



You Gave Fr. Joby a Magnet to Win Souls for Christ

Church teaching on life and family is a powerful evangelization tool when you train priests to use it.

When Fr. Joby came to study in Rome, he brought a big goal: build a pro-life culture by growing the Church in India.

Christians are a minority in India. To make disciples of this nation, priests must make evangelization a central focus. This is what Fr. Joby had in mind when he chose to study at your bioethics library.

With your help, he's finding ways to teach God's plan for

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Fr. Joby is using your bioethics library to teach respect for life in India.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for your generosity during the Christmas season!

Let us pray that 2022 will be a year of growth for the Culture of Life around the world.

You've already gotten things off to a good start.

In this Mission Report you can read about a **conversion at a pro-life march you sponsored, a mother and child you saved from abortion, and a priest you are training to change hearts in India.**

This is your impact. **You make all this, and so much more possible through your prayers and gifts.**

Please continue to support the mission as we move forward into another year full of opportunities and challenges.

Remember, you are the one who makes it all happen.

Yours in Christ and our Lady,

Fr. Shenan Boquet



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life and family to a non-Christian world.

For those raised in a secular culture, the Catholic view of the human person can be baffling. Fr. Joby needs a system for teaching these truths to everyday people with no Christian background.

That's what he's building at your bioethics library.

HOW CAN THE BIOETHICS LIBRARY CONVERT NON-CHRISTIANS?

Church teaching on life and family is a crucial part of evangelization.

Misunderstandings on these topics often drive people away from God. Many falsely believe that the Church teaches us to hate certain people and oppress others. They turn away from the faith without seeing it for what it truly is.

On the other hand, **the beauty of true Church teaching on life and family works like a magnet.** In it, people find the antidote to a lonely and self-centered culture of death. And through it, they can come to know Jesus.

Through the bioethics library, you are giving Fr. Joby the resources he needs to become a better teacher. You are helping him learn to share these truths clearly and simply.

Thanks to you he is ready to break through the confusion. He's ready to help people look beyond

their utility and see their dignity as children of God.

YOUR GIFTS SAVE LIVES. BUT THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.

The Culture of Life goes hand in hand with the Kingdom of God. Through the sacrifices you make for this mission you are building them both.

No one can teach love for Christ without teaching love for the pre-born, the elderly, and all God's children. And no one can live God's vision for life and family without His help.

That's why pro-life teaching and spirituality are inseparable parts of your global mission.

When you save a child from abortion, you do so much more than save a life.

Your missionaries work to heal the brokenness of the family. You teach the parents *why* their child's life matters. You help them restructure their life so that the family will bring each other closer to God.

This is more than a band-aid solution. It's a deep and lasting cultural change. And thanks to you, Fr. Joby is prepared to bring this change to India.

Thank you for making it possible to build the Culture of Life and the Kingdom of God around the world.

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University Student Turned Pro-life Thanks to Training You Gave Local Seminarians.

Joy's 180 ° conversion at the Nigeria March for Life made her a pro-life witness to her peers.

When Joy stepped out of her dorm in the morning, she was a pro-abortion progressive.

When she came back that afternoon, she was a passionate pro-lifer committed to living chastely.

What happened in the middle was the Nigerian pro-life march.

You sponsor this march every year. But the most important thing you do to make it successful is provide pro-life training to the local seminary.

YOU TRAINED THE SEMINARIANS WHO MADE THIS MARCH A SUCCESS

Seminarians have a lot to learn, and practical pro-life training isn't always a part of the curriculum. **Some priests aren't prepared to help their parishes say no to abortion, contraception, and euthanasia.**

You are filling that gap by sending expert train-

ers to seminaries all over the world.

Your missionaries help seminarians understand the fullness of Church teaching on life and family. You give them practical pastoral guidance tailored to the needs of their area. And you help them get started defending life through clubs like Seminarians for Life.

This year, the Nigerian March for Life was led by 230 seminarians you helped train.

Their joy and enthusiasm were infectious. As they came by singing about the great gift of human life,



You gave pro-life training to these seminarians. Now they're hitting the streets to change hearts at the Nigeria March for Life.

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people on the street dropped what they were doing and joined the march.

When they met people who disagreed, they knew how to give kind and potent testimony.

Joy was one of those people.

