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Dear HLI Friends and Supporters,

It is difficult to fully express my affection for the Cuban people, who have endured so many decades of suffering and hardship. One needs only travel to this island of 10 million souls just 90 miles off the coast of Florida to see the heroic struggle for survival that these people endure day-in and day-out. I was able to travel to Cuba at the end of June, thanks to the good graces of the Cuban Bishops' Conference and the hospitality of the fantastic pro-lifers of *Pro-Vida* Cuba (Pro-Life Cuba) in Havana, who function as the pro-life representatives of the bishops. HLI's Hispanic office in Miami is run by four most excellent Cuban exiles, whose love for life is undeniably proud and strong: now I can understand why. They appreciate the value of life, coming from a place with one of the highest rates of abortion in the world.

**HLI PRO-LIFE MISSIONARY TRIP TO CUBA—Reported by Fr. Tom Euteneuer, June 15-24, 2007.**

José Martí is the Founding Father of Cuba. His motto, which can be seen emblazoned on one of the buildings at the airport bearing his name, was "*Patria Es*



*Humanidad*” (Homeland is Humanity), but that motto was changed to “*Patria o Muerte*” (Homeland or Death). Some say the motto really should be “*Patria es Muerte*” (the Homeland is Death), given the total abortion culture that exists in Cuba. My guests said that the motto perfectly symbolizes a perfect culture of death.

The most grievous offence of *pre-revolutionary* Cuba was its tolerance of abortion. According to the Cuban pro-lifers, **abortion was legal in the 30s and grew to heavy practice in the 40s and 50s**, so much so that allegedly it was the preferred place for rich American women to come for their abortions and practiced privately by all the best Cuban doctors. In Cuba, abortion already had some legal standing. It was decriminalized under certain conditions in 1936.

At the time of the Castro revolution, the best doctors left the island, and the abortion practice fell into the hands of second-rate doctors who were killing women all over the place. The abortion lobby then pushed for liberalization of the law, and in 1965 Cuba adopted the Soviet practice of abortion on demand for the early stages of pregnancy. In 1980 they institutionalized the practice and made it legal to have an abortion up to 26 weeks, 6-10 weeks “on demand” and 11-26 for “health” reasons. All throughout the pregnancy, however, it is still legal to have an abortion for the “life of the mother” and “rape” exceptions.

There is an irony here: in the US, abortion is an industry, and most doctors practice it because it is extremely lucrative. **In Cuba, the only crime for an abortionist is to charge for his services!** Other regulations are simple: abortions must be done by doctors and must be done in state hospitals or clinics. They say that rich Hispanic women now come to Cuba for their abortions, making it the Latin American abortion paradise as it was previously the North American abortion killing place.

### **THREE ABORTIONS FOR EVERY LIVE BIRTH—BUT ALSO CONVERSIONS**

Technically, according to Cuban law, life begins when the umbilical chord is detached, so there is no legal protection for unborn children. **There are three abortions for every live birth in Cuba.** The situation is exacerbated by the constant pressure and expectation to abort, both in the medical community and in the culture at large. My hosts told me that **the first question that a woman is asked when she finds out she is pregnant is, “Are you really going to keep it?”** This is hardly any different from the American culture, except a bit more overt. Cuban doctors told me that they have strict quotas to keep and indexes of medical materials to stay within, and there can be severe reprisals if they do not tow the line. Abortion is just a medical statistic now. It has no moral dimension.



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Last year I met a man at a church in a poor barrio of Havana who was an abortionist for 20 years until he was evangelized by two of *Pro-Vida* Cuba's best pro-life doctors. **Their words and example struck him to the core and caused a crisis of conscience within him.** Eventually, he gave up the practice and as a result almost had his license suspended, was persecuted and harassed by other doctors, and continues to find it difficult to work anywhere. He and other non-abortion doctors in the ob/gyn specialty are marginalized and pushed to certain areas where they will not be coerced into doing abortions by the system. He now takes care of the women who are at the end-stages of pregnancy, and another pro-life doctor generally takes care of older women.



