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Dear HLI friends and supporters,

The battle for life around the world never ceases to present new challenges for HLI missionaries. In many countries, there is already a pro-life movement that is ready and waiting for HLI's help. In other places, as we see from Raymond's report on Luxembourg, it takes tremendous patience and perseverance to establish a pro-life presence. In still other places, like Ethiopia, there is a great amount of education needed to open people's eyes to life issues. But in all cases, HLI missionaries are on the frontlines, exposing and opposing the culture of death and building up a culture of life.

MISSIONARY TRIP TO POLAND, LUXEMBURG, AND BELGIUM—

Reported by Raymond de Souza, March 2011.

Our friends of the World Prayer Congress for Life of Krakow, Poland, whom I had met in Rome during the Prayer Congress last year, had already demonstrated their keen interest to have me speaking in their country. After weeks of exchanging emails and discussing details, dates were fixed for me to attend a prayer vigil at the Auschwitz concentration camp on March 18 and to give a public talk in Krakow on the same day, which was attended by about 100 people. Dr. Antoni Ziemba's daughter, Catherina, kindly did the translation of my talk into Polish.



The following day, March 19, was the main event: a pro-life prayer conference at the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the patroness of Poland. The session took place at the large auditorium of the sanctuary, and the local Bishop delivered the first address and opening prayers to about 1,600 people. I was privileged to be the one addressing immediately after the Bishop. My talk was a summary of the address I had made in Rome last year on the de-Christianization of Western culture and the call for a new Catholic Action for the 21st century. It was translated into Polish by our HLI friend in Zdansk, Mr. Lech Kowalewski.

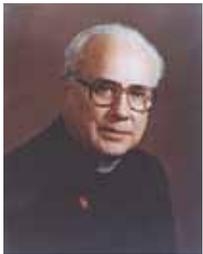
On Sunday, March 20, I gave a talk on the same subject in the Polish Capital, Warsaw, in the conference hall at Amicus Hotel at the Sanctuary of Blessed Father J. Popieluszko. About 100 people attended it, and the translation was once again made by Catherina Zieba. After the talk, I gave two interviews to Catholic journalists who were present.

MISSION TO LUXEMBOURG

I left Warsaw for Brussels on Monday, March 21. At the airport, I was greeted by our friends Elizabeth Hickson and Jonathan Frappier, who took me by car to the headquarters of the Federation Pro Europa Christiana, a pro-life, pro-family network bringing together Catholic-oriented associations in various European countries.



THE PRO-LIFE WISDOM *of* FR. PAUL MARX THE APOSTLE OF LIFE



Fr. Paul Marx

No one can accurately predict the future resolution of the abortion battle. Much will depend on whether society can be awakened to the nefarious designs and the subtle, satanic dishonesties of the

death peddlers.

Someone said: The brave walk in single file, while the timid hide in crowds. It is already late in the day for those who love life and cherish the rights of all to leave the crowd.

One thing is certain: We must continue to fight.

—*The Death Peddlers*, page 185.

On the same day, I took a train to Luxembourg, which is a quaint little country with hardly half a million inhabitants **but with an incredible 1,000-year-old Catholic tradition**. It is to this day a Catholic Monarchy, and the head of State is the Grand Duke. The second language spoken there is Portuguese—to my utter amazement—but they keep a very low profile, as their main interest appears to be to find work and live in peace.

The Luxembourg Grand Duke is a good Catholic and pro-life man who opposed the euthanasia law. **In retaliation for this, the Parliament passed a law removing his right to veto legislation**. Today he is powerless to do anything. There is a majority party in the House, which runs the Catholic paper—the largest in the country—but supports abortion, euthanasia and homosexual marriage... And the Church is pretty much silent.

The Duke gave me the name of a member of the local Parliament, probably the only one who is 100% pro-life and Catholic in the House. I had emailed a note to him from the States, and he kindly agreed to meet me in Luxembourg. Since the House of Representatives is just next door to the Grand Ducal palace, we met there and went to a restaurant to become acquainted and discuss the future of the pro-life action in Luxembourg.

