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*A review and analysis of worldwide population control activity*

## Kenyan Catholics Protest CRS Sex Ed Programs Promoting Condoms

Paul Wilson

*Editor's Note: Bishops in Africa and Latin America frequently complain to us about the activities of Catholic Relief Services in their countries. When this happens, we feel compelled to investigate programs that may violate Church teaching and report our findings to the American bishops—and to you—in the hope of prompting needed reforms. Here we report to you about a recent investigation we carried out on CRS activities in Kenya.*

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) collaborated with other U.S.-funded groups to implement a program in Kenya which blatantly promoted contraception to Kenyan children. When complaints arose, CRS attempted to cover up its violations of Church teaching by altering the document trail, including



*From Left to Right: Steven Mosher, Michael Hichborn, Anne Morse, Stephen Phelan*

reports that had already been submitted to the U.S. government.

Healthy Choices 1 and Healthy Choices 2 were names of programs that violated Catholic teaching. CRS claims that these programs were all about promoting “abstinence and being faithful,” but each program included the promotion of condoms and other forms of contraception. Healthy Choices 1, which was directed at pre-teens, originally included contraception advocacy, but the offensive elements of the program were removed following protests from Kenyan

Catholic parents. Healthy Choices 2 was directed at young teens and even more blatantly promoted contraception.

When evidence of these questionable programs was given to the bishops in charge of CRS, the Catholic charity attempted to cover-up its involvement. All references to the Healthy Choices program were deleted from its website, and the government agency responsible for funding the Healthy Choices programs—the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Reduction (PEP-

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# President's Page

## The "Ideological Colonization" of Africa

BISHOP EMMANUEL BADEJO of Nigeria is convinced that African families and babies are threatened by a Western-driven "ideological colonization"—as Pope Francis recently called it—that wants to destroy the natural family and unborn life itself.

These are serious charges, but Bishop Badejo, 53, has the evidence to back them up. He is the new Chairman of Communications for the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) and has traveled widely on the continent.

He has seen firsthand how the Obama administration over the last six years has relentlessly pushed abortion, contraception, sterilization and homosexuality on Nigeria and other

"I take it all back to the agenda of population control" Bishop Badejo explained. "There has been an inordinate alarm about the exploding populations in Africa. And anything that can be done to decrease or limit the growth of the population in Africa is quite welcome."

"Hillary Clinton, as Secretary of State, said that the United States government was committed to anything that would push the population control agenda. The United States actually said it would help Nigeria with Boko Haram only if we modify our laws concerning homosexuality, family planning, and birth control."

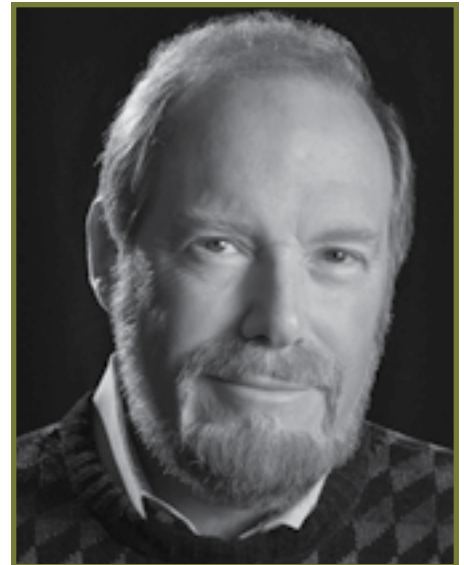
"It's very clear that cultural imperialism exists. In fact, I think that Africa is suffering greatly from a cultural imperialism that threatens to erode our cultural values."

Western civilization arose from Christianity, and helped to spread the Christian faith around the globe, including to Africa. But all that has now changed, in the good bishop's view. "Western civilization today is sick," Bishop Badejo noted.

"There is a diminishing sense of the respect for the sanctity of life. And all of this is to be imposed on Africa, at whatever cost. We think that it is immoral and that it is unjust."

The West is pushing a "culture of death," the bishop went on. "Contraception, abortion and all such things that limit the existence of people is abhorrent to the African, and the average African on the streets resists that."

"The Western world claims that every kind of right is a human right,



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African countries.

Things have gotten so bad, he says, that the Obama administration has refused to help combat the Islamic terror group Boko Haram unless ... Nigeria legalizes abortion, promotes homosexuality, and agrees to hand out free birth control pills to teenage girls!

In a recent interview with Aleteia, Bishop Badejo made it clear that the West's refusal to help Nigeria combat Islamic terrorism has to do with Nigeria's pro-life and pro-family laws.

and that every behavior must have the status of a human right. We say no. Not every human behavior has the status of a human right. The African believes this because he always starts from the higher being. God is always there and has a place in the life of an African."