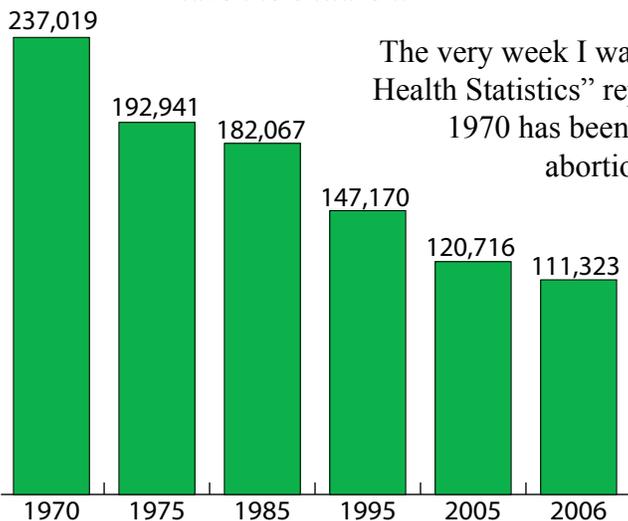
A lawyer told me of the outright persecution of his wife when she got pregnant with their fourth child at age 40. They were lied to about possible Down's syndrome; she was checked up on and pressured every week to have an abortion; and finally this lawyer had to put his foot down and flatly reject the idea of abortion. The medical doctor finally said, "What is wrong with you? Why would anyone want to keep this pregnancy? Are you Catholic? Well, that explains it." Those who are not firmly grounded in their moral convictions will easily cave in to pressure of this kind. One medical student I met said that it is routine to take the medical history of women who have had an average of five abortions in their reproductive lives and she said that **a classmate of hers took the history of a woman who had had 18 abortions.**



*The Guardian Angel of Cuba (above) sits atop the Cathedral in the main plaza in the city of Santiago de Cuba.*

### DEMOGRAPHIC SUICIDE

In the face of this desperate abortion culture, the government is just now waking up to the reality that **Cuba is staring down a demographic crisis of immense proportions.** In a May 2006 article from a national paper, an official of the National Statistical Office complained that the birthrate has plummeted catastrophically in the last 35 years and the population is getting older. On top of that, the young people are less and less interested in having children at all. **Cuba is closing children's hospitals and schools now because they just don't have the children.**



*The number of live births per year in Cuba has dropped 53% since 1970.*

The very week I was in Cuba, the National Statistical Office issued its "Annual Health Statistics" report and the numbers were not pretty. The drop in births since 1970 has been precipitous, and the blame can be laid directly at the feet of abortion and contraception: in 1970 there were 237,019 live births; in 1975—192,941; 1985—182,067; 1995—147,170; 2005—120,716; and in 2006 only **111,323** births. **This shocking drop in births means that this small island has a dismal future to say the least.**

The same article noted that **by 2015 there will be more retired people on the island than people in their working years.** That is just frightening. It went on to say that if in the next 10 years Cuba has not formulated a "coherent politics of reproduction, we will see each other more at funerals than at children's birthday parties." Fr. Marx used to use that same image all the time. A Statistics Office spokes-

person, María del Carmen Franco, said it a bit more bluntly: “The only way [to solve this problem] is to augment births.” And she said that Cuba has less than a decade to do it. Given the ideologically rigid abortion and contraceptive culture of the medical profession, I can’t see that happening.

### **THE HOLY SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

Prior to joining HLI, I served as a parish priest in Florida and met so many wonderful Cuban people there who told me about Our Lady of Charity, the Patroness of the Cuban people. On one of the days of my visit, I visited Mary’s shrine at the eastern end of the island in the province of Santiago de Cuba, and what a blessed experience it was.

