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Pictured left: In Uganda, anti-life groups are working hard to instate a new abortion policy that would mandate children as young as 10 years old be put on contraceptives.

Dear Pro-Life Friend in Christ,

In this issue of *Mission Report*, Emil Hagamu reports from Tanzania, Africa, where he joined the efforts of the Bishop of the Diocese in promoting the Culture of Life and exposing the population control agenda. These efforts were desperately needed, as the anti-life movement is closing in on Tanzania. Nevertheless, Bishop Almachius Vincent Rweyongeza is convinced of the power of the African people to protect life, and he encourages his priests to preach the message from the pulpit. Emil's visit provided a great opportunity for the Bishop and HLI to join forces for Life.

Also in this issue, we re-publish two reports originally posted on our website. The first follows Fr. Jonathan Opio's fight against a new abortion policy being drafted in Uganda. Anti-life groups are trying to pass a bill mandating, among other things, that children as young as 10 years old be put on contraceptives. Please join us in our prayers that this outrageous bill never gets passed.

Our final report is good news from the Philippines, where Mayor Sally Lee of Sorsogon continues to implement pro-life policies in her city. As Mayor Lee installs programs to help women and families in need, she extends her heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support.

My dear friends, our efforts in standing for Life and defending the family would not be possible without your dedicated support. On behalf of the HLI family, I thank you and wish you every blessing of Almighty God.



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet
President

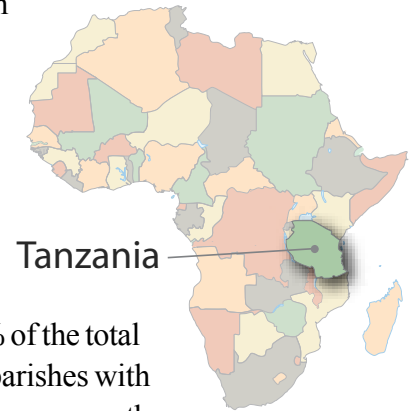
Yours in Christ and in Our Lady,

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet
President, Human Life International

MISSIONARY TRIP TO KAYANGA, TANZANIA

By Emil Hagamu, Regional Director of English-Speaking Africa, April 2016

My mission to Kayanga was a great success. I arrived in the city about mid-afternoon and was warmly received by Bishop Almachius Vincent Rweyongeza and Mr. Longinus Majenge. Longinus Majenge is the chairman of Pro-Life Tanzania in Bukoba Diocese and the pro-life coordinator of the Bukoba, Kayanga and Rulenge Dioceses. The bishop took us directly to dinner and showed me the seminar schedule while we ate.



THE DIOCESE OF KAYANGA

The Diocese of Kayanga has a Catholic population of 316,000, which represents 66% of the total population of 470,000. The diocese is composed of 13 parishes with 24 diocesan priests and 71 religious women. Bishop Rweyongeza, the current bishop, founded the diocese on August 14, 2008. The bishop is strongly pro-life and encourages his priests to devote time to promote a Culture of Life in their parishes, inspired by Psalm 127:3-5 and Mt 18:5 regarding the importance of being generous and open to new human life. **In his sermons, the bishop always preaches the dangerous consequences of the immorality of contraception and appeals to his faithful to have more babies.** “Each couple should have at least 17 children,” he often jokes. He outlines ten reasons for every couple to have another child in his small booklet “Familia Yetu” or “Our Family.” This booklet, which the bishop distributes to his faithful and asks every priest to make available in their parishes, quotes from my book “Dumisha Utamaduni wa Uhai”—“Promote the Culture of Life.”



Emil Hagamu, HLI Regional Director of English-Speaking Africa.

THE PROGRAM

At dinner, that first day, the bishop presented the mission program to me, detailing where and who to meet. For easy access to a large number of Catholic faithful, and for best program results, he divided the diocese into 4 deaneries, Bugene, Kyerwa, Karagwe, and Mabira, with talks in a different deanery each day. To avoid repeating the topics, he suggested that I present one or two at each deanery station. **The Diocesan Communication Director would then record the talks and make them available to the faithful through the diocesan radio.** Every priest was asked to encourage their faithful to listen to the presentations.