He was interested in the idea of holding a pro-life event in English, French and Portuguese in the city some time in the future, combin-

ing with another event in Brussels, which is only a couple of hours away. It appears that there is no noticeable pro-life activity among the Portuguese-speaking community. Even though most people in Luxembourg profess to be “Catholic”, the Church is in a great crisis. **Mass attendance is about 5% of the people.**

On Tuesday morning, I met two gentlemen who are very involved with pro-life activity in Luxembourg, the one French and the other Belgian. They carry out their initiatives in their respective countries, but since they have business in Luxembourg, they try to motivate the people there to act. We had a couple of hours’ conversation in a coffee shop, and we agreed to keep in touch for future activities.

In short, **it seems that to start a pro-life action in Luxembourg will take some time**, but it is certainly possible with the help of the existing contacts. Besides, we haven’t yet touched the Portuguese community.

MISSION TO BELGIUM

Brussels is not only a fascinating city; it is the home of a very militant youth movement that coordinated the two marches for life in 2010 and 2011. Formed by university students, **they managed to nearly triple the number of people attending the march for life this year:** last year about 1,000 people turned up for the march, this year nearly 3,000 attended. This number of people in laid-back, sleepy Belgium is almost miraculous. It would be tantamount to having a couple of million people in Washington DC for the March for Life there.



Above: The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Right: Partial view of the 1,600 people who attended the pro-life prayer conference at the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa.



A young man of Scottish background, fully dress in kilt attire, played the bagpipe to spearhead the march, which started by the statue of King Albert (near the Royal Chapel) and ended in front of the Palace of Justice. Speakers came from various countries, and speeches were delivered in English, Dutch and French.

A counter-demonstration of some 300 people was held nearby, but was soon reduced to a meager 30 individuals. We paid no attention to them whatsoever. At our rally, I was invited to address the crowd and did so in English and in French, delivering a different message in each language, as there certainly were bi-lingual people present. Since I do not speak Dutch, I addressed them in Afrikaans, which is dialect of Dutch, and perfectly understandable by the Belgians.

In Brussels, I visited Saint Anthony’s parish, which harbors the Catholic Order of the Knights of Saint Thomas More (the Belgian equivalent to the Knights of Columbus). The parish is the only one in Belgium that is 100% English-speaking, bringing together foreigners and visitors in general, especially Catholics who work at the European Parliament.

I had met some of the Knights of St. Thomas More in Austria some seven year ago at a bi-annual conference of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (at that time I was the Grand Knight of the Cathedral Council of the Knights of the Southern Cross in Perth, Western Australia). They invited me to visit them, should I ever be in Belgium. It was providential that I met the Grand Knight and shared a scrumptious bottle of wine with him, his wife, the parish priest and his assistant pastor in the rectory. The Grand Knight was very interested in knowing more about the young people who organized the march. A few of them have indicated the desire to join the Knights of St Thomas More, in order to further their pro-life work. It was a very promising contact!



Raymond de Souza at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

In Brussels I attended two talks on pro-life issues at the European Parliament. Speakers came from England, Spain, Italy and Slovakia. I had the opportunity to make some interventions in the debates that followed.

I also had the joy to participate in a prayer vigil in front of an abortion clinic with those young folks. We prayed a rosary in English, French, Latin, Dutch and Gaelic. I was invited to lead the Litany of Our Lady, and the only way to make everybody pray together was to do it in Latin. It was beautiful to see young people coming from so many different countries in Europe and not speaking the same language, replying the ‘*ora pro nobis*’ after every invocation of Our Lady.

Demonstrably, the pro-life cause has a future in the Benelux (Belgium-Netherlands-Luxembourg), and I was very happy and honored to be able to assist them in some way.

Finally, the young folks who organized the March for Life set up a group called SintKlausBeweging, that is, the Santa Claus Movement, talking Saint Nicholas of Myra as their patron saint and protector of children—born and unborn. They showed a very keen interest in learning how to defend the Catholic Faith, and I left with them a gift of several CDs and EWTN DVDs I produce here in the States in order to get them going in the study of Catholic apologetics to promote the Gospel of Life.

MISSIONARY TRIP TO ETHIOPIA—Reported by Emil Hagamu and Brian Clowes, March 2011.

Ethiopia is the oldest independent nation in Africa, originating with the Aksumite Kingdom at about the time of Christ. It is twice the size of Texas and has the eighth-fastest growing population of any country on Earth at 3.2 percent per year.