When we arrived at the local airport, we had a large, gregarious black taxi driver, whose head almost hit the inside of the ceiling of the Soviet-era car as he drove. His taxi was a broken down Lada car, which he drove like a banshee, and I was not sure it would actually make it to the shrine 15 km away. He seemed to have no such concerns. While we drove at breakneck speed down unpaved and pothole-filled roads, he was waving to every third person on the street. Several times he stopped to buy things from street vendors and twice let people in the taxi on our dime—one guy he brought in was his brother-in-law who had to get to the other side of town! He bought me a coconut for the delicious milk it contained, and I was grateful for the kindness. We eventually made it to the shrine, and I remarked what a sense of humor Our Lady must have!



*The Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in Santiago de Cuba.*

The regularly-assigned priest had to be away, so it fell to me to offer the public Mass that day to a diverse crowd at the shrine from many places in the Caribbean and Latin America. In the intense tropical heat—no air conditioning, of course—I prayed for the dear Cuban people, their faith and wellbeing. I also prayed for Human Life International and all our supporters.

### **THE WHOLE REASON FOR THE VISIT**

The last stage of my journey brought me to the Province of Holguín (pronounced “ole-gheen”), where a very zealous group of about 35 pro-lifers had gathered from the eastern provinces of Camagüey, Guantánamo, and Las Tunas. I gave them two solid days of my best pro-life materials on abortion, contraception, and family life; and like newly-minted converts, they drank it all in with zeal and gratitude. What a pleasure to see authentic pro-lifers living out their convictions in such dire circumstances!

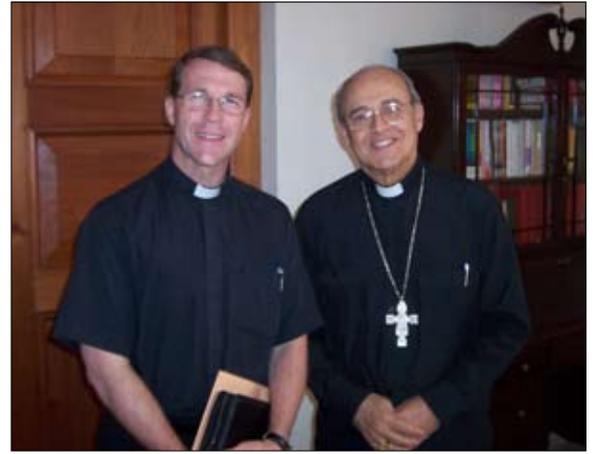


*Fr. Tom teaching at the Casa Laical in Havana.*

One success story was particularly consoling during this visit. A 17-year old girl named Inés (Agnes) came to our weekend seminar in Holguín, invited by a friend of hers the day before. She did not know anything about pro-life, but by coming to our seminar she was able to postpone her obligatory military service. When she came, she heard an earful of wonderful truth about the dignity of the unborn child and the sanctity of life, and during the weekend she revealed to us an amazing story. She just found out she was pregnant, and if she had gone to the military service, she would have undoubtedly had an abortion. Now she was a mom and keeping the baby! She hugged me and thanked me for coming all the way to Cuba. “You saved a life,” she said—but I said, “To God be the glory!”

## BISHOPS OF A SUFFERING BUT HOPEFUL CHURCH

During my visit, I was privileged to meet the legendary **Jaime Cardinal Ortega**, the prince of the Church who sponsored the famous 1998 visit of Pope John Paul II to Cuba. He is still young and dynamic and has a difficult job trying to evangelize the faith in dire circumstances. Both of my visits (2006 and 2007) happened to coincide with meetings of the Cuban Episcopal Conference in Havana. As a whole, the bishops seem to be excellent men of the Church and real shepherds of souls. Despite distinct differences in the styles and temperaments of the bishops and even stances toward the government, no one questions their orthodoxy. That is refreshing. Probably the best commentary on the Church in Cuba is that their bishops are all native Cubans and when they speak in public, it is said that “they speak as one man.”



