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★ **HLI Begins Work with the Church in Brazil**

★ **Brazilian Seminarians Get Worldwide Perspective of Culture of Life**

★ **More Than 20,000 Gather for the Brazilian March for Life**

★ **Expanding Through Africa: HLI in Mozambique**

★ **Enthusiastic Response from Seminarians in Mozambique**

★ **A Night with an Exorcist, by Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer**



Dear HLI Friends and Supporters,

This edition of *Special Report* highlights two missionary trips taken by HLI's Regional Coordinator for Portuguese-speaking ("Lusophone") nations, Raymond de Souza. Raymond's visit to Brazil was highlighted by his presentation at a conference of national pro-life leaders there, which was chaired by Dr. Humberto Vieira, leader of HLI-Brazil. His trip to Mozambique proved extremely fruitful because of the large number of contacts made with various parts of the pro-life movement as we seek to increase HLI's exposure there.

MISSIONARY TRIP TO BRAZIL—Reported by Raymond de Souza, September 2008.

One of the reasons for my visit to Brazil was to attend and present a talk at a meeting of pro-life leaders, which took place at the Sacred Hearts Retreat House in Brasilia. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Humberto Vieira, Executive Director of HLI's affiliate in Brazil, *Pro Vida Familia*, and included speakers from various parts of the pro-life movement in Brazil.

Damares Regina Alves, an Evangelical representing the Evangelical Parliamentary Front and ATINI — Voice for Life — showed a DVD about the horrendous practice still in force among Brazilian Indians to bury children alive when they are born with physical defects (including having a hare lip),

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are twins, or are simply unwanted. There are many people campaigning to stop the practice and rescue the unwanted children. However, **the government agency in charge of native Indian affairs, the FUNAI (“Indian National Foundation”), refuses to interfere because it is their “culture,” and therefore they must be left alone.** The equivalent agency in the Catholic Church, the CIMI (“Missionary Indigenist Council”), also looks the other way from the cold-blooded murder of children and even refuses to help secure their being adopted outside of the tribe. I met a 14-year-old Indian girl who had been buried alive and later saved by her brother.

Paulo Fernandes Melo da Costa, a Catholic representing **PROVIDAFAMILIA**, together with the meeting’s chairman, Dr. Humberto Vieira, explained what was being done and what more could be done to have pro-life bills passed in Congress and anti-life bills blocked. He is a very good attorney and a knowledgeable man regarding parliamentary procedures. He was unanimously elected Secretary-General of the newly-formed Pro-Life Network in Brazil (“*Rede pro-Vida*”).

I addressed the group and spoke on the current process of de-Christianization in the West, especially regarding family values, thus giving a wider view to the pro-life movement in Brazil. I am grateful for the support given to my presentation by all participants, who said they understood better the role of HLI in the worldwide fight for life. **They were delighted with the idea of “Seminarians for Life,” the newsletter, the email system, the expansion throughout the Portuguese-speaking world, and they insisted that I keep in touch with all of them.**



A PRO-LIFE NETWORK IN BRAZIL

The first two days ran rather smoothly, as talks were given with very lively participation from the audience (as is usual in Brazil). By the last day, however, a prolonged discussion took place regarding the nature, goals, and *modus operandi* of the proposed national Pro-Life Network. Originally, Dr. Humberto Vieira had wanted a nationwide organization, whose members would be closely linked to the national body; but in the end, other views prevailed, and a rather loose network of autonomous groups was formed into a new juridical entity. In my opinion, it was a balanced compromise and a good step towards giving the pro-life movement a national, united voice, while respecting the autonomy of its members.



Raymond de Souza with Bishop Dimas Barbosa, the Secretary of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops.

