upper left: Dr. Ligaya Acosta, HLI Regional Director of Asia and Oceania, speaking at the Asia-Pacific Congress (ASPAC) in Taiwan.

Pictured lower left: Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, President of HLI, speaking at the World Prayer Congress for Life in Fatima, Portugal.

Pictured above: Stephen Phelan, HLI Director of Mission Communications, speaking at the World Congress of Families IX: Salt Lake City, Utah. USA.

Pictured right: Fr. Francesco Giordano, Director of HLI’s Rome Office, speaking at the Symposium on the Family and Marriage in Rome.



ROME OFFICE

HLI Welcomes New Rome Office Director

FATHER FRANCESCO GIORDANO, a diocesan priest and professor in Rome, Italy, was named the new director of the Rome office of Human Life International on July 14, 2015. He succeeds Monsignor Ignacio Barreiro-Carambula, who represented HLI in Rome for 16 years before moving to HLI's World Headquarters in 2014.

"Father Francesco emerged early as an excellent candidate to continue Monsignor's and HLI's essential work in Rome," said Father Shenan J. Boquet, President of HLI. "A young and faithful priest who has a heart for the defense of life and family and excellent academic credentials, Father Francesco is a welcome addition to the HLI family. And since he came highly recommended from Monsignor Barreiro himself, we are very confident that Father can continue to grow HLI's impact in Rome with Church officials, as well as with priests and seminarians in academia."

While a seminarian, Father Francesco was one of many who made regular use of HLI's bioethics library, where he met Monsignor Barreiro in 2006. He intends to promote this feature of HLI's outreach in Rome: "The idea of the library in the office is key because that way we work directly with lay, religious, and priest students from around the world working on important issues in bioethics."

Fr. Francesco received his BA from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, an MA from the University of Chicago, and a doctorate in systematic theology from Santa Croce University in Rome.

"The theological and educational background of Fr. Giordano will be very helpful as he assists those who pursue graduate studies in Rome," said Monsignor Barreiro. "One of the main activities of the Rome Office is to work with priests and seminarians, encouraging them to strengthen their formation on life and family issues and to be strong defenders of the constant teachings of the Church on life and family."

"I see myself trying to continue that role as best I can since I myself benefited very much from Monsignor Barreiro's guidance during my licentiate and doctoral studies in Rome. As a professor in different Roman pontifical universities, working with seminarians from around the world, I see that as an added benefit," added Father Giordano.

The oldest of three brothers born in different countries around the world, Father Francesco has had both an international perspective and a great love of the Catholic faith from a young age, which made his decision to become a priest a natural one. He credits a love of the traditional liturgy and the good example of many priests and bishops as being key to his discernment of his own vocation, and friendships developed in America with sparking his interest in the defense of life and family.

HLI's Rome Office is key to HLI's mission to defend life and family from the heart of the Church, employing Catholic social and moral doctrine in addition to scientific and data-based arguments. With this perspective, the HLI Rome Office coordinates with other pro-life and pro-family organizations and networks with curial officials and other partners in Rome.



Fr. Giordano (left) with HLI President Fr. Shenan J. Boquet at the Rome March for Life.

Financials for 2015

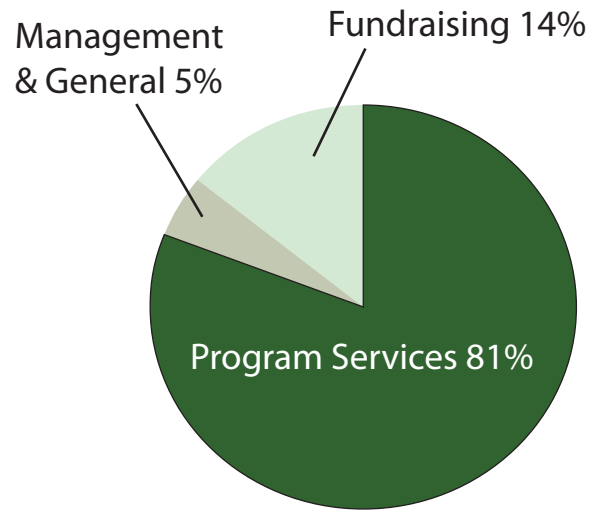
Revenue

Contributions	\$2,719,925
Investment Income	\$94,915
Other Revenue	\$10,551
Total Revenue	\$2,825,391

Expenses

Program Services	\$2,749,786
Management & General	\$175,793
Fundraising	\$485,750
Total Expenses	\$3,411,329
Total Revenue Less Expenses	(\$585,938)

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$3,555,862
Net Assets End of Fiscal Year 2015	\$2,880,473



Activities for 2015

Talks, Conferences & Special Meetings	Number of People Reached	Pro-Life Masses	Number of People Reached	Radio Interviews	Television Interviews	Print Media	Seminary Visits	Number of People Reached	Internet Articles	Miles Traveled
1,288	113,784	342	79,845	375	31	100	28	615	340	525,729

How You Can Help in 2016

HLI participates in the **Combined Federal Campaign**. Our CFC number is 10253. The next campaign kickoff is September 2016.

Ask if your employer participates in **Corporate Matching Gifts**. Your contribution to HLI will double when your employer gives too!

Ask your tax or financial advisor about giving from your **IRA Required Minimum Distribution**

Become a **Monthly Donor**. This helps us budget and helps you remember to give.

Request information on **Planned Giving** and **End of Life Health Care**.

Invite Father Boquet or another HLI Expert to Speak at Your Parish! With your pastor's support, host a weekend mission on Life and Family issues featuring HLI materials and an HLI speaker.



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