This makes it a primary target of the international population control cartel.

Ethiopia’s capital, Addis Ababa, is a bustling city of three million and is the third-highest national capital in the world at nearly 8,000 feet. Outside Addis, small towns are strung along the main highways like jewels on a necklace, giving the impression that the nation is crowded, but nothing could be further from the truth. More than 90 percent of the land area of Ethiopia is basically empty of people. Its population of about 82 million is spread out over more than a million square kilometers of land, for a density less than that of California or Florida.

As of 2005, **abortion is legal in Ethiopia for so many exceptions** that it is, practically speaking, abortion on de-

mand — rape, incest, fetal defects (eugenics), the physical or mental health of the mother, economic reasons and reasons of age of the mother. According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, an incredible 60,000 women still suffer serious abortion complications every year, and at least 100 of them die. It seems that the population control groups are satisfied merely with legalizing abortion and are not particularly interested in safeguarding the health of Ethiopian women.

It might seem incredible since it is an African nation, but Ethiopia has one of the most draconian abortion laws on Earth. **Doctors who work in government hospitals are not permitted to question why women are seeking abortions and will immediately be jailed if they do not perform them.** The government simply ignores Article 27 of the Ethiopian Constitution, which says, “Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. ... No one shall be subject to coercion by force or any other means, which would impair his freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice.” This is typical of Leftist “tolerance” — “We are in charge, so choose between your faith or your job.”



Article 15 of the same Constitution also guarantees the “right to life of every individual,” but no one but the Catholic Church seems to care. Additionally, all government hospitals are *required* to perform five abortions a day, regardless of their other activities. This means that, in smaller towns, they have to meet this quota by aggressively advertising and pursuing pregnant women. This is all part of the master plan to break down the morality and the inhibitions of the Ethiopian people.

EMIL HAGAMU

I began this pro-life missionary journey with a full day of training for medical professionals at the Missionaries of Charity Health Center, where 90 percent of the patients are HIV-positive. The Sisters also take care of about 200 HIV-positive orphans. **It seems that it is always the Church that cleans up the deadly mess made by senseless and immoral government policies.** I also did three full days of training for 50 members of the International Movement of Catholic Students.

The students and the professionals are totally ignorant of the baleful effects of the population control agenda, abortion and contraception. The only people who seem to have a true picture of the situation are Church leaders. Our biggest challenge is how deeply the Culture of Death is entrenched in Ethiopia. **Nobody seems to understand that population control groups are determined to destroy the future of their nation and their national identity.**



Emil Hagamu speaks on pro-life issues to 70 students from several area universities.

I also spoke to about 70 college students from Awassa University. Fortunately, although most Ethiopians have embraced the population control agenda, it is only because they have not yet heard the scientific evidence from the pro-life/pro-family side. Along with our host, Father Aloysius Mugisha of the Apostles of Jesus, I had plenty of evidence to offer. We gave the students a dozen talks over three days, including presentations on the population control agenda, attacks on Faith and family, abortion myths, the ineffectiveness of condoms, and several movies, including “The Hard Truth” and “The Silent Scream.” **To their credit, the students did not stubbornly**

cling to their beliefs in the face of conclusive evidence to the contrary, as many Westerners do, but largely accepted the truth when they saw it.

As always, our message was that two things and two things *only* can make you happy — Faith and family. Sex, travel, money, possessions, power and food can amuse you, certainly, but only Faith and family can bring lasting contentment and peace. This is actually scientifically provable; people who have a strong Faith and a strong family are always happier than those who lack these essential elements.

We also stressed that the Ethiopian government is obviously being manipulated and pressured by immensely rich and determined non-governmental organizations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), DKT International, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and at least 20 others, which have spent a combined total of more than \$2.2 *billion* in Ethiopia since 1990.

How much good \$2 billion dollars could have done if it was instead put into authentic economic development, such as clean drinking water, rural electrification, basic education and health facilities, and better roads, instead of just making large poor families into *small* poor families.

BRIAN CLOWES

Unlike other big cities in the developing world, Addis Ababa is spread out over a large area, so you don't run into the choking and interminable traffic you will find in other big African cities.

