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## You helped Mayelin welcome new life and heal old wounds.

Through HLI Dominican Republic, this mom found a way to keep her baby and change her life.

"Even though I thought it was a cluster of cells, I knew something was wrong in my heart, inside me. I could not find the face of the baby, but I cried that day."

It was heartbreaking to listen as Mayelin remembered her abortion.

She was 16. Her mother said she would not let Mayelin "burden" the family with a baby. The doctor dehumanized the child, saying it was just a blob of cells, or at most a hunk of meat with blood. Sadly, Mayelin agreed to the abortion.



The pain and bleeding frightened her. And when it was all over, she knew she'd made a terrible mistake.

The abortion haunted Mayelin, but it didn't help her change her lifestyle. A few years later, she was pregnant again.

But this time was different. Mayelin had you.

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Say hello to Yendry! You helped his mom overcome family pressure to abort.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have exciting news for you!

This year we are blessed with our biggest matching gift challenge yet.

A generous donor has pledged to match any gift you make by July 31st up to \$75,000!

This is too good an opportunity to pass up. Please make your best gift this month to make sure every cent of this

matching gift goes to the mission.

Thank you so much for your support. Every time you open Mission Report and read about another life saved, please know that this is because



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet President

of your dedication to the pro-life mission.

I know how passionate you are about building the Culture of Life. Don't miss this chance to double your impact!

My prayers are with you, especially at Holy Mass,

Yours in Christ and our Lady,

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet



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When she learned about God's love for her aborted child, Mayelin thought He could never forgive her. But your missionaries gave her hope. She turned to the sacraments, and her soul began to heal.

#### YOUR GIFTS CARE FOR BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD

Mayelin saw a Facebook post from your pregnancy care center in the Dominican Republic. Thinking it must be a sign from God, she reached out for help.

Your missionaries welcomed her with open arms.

Thanks to your generous gifts, they offered Mayelin the medical and spiritual support she needed.

First they took her to see the OBGYN at your pregnancy care center. He made sure Mayelin had a safe pregnancy in spite of some risk factors caused by her abortion.

They listened to the baby's heartbeat and put his first sonogram image in a portrait frame. This helped Mayelin think of him as her child.

Then your missionaries taught Mayelin the Gospel of Life. When she learned about God's love for her first child, she thought He could never forgive what she had done.

But the knowledge that God loves her just as much gave her hope.



You gave Mayelin pre-natal care and taught her the value of her son's life and her own. Here she and Dr. Michel hold Yendry's first portrait.

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### THANKS TO YOU, MAYELIN AND HER SON ARE THRIVING

Mayelin's son Yendry was born safely and welcomed into this world by his mother. You set her up with diapers, clothes, blankets and other supplies she would need to care for him.

But there was one problem yet to solve. Mayelin needed a way to support herself and her son.

Your missionaries helped her start her own small business selling children's clothing online. Now she and Yendry are living in their own little apartment and getting along fine.

You saved Yendry's life. But what you did for Mayelin is even more amazing. You brought her to the Church, helped her find healing, and showed her how to change her lifestyle.

Today, she is a happy mother who understands her own dignity, and the value of every child's life.

Thank you for making this happy ending possible.

## **Unexpected Visitor to Bioethics Library Makes a Powerful Impact**

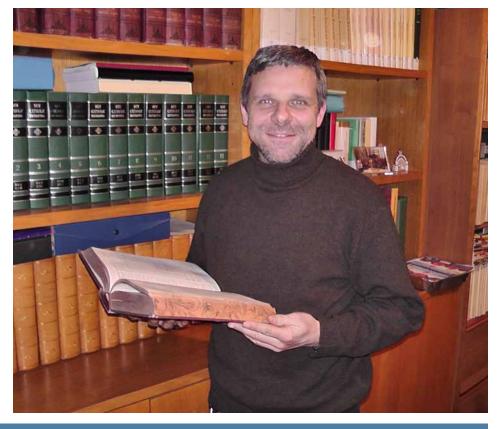
With your help, this ambulance driver is bringing the Gospel of Life to his hospital coworkers.

Michele was an unusual visitor to your bioethics library in Rome. The library primarily serves priests, seminarians, religious, and future professors. Through it, you give them the resources to defend human dignity in the academic sphere.

Michele is different. He works as an ambulance driver and will likely never teach at a college or write for an academic journal. He sought out your bioethics library for another reason.

# MICHELE SAW A CHANCE TO CHANGE HEARTS AT HIS WORK

Healthcare can work as a tool for respecting and preserving human



Michele learned Catholic teaching on life issues so he can share it with his hospital coworkers. Thank you for supporting the Bioethics Library!



life and dignity. Or it can work as a weapon to destroy it.