Dr. Vieira took me to visit **Bishop Dimas Barbosa**, the Secretary of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops, who received us very cordially and showed interest in the work of HLI, especially in the Portuguese-speaking world. He mentioned that a conference of Portuguese-speaking bishops (“Lusophones”) would hold a meeting in Macau later in September, and he volunteered to put me in touch with one of the meeting’s organizers, who lives in Portugal, in order to secure contacts for

future use in the Portuguese-speaking community of nations. He liked the idea of “Seminarians for Life” and was pleased with the development of closer relationships with HLI. **All in all, it was a very positive first major step in enabling HLI to work with the Church in Brazil.**

In the evening, I gave a one-hour talk at **Our Lady of Fatima Archdiocesan Seminary** to approximately 100 seminarians. **The topic was the culture of death in the context of the de-Christianization of the contemporary world and the necessity of a well-formed battalion of seminarians to confront it.** They responded very well, including the priest in charge, a missionary from Colombia, who thanked me for “opening their horizons to the Cause of Life from the local to the worldwide perspective.” Seminarian João Paulo is the leader of the Seminarians for Life chapter there, a group of 23 seminarians committed to the Culture of Life. We agreed to keep in touch via email, newsletter, and live chats. He and his friends will make efforts to recruit more seminarians from other places in Brazil.

THE YOUNG FLOCK TO A BRAZILIAN “MARCH FOR LIFE”

Dr. Vieira and I participated in the March for Life called “**Brazil Without Abortion.**” A tall truck with very powerful loudspeakers led the parade, which numbered 20-25 thousand people, at least half of them young.

It started around the cathedral and ended in front of the Congress and Government buildings. Dom João, the archbishop of Brasilia attended the parade, together with a priest of the diocese. I was given the opportunity to address the crowd twice and did so in my capacity as HLI representative and later as a Brazilian citizen.

It was very encouraging to see all the young people there. In my capacity as a Brazilian-born citizen,



Scenes from Brazil's March for Life. The building in lower picture is the National Congress, which harbors both Congress and Senate, one on each side.



Thousands march for "Brazil Without Abortion."

I had a thing or two to say about the role of abortionists in the Congress and the Senate, as well as the Presidency. The applause indicated that there was a growing discontent with the politicians' performance on the abortion issue, to say the least.

After the March, I went to visit the parish of a 35-year-old Polish priest who is a very enthusiastic pro-lifer. **He placed over 20 large placards at the main bus station of Brasilia, where thousands of people pass by to catch their buses home.** I had dinner in his parish, and he was delighted with having made my acquaintance. He gave me DVDs and other material to promote - all in Portuguese.

BROADCASTING THE MESSAGE OF LIFE

I then flew to São Paulo and was taken to a town in the interior of the State, Jacareí, where a very active youth group works to fight abortion. Their leader, Jeferson Moraes, took me to the local Catholic radio station, where I was interviewed for 45 minutes. The radio folks want me to contact them from time to time to report HLI news that may interest Brazilians. Jeferson has been in touch with Executive Director of HLI's Hispanic Division, *Vida Humana Internacional*, Magaly Llaguno, and is organizing a network of youth groups in five Latin-American countries.

From Jacareí, I was taken to the Canção Nova Television Station, where I was interviewed for an hour and a half. The interview was broadcast live via satellite and internet. **During the program, several people sent emails asking questions. These emails came from several different states of Brazil, and one even came from New Zealand.** The program host, Prof. Felipe Aquino, well-known in Brazil as a lay apologist and author, was very happy to meet me and said that the program is open to me whenever I visit Brazil. When I got back home, there were over 40 emails from people who saw the program and offered support.

The following morning, I was taken to the **Interdiocesan Mater Ecclesiae Seminary** in the diocese of Campo Limpo, near São Paulo. They brought in some 110 seminarians, coming from all over the country. The talk was very well-received, I was invited to return, and the priests volunteered to put me in contact with their counterparts in the US for future cooperation.

Early in the evening of the same day, I attended a private meeting with some 10 members of the *Esperança e Vida* pro-life group (Hope and Life), with whom HLI has already cooperated in Portugal and Uruguay. 卐

THE PRO-LIFE WISDOM of *Fr. Paul Marx* THE APOSTLE OF LIFE

HLI was one of the first voices to consistently proclaim that abortion is the fruit of contraception, that foresight contraception often leads to hindsight abortion, and that massive contraception has caused increasing abortion worldwide. Having visited and studied eighty-five countries, I challenge any bishop, priest, professor, or scientist to show me the contrary.



Fr. Paul Marx

Abortion is the end point of the abuse of sex, which begins with the unleashing of the sexual urge by contraception.

—*The Warehouse Priest*, page 262.