But “family planning” billboards are everywhere. The most obnoxious are World Vision's, which show a starving and unhappy family of seven people, all looking desperate and dressed in rags, gathered around a small table with just a scrap of food on it. People see this blatantly direct propaganda 100 times and begin to believe its almost subliminal message.

Sensations (“Make Your Life Sensational!”) condom ads and billboards are also everywhere in Addis Ababa. One Muslim-operated pharmacy had a life-sized condom poster right inside its door. Amusingly, someone had wrapped a towel around the head of the rather immodestly dressed young lady featured on the poster as a makeshift *hajib*. This struck me as rather schizophrenic; go ahead and corrupt the women's sexuality, but make darn sure their heads are covered. DKT International sponsors annual fashion shows in Addis featuring models wearing dresses made entirely out of condoms. All of this is so wildly out of sync with African customs and culture, we can only conclude that these groups are deliberately and consciously attempting to destroy not only African culture and innocence, but the Africans themselves.

Father Aloysius and I visited a couple of pharmacies, and found that DKT International heavily subsidizes its “Choice” birth control pills, selling them for about 62 cents per cycle. Pharmacists sell them right over the counter with no consultation with a doctor, a practice that would not be tolerated even for a minute in Europe or the USA. USAID and Bayer Pharma have teamed up to sell the “Microgynon” birth control pill for the same price. DKT also sells the “Confidence” abortifacient injection for about 31 cents for three months of sterility, and these are administered by the pharmacist right behind the counter.



Brian Clowes and Father Aloysius speaking to the rector and 19 seminarians at the local diocesan seminary.

Then, of course, there is the most aggressively evil organization on Earth, Marie Stopes International, which makes International Planned Parenthood Federation look like a bunch of blushing virgins. **There are a dozen Marie Stopes abortion mills in Addis Ababa, and each is a gigantic abortion factory doing over ten thousand every year.** Abortion still carries a huge stigma in Ethiopia, so the women almost always arrive alone. Unlike in the USA, the men usually standing outside the abortion mills are not husbands or boyfriends; they are pimps. They know that these women have questionable morals, and they accost them when they exit the clinic. As a result, prostitution is flourishing in Addis Ababa.



Marie Stopes International has twenty abortion clinics in Ethiopia, about half of them in Addis Ababa. This is one of the signposts leading to one of the clinics.

Most obnoxious of all are the touts that Marie Stopes hires to accost women passing by, asking them if they are in need of abortions. These hawkers even tell men that, if their wives or daughters ever need abortion, they can come visit their abortion mill.

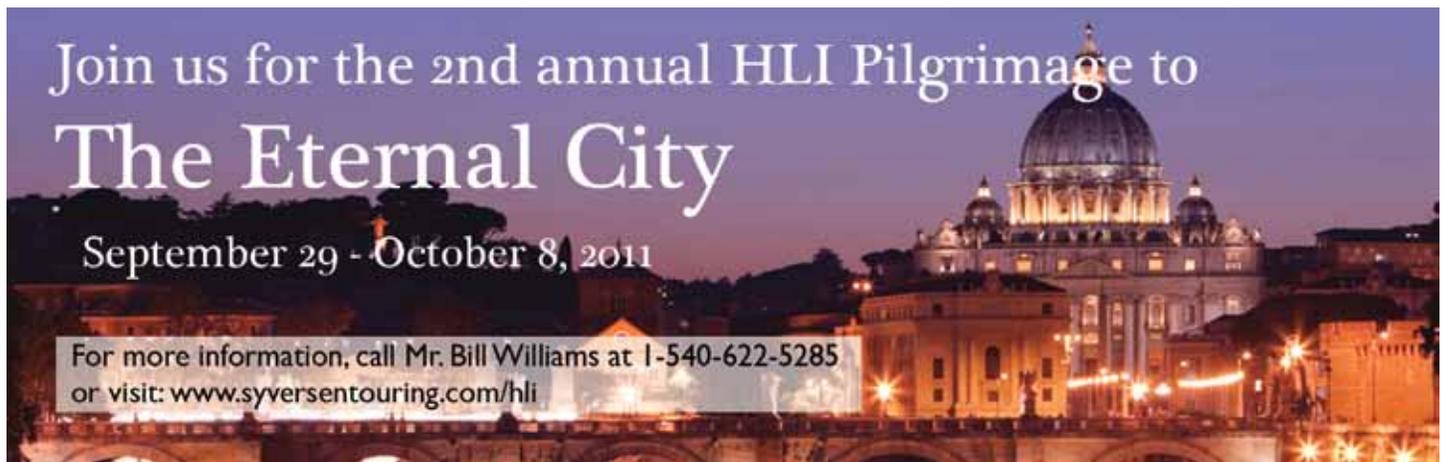
Remember that these are the people who say that we must all respect the customs and cultures of other lands.