Michele and his coworkers at the hospital serve on the front lines of many ethical battles.

As evils like abortion, euthanasia, and IVF are legalized, health workers face new dilemmas. And they don't always come up with the right answers.

The hospital employees often talk to each other about their views on these difficult cases. Michele would always try to defend Church teaching on human life and dignity. But he wasn't as effective as he wanted to be.

Then some of his pro-life friends told him about your bioethics library.

### YOU EMPOWERED MICHELE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE WITH HIS COWORKERS

Michele wanted to learn Catholic teaching on bioethics so he could bring it back to his workplace. You

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gave him the resources and guidance he needed to do it.

Your missionaries helped Michele choose the most helpful texts from your extensive collection. Books and journals on bioethics are expensive and hard to find. But with your help, Michele was able to deepen his knowledge.

Michele may not be the one choosing life or death for a patient, but he works closely with those who do. You prepared a well-informed pro-life witness to speak the truth to dozens of doctors and nurses.

# THANK YOU FOR MAKING BIOETHICAL TEACHING ACCESSIBLE!

We asked Michele why he was taking the time to

learn about bioethics. He said, "because everyone must be aware of the truth contained in the Catholic faith in every area of daily life."

Through the bioethics library, you are tearing down anti-life lies and putting the Truth in their place. The priests, seminarians, religious, and laypeople you've trained are spreading the Gospel of Life around the world.

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Thank you!

### SUBSCRIBE ONLINE TO HLI'S SPIRIT & LIFE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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# Thank You for Inspiring Tarence to Become a Priest!

Your mission in Malaysia taught this young man the value of life. Now he wants to do the same for others.

Your Asia Pacific conference was the turning point for Tarence's vocation.

His faith life had been on an upward spiral since your affiliate in Malaysia started visiting his high school.

Just a few years ago he was sliding into the anti-life trap.

Tarence didn't know the value of his own life or the strength of God's love for him. He suffered from low self-worth.

So many voices screamed lies into his ears. They said contraception is an "equalizer," euthanasia is "healthcare," and abortion is a "human right." Tarence believed them and slipped a bit further from God every day.

# THE GOSPEL OF LIFE GAVE TARENCE FAITH IN CHRIST

Tarence's life started to change when he met your missionary Dorothea. She taught him and many of his school mates about the dignity of human life and marriage.

Gradually, Tarence's view of life issues started to



You helped Tarence grow in love for life and family. Now he is a seminarian ready to start building the Culture of Life!

# **IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can give any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to Human Life International without having to pay income taxes on the distribution.

Learn more at plannedgiving.hli.org/ira-charitable-rollover

## At the Asia Pacific Conference, "I realized [the pro-life mission] was the most important thing I could do. And I could do it so much more effectively as a priest!" – Tarence

#### change. And his faith life changed with it.

He became a dedicated Catholic, a confident young man, and a joyful pro-life witness. When Dorothea brought a group of young people to your Asia Pacific conference, Tarence was eager to go.

It was there that he heard the call to the priest-hood.

#### TARENCE DISCOVERED HIS VOCATION AT YOUR ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Between talks Tarence met dozens of pro-life leaders who are changing their communities with your help. Many of them were priests and religious men and women.

They inspired Tarence to devote himself to pro-life work. He said, "I realized this was the most important thing I could do. And I could do it so much more effectively as a priest!"

The more Tarence thought and prayed the more he felt sure of his priestly vocation. When he returned home, he joined the seminary.

### TARENCE WANTS TO BRING YOUR MESSAGE TO MORE YOUNG PEOPLE

You played an essential role in helping Tarence find his vocation.

Your gifts brought people into his life who prepared his mind and heart to answer God's call. And you sponsored the event that showed him how he could make an impact as a priest.

Now Tarence wants to use his vocation to bring young people to the Culture of Life like you did for him.

One of his dreams is to start an Asia Pacific conference for youth: "there are so many young people just like I was, wanting to live in the Truth but with no one to show them how. We need a pro-life conference just for them."

A youth conference isn't in the budget right now. But with your help, this dream and many others can become realities.

Thank you so much for making Tarence's conversion possible! He and countless other young people are living in the Culture of Life today because of you.

### Double your impact with our matching gift challenge! Help us reach our \$75,000 goal by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**\$50:** Your gift of \$50 will send \$100 to the mission field!

**\$150:** Your gift of \$150 will send \$300 to the mission field!

**\$300:** Your gift of \$300 will send \$600 to the mission field!

Thank you so much for making this sacrifice to spread the Gospel of Life! Please pray for our mission. I will be praying for you. — Father Shenan J. Boquet