

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE DEFENSE OF LIFE AND FAMILY

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL'S

# FRONTLINES™

## Impact Report

### 2018

HLI's mission is to support the Church and the Family and to make both invulnerable to the baleful programs of the Culture of Death.



# Our Mission

Human Life International is the world's largest global pro-life apostolate, with an active network in over 100 countries.

What distinguishes HLI from other organizations, and what is HLI's impact? In this issue of *Impact Report*, we would like to answer these questions and share with you the strategy we employ in accomplishing our mission – to build a Culture of Life and Civilization of Love. We have learned in nearly 5 decades of experience that to transform culture we must first transform hearts and minds to *love, respect, defend, and serve* Life – The Great Campaign for Life.

We effect necessary change by providing formation to groups that have the greatest potential to influence the structures of society. HLI accomplishes this strategy by impacting the Church and the Family, as well as domestic and international governing bodies. HLI, in collaboration with local, regional, and national leaders, provides educational and financial resources to support local programs which instill a greater awareness of the assaults to human life and the family. These programs unite people to actively cultivate, build, and sustain a Culture of Life. They identify leaders and provide them with on-going formation and



mentorship, accompanying these leaders and assuring them they are not alone.

Your care, support, and love for Life and Family make all this possible and so much more. Please read on to learn more about this unique apostolic work that began with one passionate man, Fr. Paul Marx, O.S.B., who loved Life and Family and invited each of us to join him in what Pope Saint John Paul II called, “the most important work on earth.”

## Structures of Influence

The Culture of Death has infiltrated and subverted the laws of more than one hundred nations that were previously pro-life and pro-family. Pro-abortionists, LGBTQ groups, and population controllers experimented with this process for decades before hitting upon a sequence that is extremely effective, and which now follows exactly the same blueprint in every targeted nation. Their process seeks to cor-



Left: Fr. Boquet offering the opening Mass and homily at the *Humanae Vitae* Conference at Emma's Retreat Center in Dublin, Ireland, August 2018.



*“This conference enkindles in me the desire or zeal to work for Jesus... in teaching people, in evangelizing the culture, having in mind the goal to transform men into the image of Christ. It inspires me to do my best in my every apostolate, both present and future.” — Arvin, Seminarian (An attendee of HLI training in 2018)*

rupt all the sources of influence in a nation following a very specific sequence.

The highest level is comprised of **internationally focused organizations**. This is where very large multinational entities exert pressure on multiple countries, and sometimes on all the nations of the world. These are:

The **United Nations**, with an annual combined budget of about \$35 billion distributed among dozens of large and medium-sized specialized agencies.

More than one thousand large international **non-governmental organizations (NGOs)**, with billions of dollars at their disposal, increasing every year. These NGOs include more than one hundred single-purpose population control groups, including the massive Population Council, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), and Marie Stopes International (MSI). There are also many other NGOs, both large and small, which have various primary missions but which “dabble” in population control operations on the side.

The second highest level of influence in all nations are the **domestically focused organizations**, where about one-half of one percent of the people in the country, “the elite”, hold the power and direct the nation. They determine the future direction that the morality of the people of the nation will have. These sources of influence are:

The **executive branches** of the national governments, regions, and states or provinces.

The **courts**, particularly the national court systems.

The **legislatures** at the national, regional, and state or provincial levels.

The leaders and boards of **associations** with specific missions, including organized medical and legal professionals and public interest groups.

The **media**, particularly the entertainment industry (motion pictures, television, radio), the print and



Above: Dr. Ligaya Acosta with a Papuan mother and her children from the parish of Sideia Island, Diocese of Alotau-Sideia, Papua New Guinea (September 2018). The necklace Dr. Acosta is wearing was given by the local people as a symbol of friendship and their acceptance of her by their tribe.

news media (newspapers, magazines, book authors, publishers, and newscasters), and the arts; and

**School administrations**, from grade school board members to the policymakers at medical and legal colleges.

Finally, there are the **diffused organizations of influence**. Instead of an elite few disseminating direction and values, here there are millions of mothers and fathers, grandparents, uncles and aunts, priests,

ministers, etc. passing on moral and religious values to the next generations. These are:

