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You Turned Celina into a Powerful Pro-Life Voice on the Radio

This Catholic radio show in Mexico avoided human life issues until Celina met your missionary.

At HLI we take your trust very seriously.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Your prayers matter.

I am so thankful for all the gifts you give to make the pro-life mission possible. And I am also deeply thankful for your prayers.

Prayer connects us to each other, to the people we serve, and to God, who gives us all our strength. Our mission succeeds because our supporters are people of prayer.

When you pray, God works wonders in the hearts and minds of His children who have gone astray. And sometimes, through prayer, He gives us an opportunity to save a life. Just take a look at the story from Ukraine on page 5.

Please continue to pray for the mission.

I am praying for you and your family too, especially at Holy Mass.

Yours in Christ and our Lady,

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet



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President

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Celina Lopez from Mexico is one such leader.

Celina hosts a Catholic radio program. **She covers many important topics, but life and family issues were never a part of her programming. That changed when she brought one of your missionaries on the show.**

Celina wanted to host a show on voting as a Catholic in Mexico. She invited your missionary Luis Martinez to be her guest because of his strong legal background.

Luis took the conversation in a direction that Celina did not see coming.

YOU ARE SHOWING CATHOLIC VOTERS HOW TO ROLL BACK ABORTION

Luis used his airtime to teach Celina's listeners that human life issues should be a Catholic voter's top priority.



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A HOME?**

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Crimes like abortion and euthanasia must be nipped in the bud or a nation will quickly lose its soul.

Mexico is traditionally a pro-life country, but there are cracks in the foundation. In most states, abortion is still heavily restricted. But in a few cities, it's available and legal in many circumstances.

Euthanasia is not far behind. Mexico City legalized the direct killing of terminally ill patients in 2017. The laws have only grown worse since then.

Luis taught that Catholics must support candidates who respect human life at every stage.

Many countries went too far down this evil road before pro-lifers realized the danger. With your help, Mexico doesn't have to be one of them.

CELINA'S RADIO PROGRAM IS NOW PRO-LIFE. THANK YOU!

We can hope and trust that many of Celina's listeners took Luis's message to heart. But even better, Celina changed her view of what it means to be a Catholic in today's culture.

You taught her that defending life and family is a central part of everyone's duty. And she is going to carry that lesson forward in her future shows.

Celina's Catholic radio program is now a *pro-life* Catholic radio program.

It was you who made this change possible.

Your support for Luis brought the light of the Gospel of Life to Celina. And because Celina put that light high on a lampstand, many will see it and be changed.

Thank you for helping the people of Mexico stand up against abortion in their country!

Your impact multiplies every day when you use your gifts to make new pro-life leaders like Celina.

Thank You for Empowering Fr. Shanu to Protect the Elderly

This priest is using lessons from your bioethics library to end the custom of elder killing in India.

A grandfather walks into a police station in Kerala, India.

He claims that his family is planning to kill him.

It's an Indian custom. Families sometimes murder their elderly when they are no longer useful. Often victims are forced to drink coconut water until they die of kidney failure.

The police tell him not to worry.

A few weeks later, the same grandfather is in the morgue. Cause of death: kidney failure. There is no investigation.

YOU HELPED FR. SHANU MAKE A PLAN TO END ELDER KILLING

Fr. Shanu from Kerala knows all about the evil



Fr. Shanu says 'thank you' for giving him the tools he needs to protect the elderly in his diocese.



custom that is snuffing out lives in his community. **The practice of 'thalaikoothal', or elder killing, is illegal. But it still happens in some parts of southern India, especially among poor families.**

He came to Rome to plan a strategy for leading his community to stop the practice of elder killing. To complete this task, he needed your help.

Through HLI Rome, you support one of the most extensive bioethics libraries in the world. Thanks to you, priests like Fr. Shanu can find texts that are often not available in university libraries.

At your library, Fr. Shanu did extensive research on promoting palliative, or "comfort"-care. This type of care is in line with Church teaching and respects human dignity.

