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Left: Fr. Boquet and Dr. Ligaya Acosta with Senate President of the Philippines, Vicente Sotto, and Gerry Padilla of the Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFC-FFL).

Dear Friends in Christ,

“If not for HLI and the faithful and generous support of our benefactors,” said Emil Hagamu, HLI Regional Director of English-Speaking Africa, “our pro-life and family programs and activities would be drastically hindered, and lives and families would become victims of the Culture of Death.” Emil made this statement during our recent biennial strategy meeting and retreat with our international leaders held in September at San Damiano Retreat House in White Post, Virginia.

Emil’s sentiments summarized the heartfelt gratitude of our international pro-life and family missionaries, who understand firsthand the tremendous importance of our mission. **Your dedication to this mission and the support and personal sacrifices you make on its behalf are making a powerful difference, impacting lives and families around the world.** In many cases, HLI is the only pro-life and family apostolate vigorously working in a given country or region, cultivating a Culture of Life, and dismantling the anti-life agenda and population control networks.

Though most of our benefactors will never have the opportunity to personally travel into our mission territories, you are, through our international missionaries, vicariously serving and defending life and the family. **Your love, care, and generosity are manifested in the witness and actions of those you support in the mission field.**

During our meeting and retreat, I asked our global team to share some impact stories. I would like to share one of them with you, hoping you will see how, together, we are making a difference. This story is about the Most Reverend José Saul Grisales, Bishop of the Diocese of Ipiales, Colombia.

I first met Bishop Grisales in Sonson-Rionegro, Colombia, in 2016. At the time, he was Fr. Grisales—rector of the cathedral in Sonson-Rionegro and regional vicar—and was participating in HLI’s REDESSVIDA congress. He had previously heard Nancy Tosi, one of our most active Latin American missionaries, give a few lectures during our sponsored conferences.



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet
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