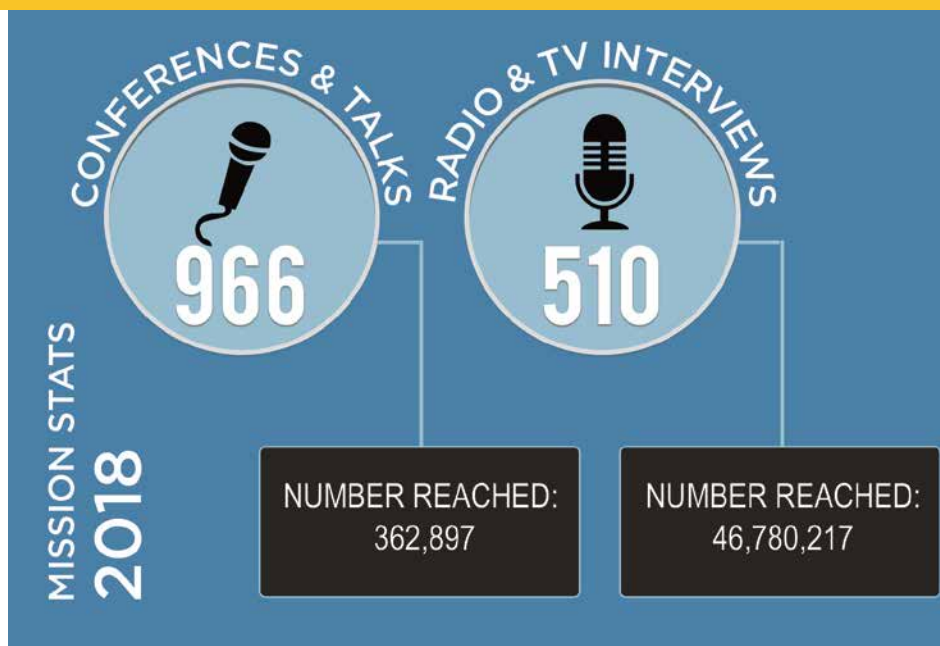
The **Church** – Magisterium and the laity, and

The **Family**.

The Culture of Death takes over a very small but influential group of organizations and “pushes down” on the Church and Family, either by corrupting them or, if they resist strongly, by sidelining them through a systematic program of ridicule and stereotyping. This strategy has been successful and the consequences have been dire. For example, the recent referendums on marriage and abortion in Ireland are easy to understand when one considers the structures that have influenced how most people think about these issues. Tragically, decades of poor formation and catechesis by the Church laid the groundwork. Combine this with the behavioral modification of moral and religious values inculcated by schools, universities, and the media. Finally, add the vigorous and united effort by those seeking a radical change of culture to get elected to local and national governmental positions. Nothing happens in a vacuum!

In contrast, the Culture of Life consists by its very nature of grassroots movements, supported and affirmed by the teaching of

Right: Emil Hagamu, HLI Regional Director of English-Speaking Africa, explaining fetal development to 43 village women in Zimbabwe.