You provided all the latest scientific information on comfort-care for the elderly and sick. And you backed it up with ethical and pastoral texts. This helped Fr. Shanu find the best way to apply the science in his region.

BRINGING PRO-LIFE TEACHING WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST

Most Indians love and respect their elderly rela-

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tives and are happy to care for them.

But sadly, this country is a prime target of population control groups. Indians are consistently taught that excess people are a dead weight to society.

This pushes them toward many evils, such as abortion and contraception, as well as euthanasia.

With this mindset, some families don't see the point of supporting an elderly parent who can't work. And if the parent is in pain, their children might think ending their life is the right thing to do.

This is a big challenge for a priest trying to protect the most vulnerable.

SEMINARIANS READY TO SPREAD THIS SOLUTION ALL OVER INDIA

Thanks to you, Fr. Shanu is returning to India with

a plan to suit this problem. He has Church teaching on the value of human life in one hand, and practical alternatives to euthanasia in the other.

And the best part?

Father Shanu teaches at a major seminary.

He'll still be able to apply what he learned in his parish. But it won't stop there. **Fr. Shanu's students will take the knowledge you provided and use it to protect the elderly all over India.**

Thank you for helping Fr. Shanu save lives!

Through the Rome library, you empower leaders to change the culture in India and around the world. You are giving the most vulnerable people a chance to live and be loved.

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Prayer Vigil in Ukraine Saved this Little Girl's Life

Vigil participants rescued this newborn from a dumpster near the local abortion clinic.

Prayer saves lives.

Often, we don't know whose life, or where, or when. But this time God put a little life right into our hands to show you how powerful your prayers are.

GOD USED THIS VIGIL TO RESCUE AN ABANDONED BABY GIRL

One Friday afternoon, your missionaries in Ukraine gathered to pray and fast near a hospital that offers abortion. They were joined by Church leaders and local pro-lifers, some of whom came into the fold thanks to your gifts.

They prayed that the doctors would use their skills to heal instead of harm. That God would step in and save the lives of little ones in danger of abortion. And that the world would see that human life is too valuable to throw away.

As the vigil was ending, a young couple heard a cry from one of the dumpsters on the street.

They looked inside. With shaking hands, the



man removed a black package from between some trash bags. He unwrapped it and found a newborn, blue with cold.

They rushed her to the hospital.

Just after that, the garbage truck came by and carried off the contents of the dumpster. A few minutes more and it would have been too late to save this baby's life.

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THE CHILD IS RECOVERING AND LOOKING FOR AN ADOPTIVE HOME

At the hospital, doctors treated the child for severe hypothermia. They determined she was only a few hours old. She must have been thrown away just that morning before the vigil participants arrived.

Other than her hypothermia, she was a perfectly healthy newborn, weighing 5lb 12oz.

Doctors soon got her warmed up. **Your missionaries at HLI Ukraine are helping her find an adoptive family.**

Her new parents will have the privilege of giving her a name. In the meantime, please pray for the Chornovola Street Baby.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIFESAVING PRAYERS AND GIFTS

This little girl's story is a testament to the power of prayer: your prayers, your missionaries' prayers, and those of everyone who prays for the unborn.

As she grows and thrives, she will

show the whole community that every child's life is worth saving.

Thank you a thousand times over for all the support you give to the pro-life mission.

Your gifts make it possible for your missionaries around the world to organize vigils like this one. And your prayers, combined with the prayers of our global family, save innocent lives every day.



Vigil participants rescued this little girl from the dumpster near an abortion clinic. Now your missionaries are helping her find an adoptive home.

Please make your best gift today to build a Culture of Life around the world!

\$30: Add a book to the bioethics library to help priests like Fr. Shanu save lives in their diocese.

\$80: Sponsor Luis to be a full-time missionary so he can form new pro-life leaders every day.

\$176: Save another baby in eastern Europe! Support 5 pregnancy care centers for two days.

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