*Cardinal Jaime Ortega and Fr. Tom in the Archbishop's residence in Havana.*

There are only 330 priests on the island; 155 of them are native Cuban. Cuba, however, has 49 major seminarians, 14 from Havana. Cardinal Ortega will ordain four this year and has six entering seminary this coming fall, of whom he seems to be particularly proud. Some of the conversion stories of these men are truly fantastic. All four of the men to be ordained entered seminary in 1999, the year after the pope's visit. Most of the seminarians on the island are converts to the Faith since that time. Judging from these fruits alone, it is hard to over-estimate the impact of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Christ's suffering people in Cuba.

## PRAYERS AND HOPE

This humble visit to Cuba was one of planting many pro-life seeds in the hearts and minds of people. We plant, and God makes the seedling grow. We must continue to pray for the people of Cuba so that one day God will bring all those seeds to fruition in a totally transformed Cuban culture of life! 卍

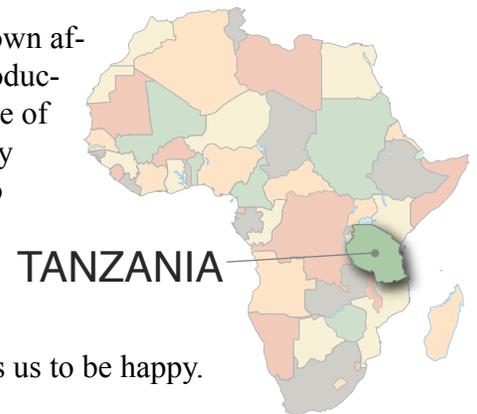
## HLI PRO-LIFE MISSIONARY TRIP TO TANZANIA—Reported by Brian Clowes, July 2007.

Whoever said, “It's a small world,” hasn't traveled from Virginia to Dar es Salaam lately. The trip is made especially vexing by Kenya Airways, whose motto seems to be “We hope you're going to Chile, because your luggage is!”

This journey took nearly 30 hours, and I finally laid my tired head down after 2:00 AM. But there is little rest on a missionary journey if it is to be productive. And so, nine hours later, I was extolling the many benefits of the virtue of chastity to a huge crowd of about 1,500 students at St. Matthew's Secondary School in Mbagala, about 30 miles West of Dar es Salaam on the Morogoro Road.

This is what Human Life International does best. We show people that the Church's teachings make perfect sense, not only *theologically*, but also logically and scientifically—after all, the God Who made us also wants us to be happy.

I told the kids that there are only two things that make us happy—Faith and family. So many millions have tried everything else the Devil has to offer and have still felt hollow inside. ***Only belief in God and the loving arms of a family give us deep contentment where nothing else will.*** Not coincidentally, Faith and family are under the strongest attack in the world today. This is logical, because they are all that stands between a nation (particularly one that is developing) and total demographic disaster, as is happening in Europe today.



I talked to quite a few of the students one-on-one, which is always when the best communication seems to happen. One young kid of only 13 asked me how he could remain pure in the face of an increasingly promiscuous culture. It saddened me that someone this young even had to ask such a question. I told him that first he had to pray consistently and make a firm and unyielding decision to avoid sexual activity before marriage and then studiously avoid the near occasion of sin regardless of the temptations that would inevitably come his way.

**Tanzania is in the crosshairs of the population controllers because it has one of the most rapidly growing populations on Earth.** Its current population of about 39 million will double in the next 50 years, and it is an extraordinarily young nation where the median age is not even out of its teens! Women still average nearly five children, which is absolute anathema to the (population) control freaks, who are constantly sticking their noses into the Tanzanian's most intimate affairs. (See sidebar on page 7 for a list of Tanzania's population control network.)