MISSIONARY TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE—Reported by Raymond de Souza, September 2008.

The general goal of my visit to Mozambique was to set in motion the **HLI Program for Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa**. It was my first visit to that country. Emil Hagamu, HLI's Coordinator for English-speaking countries in Africa, had already opened a path there in 2007. With his help, I aimed to renew the contacts previously made by him and to make new ones with both lay and ecclesiastics, with a view to establishing a pro-life group there that would work with HLI.

THE PRO-LIFE SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

Coming from Tanzania, Mozambique was for me a refreshing change: they speak a language I understand (Portuguese)! In Tanzania, they speak mainly Swahili, and I was a bit lost there, to put it mildly. However, Mozambique is a Portuguese-speaking country, so I was in my element, as least as far as language is concerned.

I was pleasantly surprised with the city of Maputo. I had thought it would resemble Dar es Salaam, but it is more like Johannesburg than any typical African city – except, of course, that virtually 99% of people there are Africans. A large number of Portuguese people left the country after the Communist takeover in 1975.

Emil and I set up our headquarters at the Santa Cruz Hotel and put the hotel functions room to good use for receiving people in a relaxed and agreeable atmosphere. We also went out to visit some of the contacts

and gave two talks, one in the St. Pius X seminary and another in a private home.



Raymond de Souza (right) with Emil Hagamu and Sister Caterina da Virgem Milagrosa in front of the Archbishop's house in Maputo.

Most of the people I spoke to indicated that **the main obstacle to the pro-life cause in Mozambique is the difficult situation of the local Church, which is understaffed and seemingly without the required means to counteract the wave of de-Christianization that has swept the country after nearly two decades of Communism**. This situation has been worsened by a wave of immorality and promiscuity among the people, coupled by a profound lack of moral teaching among the populace.

And yet the good prospects for the visit could be seen in the variety of good contacts made, the willingness of many of them to cooperate with HLI, and invitations to run a pro-life conference in the near future.

Emil and I began by making a variety of telephone calls to priests and religious. We wanted to know firsthand what their views were regarding the prospects of a serious pro-life campaign in their country.

THE CHURCH IN MOZAMBIQUE

Fr. Albert Buque was our first contact. He is a Mozambican priest in charge of Radio Maria. He showed great interest in the work of HLI and volunteered time in his radio station to promote our initiatives in Mozambique.

Encouraged by that first promising contact, we visited Fr. Rafael Sabate, the rector of the St. Pius X major seminary. He was very friendly to us and took the initiative to invite me to address the 65 seminarians



Raymond de Souza with seminarians of St. Pius X major seminary in Mozambique.

studying there in the course of my visit. That talk took place a few days later, when Emil and I visited the seminary for a great meeting! *The overwhelming majority of the young men greeted the talk with much enthusiasm, and several of them came forward to express their desire to become “Seminarians for Life” with HLI.* Had there been more time, I would have spent hours answering their questions.

We then met with Fr. Aloysius Kawesi, the archbishop’s secretary. He was kind enough to share with us his understanding and concerns about the difficult situation in which the Church finds herself in Mozambique. He took the initiative to invite me to address the whole Bishops’ Conference in the course of their meeting in April 2009. He also indicated his willingness to help

organize talks for me in various parishes, in the course of a future visit, in preparation of a possible pro-life conference in the capital city.

That was certainly good news. Now it was the time to see the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency, Archbishop George Panikulam. He received us at the Nunciature and confirmed what we had heard from the priests. By way of example, he cited the fact that many catechists teach children what they themselves learned as children, as there are no solid catechetical programs available. A similar situation applies to marriage preparation and moral formation in general in the country. He wished us well and recommended that HLI approach the bishops in the first place, in order to organize a concerted effort to help the Church in her pro-life work in Mozambique.

The last priest we met was Fr. Manuel Tavares, a Portuguese Missionary of the Consolata. He showed great interest in HLI, especially by indicating his willingness to cooperate with us in projects carried out in



The Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency, Archbishop George Panikulam.