Father Aloysius and I spent the final day making connections with influential people in the capital city. First, we stopped at the Apostolic Nunciature (Vatican embassy) and met with the Chancellor, Monsignor Romanus Mbena, who assured us of his support for Human Life International and its work.

In the afternoon, we crossed town to visit the Archbishop of Addis Ababa, Berhaneyesus D. Souraphiel, C.M., and his Auxiliary Bishop, Abune-Lesana Christos. They sat down with us and talked as we enjoyed an excellent cup of Ethiopian tea. The Archbishop had told Emil that “The message of the Gospel of Life is needed now more than ever before because threats to life and family continue to grow in gravity. Given this reality, I totally give my consent to HLI’s life saving mission in Ethiopia. The Catholic Church appreciates what you are doing and will support your efforts.”

END OF THE JOURNEY

At the end of the journey, Father drove me to Addis Ababa’s Bole International Airport. I was torn by conflicting emotions — sad to leave, but glad to be getting back to my family. During the 16 hours on the plane, there was plenty of time



to reflect on the situation in Africa. The headlong rush of the United Nations and all of the pro-abortion NGOs seems to be directed at “homogenizing” the world so that the people of every nation will think and act just like Europeans or Americans. I have seen this baleful influence hard at work in countries from the Philippines to Papua New Guinea, from Cameroon to Cambodia.

What ever happened to the vaunted “respect for diversity?” Liberals tell us that we must respect “diversity” in terms of bizarre sexual acts and orientations, but what about respect for different cultures? Unique and colorful cultures and customs all over the world are fast disappearing as everyone — from city dweller to villager, from professional to small farmer — is being forced to conform to the same mold. Even the most benign indigenous practices and customs are being forcibly propelled to extinction. Not only is this becoming a very anti-life world, it is becoming boring as well.

Dear friends, we can see how easily the culture of death can advance its agenda where there is ignorance of the most basic truths on life issues, as we see from Emil’s observations of Ethiopia. This is why HLI missionaries leave their “comfort zone” and travel throughout the world as Christian missionaries have always done. We thank you, as always, for supplying the financial support needed for such work. May God reward you abundantly.

God bless you always!



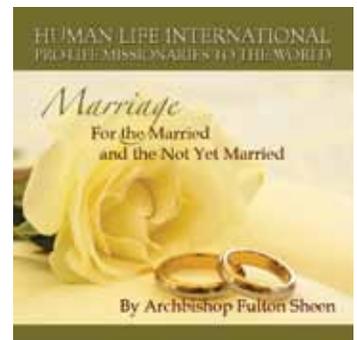
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P.S.— This month, to thank you for your contribution of \$49 or more to HLI’s life-saving mission this month, **I would like to send you an audio CD by Archbishop Fulton Sheen called “Marriage – For the Married and the Not Yet Married.”**

This CD compiles two talks given by Archbishop Fulton Sheen about marriage. Archbishop Sheen shares his great wisdom about the differences between the expectations of love and marriage from the perspectives of a man and a woman. He also discusses the tensions in the human heart, why they arise, and how they can affect marriage. He reminds all who listen of the famous prayer of St. Augustine: “Our hearts were made for Thee, O Lord; and they are restless until they rest in Thee.”

Archbishop Sheen also discusses the immense importance of marriage, especially as it is a symbol of the marriage between Christ and His Church. This is why marriage is held in such a high regard by the Church, why marriage is permanent and divorce is not allowed, and why marriage is between one man and one woman.

At a time when marriage is under attack in our society, **I hope this talk will inform you and give you the confidence to speak out in defense of marriage** as it is defined by the Church and by the natural law.



“Marriage – For the Married and the Not Yet Married” is our gift to you this month in appreciation for your financial support of \$49 or more!