Everywhere we went in Dar es Salaam, gigantic billboards advertised Salama ("Peace") condoms. Top-of-the-line, brand-new Land Cruisers (with snorkels yet!) belonging to such groups as Family Health International and UNFPA roared past us frequently, and these advertised condoms as well on their wheel covers. They always seemed to be in a hurry to get where they were going, and were the fastest drivers I saw anywhere in Tanzania.

Another of our activities was a press conference on the deadly **Maputo Protocol** with Emil Hagamu, director of Pro-Life Tanzania, and Harris Kachaso of Malawi. *As usual, the pro-aborts use outright lies and deception to get their way.* The Maputo Protocol is presented as a tool to combat female genital mutilation, but FGM is mentioned only once in the entire document, which strongly emphasizes repeatedly that abortion must be legalized all over Africa in order for women to be able to gain equality with men. Emil, Harris, and I pounded home the deceptive nature of this document, and almost everyone, by the end of our presentation, was impressed with our speaking. I told them that there is a simple way to determine when the population controllers are lying: When their lips are moving, they're lying.

Oddly, when we were finished, a handful of the press people thought that we were population controllers ourselves just because we talked about condoms!

Emil, Harris, and I had the opportunity to speak to 144 seminarians at St. Mary's Junior Seminary in Visaga due to the kindness of the rector, Father Ferdinand. My primary message to the seminarians was that, if they tirelessly promoted Faith and family and were fearless in con-



Brian speaks about chastity to 1,500 students at St. Matthew's Secondary School outside of Dar es Salaam.



## The Pro-life Wisdom of Fr. Marx



The Church's teaching against abortion has been logical and consistent, given the developing knowledge of embryology and fetology. Canonical penalties have varied over the centuries, but the teaching that abortion is a serious transgression of the divine law has been unwavering. — *The Death Peddlers*, page 163.

*Fr. Paul Marx*

demning evil (especially those evils related to sexual morality), that they would be a lot happier themselves as priests. Instead of counseling one bitter, depressed married couple after another, they would spend a lot more time performing weddings and baptisms—and would have to deal with far fewer cases of AIDS as well.

After Father Tom, Emil, Harris, and I trained about 30 seminarians from five East African countries at the **2007 Summer Seminarian Institute** (see HLI's upcoming FrontLines for a fuller report on the Seminarian Summer Institute), we began making plans for returning and visiting all of the major seminaries in Tanzania within the next year.

At HLI, we believe that by strengthening the priesthood — the “thin black line” that protects society from complete moral chaos — that we protect Faith, life, and family as well. As



Father Tom speaks on priestly leadership to seminarians at the Salvatorian University in Morogoro, Tanzania.

Europe is finding out to its regret, **giving up Faith and family means not only death for objective standards of morality, but death for entire nations as well.**

One dying continent is enough. HLI is working as hard as it can to prevent this fatal lassitude, this deadly indifference, this surrender to Satan, from spreading any further than Europe. ☩

Dear friends, please keep HLI's mission in your prayers, as always, and don't miss our feature article on the Seminarians Summer Institute in our upcoming edition of *Frontlines*.

God bless you always!

Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer  
President

**P.S.**—In just a few weeks we'll celebrate the victories of the Church Triumphant in the **Feast of All Saints**, November 1. This great feast day is preceded by “All Hallows Eve” (the eve of All Saints), now referred to as Halloween—and now

**The population control network in Tanzania** has \$100 million to spend annually and seems to have unlimited access to the government and the media. This network includes:

- **The Center for Population and Development Activities (CEDPA)**, which is trying hard to mainline “gender issues” as a foundation for legalizing abortion and homosexuality;

- **The Human Rights Committee**, which advocates the right to “procreate and live together.” Somehow, the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) interprets this passage to mean a right to abortion;

- **Marie Stopes International (MSI)**, which pushes sterilization relentlessly and which, in fact, performs 80 percent of the female sterilizations in Tanzania;

- **Pathfinder International**, which specializes in the “marketing” of sexual and reproductive health services (SRH) and its integration into youth-based community programs;

- **The African Youth Alliance**, supported by the **Gates Foundation and PATH**, which uses the media to prepare the youth of Tanzania to accept contraception;

- **The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**, which spends a large portion of its annual \$20 million budget on “reproductive health;”

- **The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**, which spends nearly \$30 million annually in Tanzania on “reproductive health,” population issues and “gender advocacy;”

- And many others, including the Population Council, Family Health International (FHI), and, of course, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

primarily known as the time to dress up and parade around as witches and other minions of the devil.