We began to work on this plan immediately. The bishop drove me to FADECO Radio Station, where I introduced myself over the radio to the diocese. The bishop personally participated by announcing the seminar schedule and calling on the faithful to listen to my presentations. I talked about my work with Human Life International and its life-saving mission around the world. I also thanked the bishop for his extraordinarily warm welcome and his commitment to the pro-life mission.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

My second engagement took place the next day, Monday, April 25, when I began my program in Bugene Deanery. Bugene is composed of four parishes, Bugene, Kayanga, Kimiza, and Ndorage. A total of 101 participants attended the seminar venue at Kayanga Parish. Most of these were lay faithful, but there were also a handful of priests and religious women from each parish.

The bishop, together with his diocesan leadership team, was present throughout the seminar, which made a great impact. The bishop used the occasion to ask the participants to be open to human life.

The main topics at this center were: “The mission of the pro-life movement,” “The sacredness of human life:

the beginning of human life through the various fetal development stages up until birth,” and “The need to protect and defend human life from the moment of conception until natural death.” The last presentation was on “Abortion as a major threat to human life.”

I was lucky enough to witness some participants become new pro-life activists. The bishop encouraged them to be vigilant in their new mission.

EXPOSING THE CONTRACEPTION PROPAGANDA

After Bugene, I travelled to Kyerwa Deanery, which is made up of three parishes: Bugomora, Isingiro, and Kaaro. The journey to Kyerwa was challenging, as we had to pass through muddy sectors and very slippery roads. Nevertheless, we arrived safely at the seminar venue, Isingiro, around 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26. Despite its remote location, this center garnered the largest number of participants, 288 in total. The Christian faithful were eager to hear the good news of the Gospel of Life, which they had desired for so long.

Anti-life proponents have long penetrated this village to spread the Culture of Death. I actually found a vehicle of the US-based population control group, Population Services International (PSI), parked at the lodging where I spent the night. Pro-death groups, such as PSI, lie to the people, telling them that contraceptive methods are good for family planning and harmless to women’s health. “Use a condom to promote a responsible family,” they tell residents of the area.

In my presentation at Isingiro, I told the people that this informa-

tion on contraception is wrong. **I demonstrated how contraception disrupts the natural functions of the reproductive system. In the process of this disruption, “women are silently wounded, suffer silently and die silently.”** Other topics presented at this deanery included “engagement, marriage, and the family.” Through my presentation, participants were able to see the relationship between the use of contraception and the decline in faith and the moral fabric, as well as the physical and psychological health of the individual and society.

At the end of the presentation and discussions, participants resolved to engage actively in promoting the Culture of Life in their parishes. They had not realized that the “family planning people” were lying to them. The women who came forward to testify how they have suffered



Emil Hagamu, HLI Regional Director for Anglophone Africa, spreads the message of the Culture of Life to the Catholic faithful of Kyerwa Deanery in Isingiro Parish Church during a recent visit to the Kayanga Diocese.

from contraception aroused a greater and even more bitter reaction against the agents of the Culture of Death. Leaders were elected among these new pro-life activists for coordination purposes, and the parish priests were appointed as advisors.

THE HISTORY OF THE POPULATION CONTROL AGENDA

Back on the muddy roads, hills and valleys, we reached Rwambaizi parish, the selected parish to host the seminar in the third deanery, around 6 p.m. on Wednesday. The parish priest was very happy to receive our team—Fr. Moses Juhudi, Mr. Longinus Majenge, the driver, and myself. Our happiness was shattered, however, at around 8 p.m. when we heard gunshots from a nearby trade center, which shook us to our knees. One bullet landed near the church door. The parish priest suggested we put off all the lights and take refuge. Mr. Longinus Majenge and I remained in the room we were to give the talk and closed the door securely. I silently prayed the rosary, invoking the Mother of God to intervene and save us from the imminent danger we were facing. Thanks to her intercession, we were not attacked. By 9:30 p.m., the commotion had settled down and we turned on the lights and opened our doors. We later learned that armed robbers had invaded the trade center, about 100 meters from the parish house. One person in the event was shot dead as he tried to run away from the robbers, and another was seriously wounded.