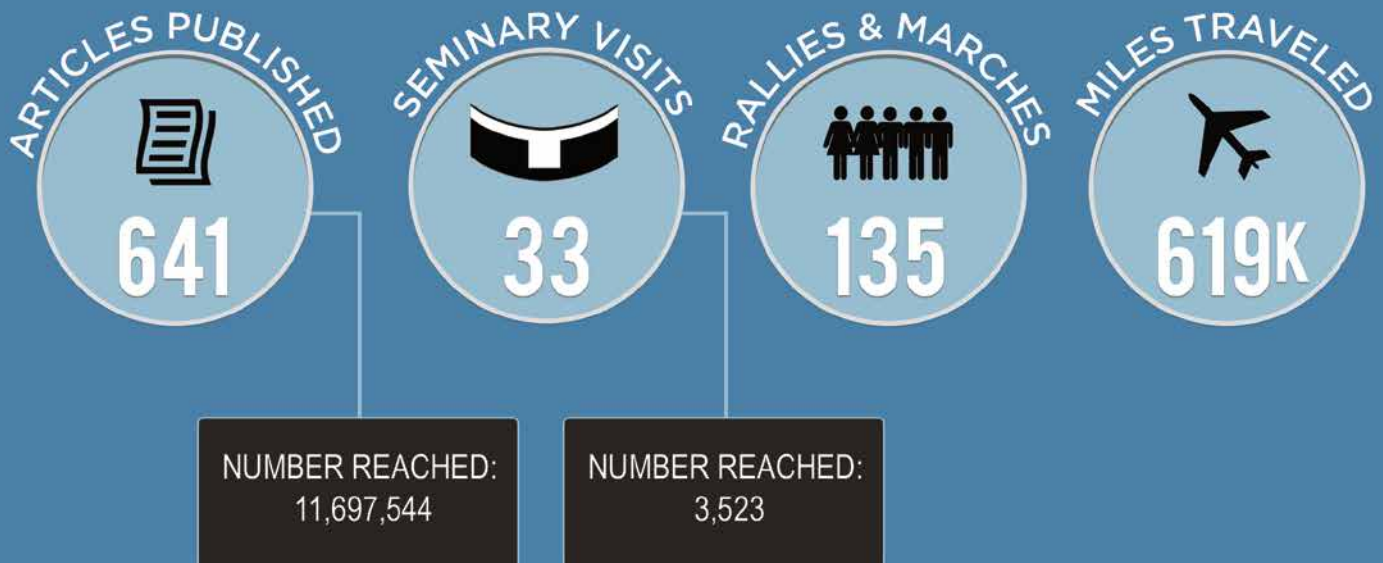
the Church and Magisterium. While the Culture of Death puts pressure on the Church and the Family by diluting their meaning and significance, it can only achieve victory in places where the Church and the Family are so fundamentally corrupted that there is no difference between those who participate in the life of the Church and those who do not; those who are in “traditional” families and those who are not. **Our mission is to support the Church and the Family and to make both invulnerable to the baleful programs of the Culture of Death.**

## HLI's Target Groups and Strategy

If we are to authentically cultivate and sustain a Culture of Life, we must influence those who will impact society at every level. This is







Left: George Wirnkar (far left) and Joseph Meaney (top center) at HLI's Summer Institute for Priests in Lomé, Togo (Africa).

done with two approaches: reactively participating in national and international governing bodies, such as the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as well as proactively impacting leaders who have a direct and indirect influence on our societies and cultures.

HLI targets two specific groups: those in a **transitional state** – seminarians and students – and those in a **permanent state** – priests, religious, lay professionals, and families.

**HLI IMPACT** *"I was heartened to see that pro-lifers have not been emasculated. The level of presentation was excellent, and the passion came through. I got some good materials with which I can inform those I know about how evil abortion is."*  
— John, Ireland (An attendee of HLI training in 2018)

# ONE YEAR OF HLI



# MISSIONARY WORK







Left: His Excellency, Bishop Rolando Santos, Bishop of Alotau-Sideia, Papua New Guinea, delivering a powerful homily during the closing Mass of HLI's pro-life training program in his diocese. Bishop Santos attended all the sessions of the September 2018 HLI training.

## HLI IMPACT

*"The conference helped a lot to develop my thinking and behavior towards the value of human life from the beginning in the mother's womb to [natural] death. That we should not endanger life but love, protect and support favorable laws towards human beings. Moreover, it reminds me that this is a precious gift and God will hold us accountable."* — Elmina, Tanzania (An attendee of HLI training in 2018)

Working with those in a **transitional state**, whose vocation is still being determined and discerned, allows HLI to cultivate a Christian viewpoint, instilling in hearts and minds a love for Truth and the beauty of human life and its eternal destiny.

HLI forms those in transition *to influence their culture and society*; after all, they will become husbands, wives, parents, priests, and leaders. If formed properly, they will impact their society and its moral and religious values. If they embrace the teaching of the Church and understand the underlying bioethical issues, they will be prepared to articulate pro-life truths and defend them in the public square.

The second group, those in the **permanent state**, who are already living in their respective vocation and profession, are making an immediate impact upon culture and society. A priest, for example, has the potential to impact the local church, families, and society for 40-60 years. Think of how many people within this timeframe he will influence! The same may be said for lay professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, teachers, professors, scientists, and so on.

In summary, by providing ongoing formation and mentorship to these groups HLI is positioned to impact society in each of its spheres. A seminarian who becomes a well-formed pro-life priest, versed in all the life issues, can influence hundreds to thousands over the course of time in his parish. So, too, a doctor in his practice, a teacher in her classroom, and so on.