Though, to some, dressing up as devils for Halloween may seem like innocent fun, we, as members of the Church Militant, know that there is a real spiritual battle waged against us every day by these very devils that our culture celebrates on All Hallows Eve. This battle, as St. Paul tells us, is against principalities and powers (Eph 6:12). To help put this battle back in perspective, I've compiled an audio CD of 7 talks entitled **THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE AGAINST ABORTION AND EVIL**, and I'd like to send it to you this month *in gratitude for your gift to HLI of \$49 or more.*

This audio CD includes a talk I gave at EWTN on the subject of Halloween, explaining how *the devil has supplanted the vigil of All Saints* to celebrate himself, and how we need to reclaim it for ourselves and for our children. It also includes six talks on demonic possession and the demonic nature of abortion. These audio recordings were made from my weekly e-newsletter, *Spirit & Life*®.

Topics include:

✓ **The Victory of “Emily Rose”:** Learn the truth about the possession of Anneliese Michel, the girl whose story the movie (*The Exorcism of Emily Rose*) was based on and who died, according to her spiritual director, as a victim soul out of love for her people. Her faithful endurance of such demonic sufferings qualify her as truly heroic! Her story shows how good can be brought out of so much evil, especially when offered for the spiritual benefit of others.

✓ **The Advocate vs. The Accuser:** This is an excerpt from my upcoming book on exorcism and deliverance, highlighting the influence of the Holy Spirit in defending our cause against the accusing spirit of the devil.

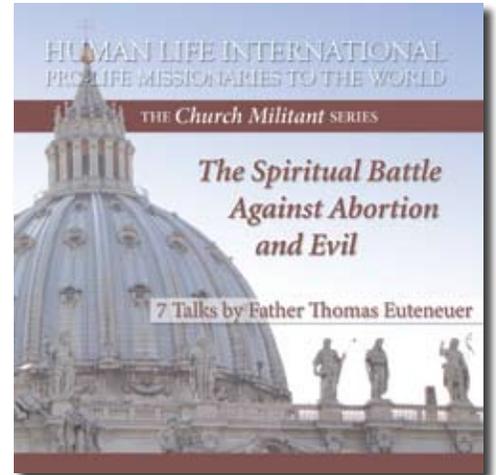
✓ **The Demonic Abortion Industry:** This is another excerpt from the book mentioned above. This excerpt explains how abortion is in every way a demonic religion—with its own dogma, hierarchy, theologians, sacrificing priesthood, temples, etc.

✓ **Abortion: The Devil’s Masterpiece:** Abortion is a perfect violation of all the Commandments. This talk shows how each of the 10 Commandments are broken when abortion occurs. Also, since abortion not only destroys bodies but also destroys souls, it represents the devil’s greatest masterpiece of evil.

✓ **The “Sacrament” of Abortion:** This talk shows how the demonic “sacrament” of abortion has the same characteristics as a real Sacrament except that it reverses any concept of holiness and perverts its meaning.

✓ **The Blood That Saves:** Learn how to receive the full benefit from the blood Christ shed for us and how to spiritually “apply” the Blood of Christ to things and people for their sanctification. Because Christ’s Blood can dissolve bonds of evil and sin, we can spiritually “cover” our loved ones and friends with the Blood of Christ if they are living immoral lives or immersed in environments of great sin.

**Please send your gift of \$49 or more to HLI this month** and let me rush this audio CD to you in time for All Hallows Eve!



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