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Mozambique. He pointed out the difficulties encountered by the clergy in exercising good influence on the people in matters related to morality. **Apparently, marriage is an exception, and cohabitation is the “normal” thing among Mozambicans, especially the young.**

The only religious we could meet was a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood. She was very concerned with the poor moral formation of the youth—which seems to be a constant concern in the country—and she welcomed the presence of HLI in Mozambique. She also encouraged me to speak at parishes after Mass in order to invite people to attend a pro-life conference in the Archdiocese of Maputo. She promised to pray and help in whatever way she is able to promote the work of HLI in the country.

SPEAKING WITH PRO-LIFE CONTACTS

While in Mozambique, **I met with several non-clerical pro-lifers from different backgrounds and walks of life who offered their skills and connections to help HLI advance the pro-life cause in their land.**

Three of them were law students from the local university. They were very interested in receiving informative material from HLI via email, as well as in helping recruit more people to work for the pro-life cause.



Meetings were held in the hotel lobby and in private homes.



revealed his Catholic background. He is keen to help HLI in the country because he sees and understands the horrors of abortion in the United States and elsewhere.

Finally, Mr. Antonio Rodrigues was the only non-African layman we met in Maputo. Being of Indian descent (from Goa), he is the contact person for a group of Goan Catholics in the metropolitan area. He came to see us at the hotel, insisted on driving us to the Apostolic Nunciature and, later, organized a talk in his par-



Raymond address a group at a talk organized by Goans.

ish. After the talk, he and his Goan friends treated us to a succulent dinner. All Goans were very friendly, and it would seem that much could be done with them in Maputo.

I came away from this trip to Mozambique with many contacts made and many ideas on how to move forward with the pro-life movement in Mozambique and other Portuguese-speaking countries around the world to advance HLI's mission of creating effective opposition to the culture of death around the world. ✠

Dear friends, it is truly amazing to see the great work being done by HLI's regional coordinators around the world, including Raymond de Souza. God has blessed HLI by bringing these talented and committed leaders to us so they can use their talents and backgrounds to serve God through their tireless efforts for the Culture of Life. Thank you for *your* commitment to HLI, which allows these leaders to travel to the four corners of the world preaching and teaching the Gospel of Life.

God bless you always!



Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer
President

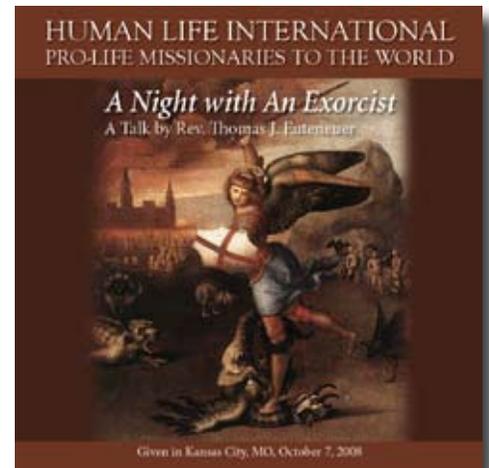
P.S.— This month, as a small way to thank you for your contribution of \$49 or more to our joint mission for life, I would like to send you a CD of a talk I gave called **A NIGHT WITH AN EXORCIST**.

Exorcisms are an important weapon in the spiritual battle that our world finds itself in. Jesus Christ commissioned His disciples to do three things: preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and take authority over demons. ***These are the Church's goals to this day.*** In this talk, I explain more about Christ's third charge through some of my experiences as an exorcist.

I also explain the connection between abortion and demonic possession, from the abortion demon's invitation into the US with the Supreme Court's passing of Roe v. Wade in 1973 to the ritualized sacrifice of unborn children that goes on in Planned Parenthood "clinics" today.

Exorcism is Christ's victory over the devil, and it is also the vocation of the Church militant. **Join me in this battle with your prayers for the unborn, especially in front of abortion facilities, so we can exorcise this demon from our country!**

Please send your donation of \$49 or more to HLI today to receive this CD talk, which I hope will strengthen your faith and encourage you in this spiritual battle against the culture of death!



“A Night with and Exorcist” by Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer is our gift to you this month in appreciation for your financial support of \$49 or more!

CORRECTION

In the December edition of ***Special Report***, while treating the history of Indian Population Control, we stated that in most of the world the normal sex ratio at birth is 105 girls to 100 boys. The report should have stated that the normal sex ratio at birth is 105 boys to 100 girls.