Despite the event, God gave us 154 participants to our seminar the next morning. The participants represented the Mabira Deanery, which is com-

posed of the Rwambaizi, Mabira, and Businde parishes.

My talk focused on the historical perspective of the population control agenda. I showed participants how it has evolved from the primitive ideas of Greek philosophers of the 7th century B.C. through the age of development and refinement of Thomas Malthus, Margaret Sanger, Marie Stopes, Charles Darwin, and more. I showed them how the United States and the United Nations stole the center stage of the movement by actualizing the population control agenda in the world through NSSM-200 and the World Conferences that took place between 1974 and 1996, and later through follow-up implementation enforcements. **I illustrated to them that the only way the UN and US will offer financial aid to developing countries is if they are willing to accept the population control agenda.**



At the end of the pro-life talks, Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza thanks Emil Hagamu and emphasizes the importance of being open to new life.



THIS POPULATION CONTROL AGENDA IS THE RESULT OF A COLLABORATION AMONG THESE ORGANIZATIONS.



I also showed them how the implementation process has weakened marriages and families.

At the end of the seminar, participants formed a leadership committee to coordinate the pro-life ministry in the deanery. Each parish was asked to choose a leadership team to spearhead the movement, with the objective of weakening the anti-life agenda.

POPULATION CONTROL AND ITS THREATS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Attendance at the last deanery was comparatively small because of the heavy rain that poured in the morning, making the roads impossible to drive on. A total of 112 people came, 5 of whom, I was pleased to see, were priests. Fr. David Livingstone, the head of the deanery and parish priest of Mabira, Fr. Benezeth Twegoshora, parish priest of Rwambaizi, Fr. Disdorus Lumumba, Fr. Erick Mugonyizi, parish priest at Businde, and Fr. Serapion Mugishomperwa were all in attendance.

I devoted the last talk to prove that a large population is an important factor for the economic development of any country. I gave statistics showing how a large population has been responsible for the economic development, military supremacy, and diplomatic influence of all developed countries, the United States of America, China, Germany, and others. I showed how it is wrong to think that developing countries will advance if they engage in programs that prevent population growth through contraception, abortion, sterilization, or even homosexuality as promoted by rich countries of the West. The example of Namibia, with a population of 2 million, or of Botswana with just 1.8 million, should teach us a strong lesson. In fact, a small country like Lesotho, which followed the path of South African development, has seen its population shrink from

2.2 million about 15 years ago to 1.8 million today.

The main question that came up was why the West should engage in the population control agenda. I told them the answer is found in the US document called NSSM-200, which appeared in 1974, in which **the US outlines how to maintain economic, political, and military supremacy by reducing the population of poor countries in order to continue exploiting the economic wealth of those countries.** The methods they use to achieve their agenda concern us as pro-life people—contraception, abortion, sterilization, homosexuality, and comprehensive sex education.

A TRULY PRO-LIFE BISHOP

My visit to the deaneries ended on the evening of Thursday, April 28, as I returned to the Diocesan headquarters. Although I was tired, I granted the bishop's wish and did a live presentation on the radio from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This mission visit showed me that Bishop Almachius is not only enthusiastic about the Gospel of Life message, but he is also committed to making it a living reality in his diocese. From the way he mobilizes his faithful to accept the pro-life message to the way he encourages them to be open to the gift of every new human life, I can confidently say that he is one of those pastors who preaches the Gospel of Life in season and out of season without ambiguity. Let us pray for this faithful son of the Church who is tirelessly promoting the Culture of Life in his Diocese.