## HLI's Target Issues

At the heart of our target issues is the inalienable and immutable dignity of the human person, made in the image and likeness of God (*Imago Dei*). From this point of reference, we treat the subjects of:

**Contraception:** The artificial prevention of fertilization or implantation — the very root of the Culture of Death.

**Abortion:** The tragedy of taking the life of the most vulnerable and innocent among us — the unborn.

**Marriage:** The institution as created by God but threatened by man.



# TARGET SUBJECTS

- ✓ CONTRACEPTION
- ✓ ABORTION
- ✓ MARRIAGE
- ✓ REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES
- ✓ EUTHANASIA

# METHODS

- ✓ ORGANIZE
- ✓ TRAIN
- ✓ EQUIP
- ✓ MENTOR

**Reproductive Technologies:** The unethical procedures of procreation.

**Euthanasia:** The attack on the life of the vulnerable, handicapped, aged, terminally ill, and those at life's end.

## HLI's Methods

The mission of HLI encompasses a complex and international environment, comprised of over 100 countries with diverse languages and cultures. To effectively build and sustain a Culture of Life and counter the work of anti-life organizations, we divide our mission territory into 5 distinct regions, each overseen by a director. These regions are: Europe (directed by Dr. Joseph Meaney and Joannes Bucher); English-speaking Africa (directed by Emil Hagamu); French-speaking Africa (directed by George Wirnkar); Asia/Oceania (directed by Dr. Ligaya Acosta); and Latin America (directed by Mario Rojas).

HLI has also established, in its nearly 5 decades of pro-life and pro-family activity, a network of affiliates who alongside the regional directors oversee, manage, and implement various pro-life and family programs in their respective countries. HLI believes it is preferable to collaborate with local leaders since



Above: Dr. Ligaya Acosta distributing the Certificates of Attendance to participants of the 3-day Diocesan Pro-Life Training conducted by HLI for the Diocese of Alotau-Sideia, Papua New Guinea (September 2018).

they know the culture and language, and they are best equipped to confront local issues.

**Organizing** the pro-life movement in each of these regions includes: creating strategies best suited for the region's needs; planning and implementing training sessions for seminarians, priests, religious,



Above: Joannes Bucher, HLI Regional Director of Europe, with Katerina Uchacová and Zdenka Rybová of HLI Czech Republic at the Czech March for Life in April 2018.

students, various lay professionals, and other pro-life leaders; supporting Church leadership on Life and Family issues; and assisting with grassroots movements, such as pregnancy help centers, counseling, prayer vigils, and marches for life.

**Training** consists in providing expert speakers for lectures and seminars on Life and Family issues. These may take the form of:

International congresses, such as REDESSVIDA in Latin America, and the Asia Pacific Congress for Life and Family (ASPAC). Each of these bi-annual conferences is held in varying locations in Latin America and Asia, respectively. They are attended by people from all walks of life who hunger to learn how to promote and defend Life, Marriage and the Family.

Summer Institutes for Seminarians and Priests, in which future and current Church leaders are trained in Catholic bioethics and pastoral implementation.

“Training the trainers” sessions, in which pro-life leaders (clergy and laity) are instructed in specific ways to bring this training and formation to others.

Digital resources which provide self-paced or instructor-led learning; for example, our online laity training platform in Latin America.

Local lectures and seminars, in which people from all professions and faiths are taught about Life and Family issues, as well as how to counter the anti-life agenda and propaganda.

**Equipping** pro-life and family leaders with educational materials such as books, pamphlets, DVDs, CDs and other resources that can be used in their own missionary work to defend Life and Family and to promote a Culture of Life.

**Mentoring** pro-life leaders by maintaining relationships, providing continuing education, following up with trainees to ensure consistency in their training programs, and offering ongoing assistance to leaders in their efforts to educate and train others.