THE MARCH YOU SPONSORED TURNED JOY PRO-LIFE

Joy is a student at Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Awka. She’d been taught that sex is ok outside of marriage, and abortion is a mercy to women. She didn’t know that it always kills a child.

When she came across the marchers, she tried to tell them why they should support abortion.

They listened to what she had to say. Then they used the training you gave them to paint a picture of God’s vision for human life and sexuality.

Joy had never heard the whole message before. For the first time she saw how beautiful relationships can be when they’re based on love, not use.

She said, “I’m so glad I received the light of God’s grace today. I used to think that it was ok to engage in pre-marital sex and to use abortion as a back-up if contraception fails but now, I realize that’s evil. I hope to help make a difference in the lives of my fellow students by dressing modestly, living a chaste life and by helping to spread this Gospel of Life”

Joy wanted to tell her friends about the value of human life. So the seminarians gave her some pro-life educational materials to take back to her dorm.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING CONVERSIONS POSSIBLE

Joy isn’t the only person whose life you changed that day. The march affected thousands of people in Awka and Okpuno cities.

Some renewed their conviction in the pro-life cause. For others, the message planted a seed of truth in a mind full of misinformation. And some, like Joy, grabbed ahold of that truth and let it transform their life.

All these conversions, big and small, happened because of your support.

The president of the local Seminarians for Life wants to thank you. He says, *“words are not enough to express our deep sentiment of gratitude for providing us with all necessities for this march. Our prayer is that God Almighty will continue to bless you in this important work of winning souls for Christ.”*

Another seminarian said simply, “this was the best march for life ever.”

Thank you for making it possible.



Thank you for sponsoring the Nigeria March for Life! These seminarians taught Joy how precious every human life is.

Pregnant after Rape, Joan Needed You to Save her from a Forced Abortion

Thanks to you, mothers like Joan in Uganda have someone to help them choose life.

Timothy heard a rumor going around his village in Uganda.

A seventh-grade girl named Joan was pregnant. Some boy from school had raped her. She was going to abort the baby.

No, said another, **Joan's aunt tried to make her have an abortion, but she refused. That's why she's threatening to throw Joan out of the house.**

Timothy is a lot like you. He cared about Joan and her child and wanted to help.

When Timothy was a pre-born baby, his mother was in a similar situation. Because she chose life, he got to grow up in a loving family, finish school, and become an HLI missionary.

JOAN THOUGHT SHE HAD TO ABORT HER CHILD, OR LOSE HER HOME

It was Timothy's first month on the job. Even with all

the training you gave him, he was nervous when he came to Joan's house to see if he could help.

But he wanted to give her child a chance to live like he had. So, he counted to three and knocked on the door.

What he found on the other side was even worse than he'd heard.

Joan's aunt felt humiliated. In Uganda, an out-of-wedlock pregnancy is a disgrace to the whole family.

Joan wouldn't be able to finish school if she kept the baby. There was no money for baby supplies or medical care. Her aunt was pushing hard for an abortion.



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Timothy listened carefully to what was needed, and then set to work.

WITH YOUR HELP, MOMS CAN OVERCOME THE MOST DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

Thanks to the training and support you provide, missionaries like Timothy can work miracles.

He convinced Joan's teacher to let her stay in school and take her 7th grade exams for free. He arranged for her to receive medical care at the local maternity hospital. And he gave her a little money for expenses.

Then he tackled the most important problem; making sure Joan had a safe place to live.

He told her aunt that the humiliation would pass, but the blessing of a child would stay with her forever. He taught her how precious every human life is in God's eyes. **By his own example he showed her that beautiful lives can come out of difficult circumstances.**

Joan's aunt softened. She agreed to let Joan and the baby live with her.

YOU MADE SAVING JOAN AND HER SON POSSIBLE

Thanks to your generous support for HLI Uganda, Joan's son was born into a loving home.

Because of you, missionaries like Timothy have the time and the training they need to save lives. You made sure that Joan and her son can both have a bright future. And you showed her aunt how precious human life is.

Thank you for keeping this family whole.

THANK YOU for making change possible!

Every story you read in Mission Report is a snapshot of your impact. Your gifts are saving lives and souls all over the world. None of this amazing work would be possible without you.

Thank you for building a pro-life world.

Please pray for the mission. I'll be praying for you.



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