African Babies Under Attack

By HLI Staff Writer

Unborn African babies in Uganda have been protected from abortion for a long time by strict pro-life laws. In spite of this, Uganda is filled with anti-life groups, including Marie Stopes International, the Gates Foundation, Family Health International, and many more. **These groups are working hard to instate a new abortion policy, a policy that would, among other things, mandate that children as young as 10 years old be put on contraceptives, including drugs that cause abortion.**



Fr. Jonathan Opio, the country director for HLI Uganda since 2011.

HLI'S FIGHT AGAINST THIS POLICY

Fr. Jonathan Opio, the country director for HLI Uganda since 2011, talked about this threatening issue at the Bafumbo program in late April. The Bafumbo program is a yearly gathering of married couples at the Jinja Karoli Catholic parish, where Fr. Opio often says Mass. The topic of this year's program was the challenges facing marriage and family today. The couples in attendance were alarmed when they realized that the new abortion bill would put their ten-year-old children on contraceptives, and give them access to abortion. Many couples approached Fr. Opio after the talk, asking him what they could do to stop the bill. Fr. Opio assured them that HLI Uganda is working hard to make sure that this bill never gets passed, taking steps including petitions and informative conferences.

It will be much easier to prevent this policy from ever being passed than to try to fight it once it is in effect.

AFRICAN BABIES ARE WANTED BABIES

In spite of the power of the anti-life groups, the country of Uganda is very pro-life and pro-family. The president of the country has encouraged abstinence and faithfulness as a cure to the spread of HIV/AIDS since he came to the presidency in the 1980s. Uganda's HIV/AIDS infection rate, initially among the highest in the world at 30% in the early 90s, dropped to 6% in 2002 after massive campaigns that focused on abstinence and spousal fidelity.

Unfortunately, anti-life organizations are doing everything they can to promote condoms and contraceptives, and HIV/AIDS is on the rise again.

The people of Uganda themselves are eager to protect their women, children, and men from the anti-life movement. They are enthusiastic about the work of HLI Uganda, and are eager to listen to their talks. Fr. Opio also gave a talk in April to 150 student leaders in Mbale on pro-life issues and another talk to 100 fourth-year medical students at Makerere University College of Health Sciences, Mulago, on the termination of pregnancy and medical ethics. Both groups invited Fr. Opio to speak at future events, and many schools requested that HLI Uganda spread the message to their students. Fr. Opio has saved over 250 African babies from abortion, many of which are named after him.

CONTINUED WORK IN UGANDA

Fr. Opio and the others at HLI Uganda continue their work with the prayers and support of the generous benefactors of Human Life International. The fight against the anti-life movement is a hard one, but as Fr. Opio says, "We do not have their power, but they do not have God's power." Fr. Opio looks forward to continuing new programs for life in Uganda every month.

Mayor Sally Lee Bans Contraceptives in Sorsogon, Philippines.

By HLI Staff Writer

Last year, Human Life International reported on Mayor Sally Lee, who declared Sorsogon, Philippines to be a pro-life city in February 2015. She was inspired to do so after attending HLI's 19th Asian-Pacific Conference on Faith, Life, and Family. Mayor Sally shows what it means to be pro-life, and HLI has supported her every step of the way in her fight to rid her city of the Culture of Death.

In April, Dr. Ligaya Acosta, Dr. Brian Clowes, and Father Shenan Boquet visited Sorsogon to bolster their support. Although Mayor Sally's re-election campaign was rapidly approaching, she spent time with the HLI team and showed them the work she has done in Sorsogon.

PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN

During the week that they were there, Dr. Acosta, Dr. Clowes, and Fr. Boquet were able to give many talks, offer Masses, and meet the people of Sorsogon. They were also able to witness the incredible things that Mayor Sally has done to promote Life in her city. On the third day, after celebrating Mass in the beautiful Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, they visited the new Pro-Life Advocacy Center, which is supplied with pro-life resources provided by Human Life International. This newly organized and refurbished Center is located in the old city hall in the center of the city for convenience and easy access. Here, the people of Sorsogon gather to learn about issues affecting Life and Family. The Center, along with the local church, also provides Natural Family Planning services.