*“During this time, when there seems to be a globalized and concerted attack on human life and our long cherished Christian beliefs on marriage and sexuality, HLI stands as the one powerful voice that stands up for what the Church believes and what intelligent reason sees as most fitting of our human dignity and vocation in life.” — His Excellency Bishop Rolando Santos, Bishop of Alotau Sideia, Papua New Guinea (following his third visit to ASPAC)*

## A Future with Hope

*“This is the most important work on earth, because also any good cause you can think of in the world depends on this: that there be life, that there be families, that there be those who know how to love.” — Fr. Paul Marx, O.S.B.*

Since its beginning in 1972 as the Human Life Center, HLI’s global mission and network continues to grow. Initial training workshops have identified potential leaders and people with a desire to learn more about bioethics and its application. Follow-up workshops have provided ongoing formation and better prepared leaders to create programs and training opportunities in their respective fields of influence. New trainees have become leaders in the pro-life and family movement. Thousands of lives and families have been saved through pregnancy help centers. Many couples have become aware of the beauty of life and marriage through Natural Family Planning.

None of this would be possible without you, our faithful supporters, who through numerous sacrifices have generously provided the financial resources necessary for this life-saving work. On behalf of those we serve and HLI’s family spread across the globe, we offer you our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude. May God bless and reward you for your faithfulness and generosity!

## Financials for 2018

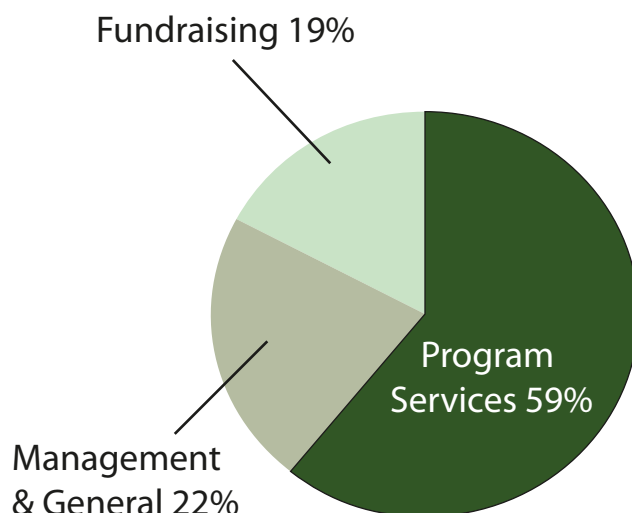
### Revenue

Contributions	\$2,478,517
Investment Income	\$32,741
Other Revenue	\$186,664
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,697,922</b>

### Expenses

Program Services	\$1,853,375
Management & General	\$709,341
Fundraising	\$584,814
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,147,530</b>
<b>Total Revenue Less Expenses</b>	<b>(\$449,608)</b>

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$3,700,903
<b>Net Assets End of Fiscal Year 2018</b>	<b>\$3,251,295</b>

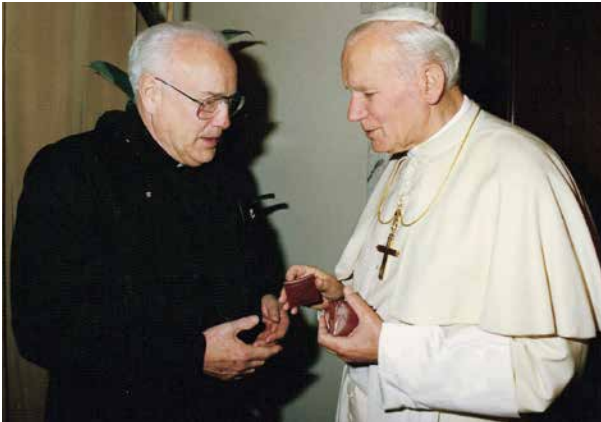


**“You must bring this pro-life, pro-family movement all over the earth;  
and if you do that, you will be doing the most important work on earth.”**

– St. Pope John Paul II to HLI Founder Fr. Paul Marx, O.S.B. on November 17, 1979.

FR. PAUL MARX, O.S.B., was often referred to as “the father of the international pro-life movement” and was called an “Apostle of Life” by Pope John Paul II (1991).

Fr. Marx traveled over three million miles, visiting all 50 states and 91 countries in his over 40 years of pro-life advocacy to defend the sanctity of human life.



Fr. Marx was ordained to the priesthood on June 15, 1947 by the Order of St. Benedict. After nearly two decades on the faculty of St. Johns University, he was permitted by his order to dedicate himself to the fight for life and family full-time. Seeing the advance of anti-life forces before most did, he founded the Human Life Center in 1972 at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. In 1981, the Human Life Center became Human Life International (HLI), the world's first and largest international pro-life organization. Fr. Marx was president of HLI until his retirement in 1999.

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