Mayor Sally has also opened a Home for Violated Women, which Fr. Boquet blessed in the presence of the Home's personnel, some policemen, and other city government workers.



RIDDING SORSOGON OF CONTRACEPTIVES

Not only has Mayor Sally successfully fought the abortion industry, but she has also refused to accept contraceptives into her city. This decision has been met with fierce opposition and harassment from the pro-abortion movement. However, Mayor Sally's devotion to her Faith and her people has been unwavering. She says that her duty to God comes first, and she wants to protect women, especially from the devastating effects of contraceptives.

One morning, while they were visiting, Dr. Acosta, Dr. Clowes, and Fr. Boquet had breakfast with an important aide to Mayor Sally, Village Captain Melvin Hainto. He told the story of how he refused entry to members of the government's Department of Health in order to protect the villagers. **After Mayor Sally's ban of contraceptives, these members tried to sneak them in by pretending to be on a mission trip and distributing them to the villages directly.** Luckily, the Village Captain saw through their fraud. Captain Hainto attended the Pro-Life Orientation and Mini-training conducted by Dr. Acosta in 2015, and has since been strong in fighting the Culture of Death with his mayor.

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ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS AND VILLAGE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS

Though Mayor Sally has worked hard to protect women, children, and men from becoming victims of the Culture of Death, this has not been her sole focus. During their visit, Mayor Sally treated Dr. Acosta, Dr. Clowes and Fr. Boquet to the relaxing “Firefly River Cruise,” on the Buhatan river, rehabilitated by the mayor’s environment program. This cruise takes place after sunset and is one of several activities available on the Buhatan River. Mayor Sally and the HLI team enjoyed dinner in an indigenous restaurant on the river, run as a livelihood program for the village people. The seafood at this restaurant is caught from the Buhatan River. Mayor Sally possesses the true spirit of the pro-life movement, a love for all aspects of life.

After a busy and fruitful week, Dr. Acosta, Dr. Clowes, and Fr. Boquet said goodbye to Sorsogon. Mayor Sally thanked them for their support, which she said truly strengthened her resolve to never waiver in her convictions. The mayor was a huge inspiration to Human Life International as well. This is a woman who stands by her morals in spite of the pressure of leading a city and in spite of the adversity she faces. The job of the pro-lifer is to share this value of Life with the community, until it infects the whole world. Mayor Sally is a model of what it means not only to be a pro-life citizen, but also to be a pro-life leader.



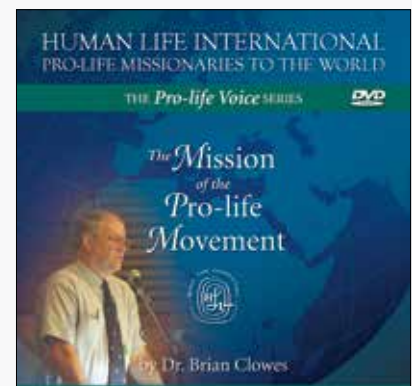
Left to right: Dr. Ligaya Acosta, Fr. Boquet, Melvin and Joycee Hainto, Dr. Brian Clowes, and Mayor Sally Lee.

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This month, when you donate \$53 or more to support HLI’s life-saving mission, you’ll receive the DVD, *The Mission of the Pro-Life Movement*, a talk by Dr. Brian Clowes.

In this DVD, HLI’s Dr. Brian Clowes relates amazing stories of pro-life leaders and what they have accomplished. You will hear of the successful abstinence program in the Philippines and of the extensive training program in which HLI has reached over 10,000 priests and seminarians around the world in the last five years. Also, you will learn how the anti-life revolution has gained control of our society and what must be done to counter this revolution and much more.

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