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"Africa rejects an individualistic, selfish culture that thinks only about the quality of life rather than the sanctity of life. And Africa rejects the kind of culture that speaks only about freedom and no responsibility.

We reject that kind of Western-style sexual education that is prevalent now, that attacks children, that seeks to "free" them and give them "choices" in their own sexual behaviors.

There are United Nations organizations that have sworn to help children be free from parental influence and religious organizations. Children as young as five or six. Why do children or even youth need to know about family planning? They don't have families. What are they planning?"

We have often reported in these pages how your tax dollars are being used to impose the anti-life, anti-family, anti-people values of Hollywood and Manhattan on African Catholics and other Christian populations.

But we believe that Bishop Badejo's eloquent description of this unjust assault on African family values and unborn life needs to be heard by those who walk the corridors of power in Washington, D.C.

That's why we have invited him to visit the U.S. Capitol and meet with the leaders of the new pro-life majority in the House and Senate.

This assault on the culture, the faith, and the very lives of Catholic Africans must cease.



# PRI IN THE NEWS

## Teutopolis Press

"The Population Research Institute, in collaboration with the Lepanto Institute, has released a 56 page report as the result of an investigation into Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Kenya. The report highlights programs implemented under a CRS project in Kenya which facilitated and endorsed contraceptive-use...

The joint investigation includes both online evidence and documentation from a field investigator who spent a month and half interviewing persons in Kenya. The online evidence documents governmental reports and sub-partners' websites to corroborate the field investigation. The field investigator interviewed a broad range of sources in order to cross-reference and verify the interviewees' statements."

<http://www.teutopolispress.com/article/20150316/NEWS/150319583/10122/LIFESTYLE>

# # #

## Crisis Magazine

"... CRS takes a different tack: It apparently takes pride in not sharing the Gospel and in not preferentially hiring Catholics to do the Catholic charity's work, and it partners with organizations who together spend billions annually on immoral, and often coercive, means of population control.

...Human Life International... American Life League, Population Research Institute, and now the Lepanto Institute... brought their concerns to the public after private outreach failed to reach a satisfactory outcome. And since...most recent requests to meet and discuss problems with proper authorities have not been successful, we make our concerns public here and

call for a correction on the record even as we welcome CRS' commitment to renew its policies and Catholic identity.

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2015/two-masks-catholic-relief-services>

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## LifeSite News

"Catholic Relief Services' own documents reporting on a project in Kenya show that not only did it implement a condom and contraception-promoting initiative, but it also promoted a vulgar MTV-produced television series, Shuga, that highlights condom-use and casual sex.

The reports show the US Bishops' relief charity's program exposed more than 3,000 kids to the objectionable television series.

The Lepanto Institute and Population Research Institute (PRI) obtained the documents through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request as part of the groups' investigation of CRS' Healthy Choices 2 (HC2) program..."

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/catholic-relief-services-promoted-mtv-show-glorifying-promiscuous-sex>

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## CatholicCitizens.org

"PRI, HLI, and the Lepanto Institute continue their call for reform of the US Bishops' foreign aid agency after their March 3 report detailing CRS' implementation of HC2, which promotes condoms and abortifacients, and showing CRS took part in altering government documents to cover up its involvement."

<http://catholiccitizens.org/views/catholic-relief-services-promoted-mtv-show-glorifying-promiscuous-sex/>

# # #

# May I Send You This Gift?

## How to fight Satan and WIN!

This gift will give you a thorough understanding of Satan, his demons and their tactics. More importantly it gives you practical, everyday advice on how to successfully survive Satan's attacks!

It's *Manual for Spiritual Warfare* by Paul Thigpen, author of 35 other books, including *My Daily Catholic Bible* and *The Rapture Trap: A Catholic Response to "End Times" Fever*.

*Manual for Spiritual Warfare* is 334 pages of essential facts and practical advice on winning our war with Satan. Here's a small sample . . .

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And here's something else you'll learn about battling Satan: *Manual for Spiritual Warfare* tells you what you – as a layman – must NOT do in struggles against Satan. If you, as a layman, attempt these parts of the war against Satan, you're putting yourself at grave risk, perhaps allowing Satan to really gain the upper hand. You'll find this fully explained in Chapter 2 of *Manual for Spiritual Warfare*.

Plus *Manual for Spiritual Warfare* gives you page after page of prayers . . . devotions . . . hymns . . . rosary meditations and more that you'll find invaluable in your daily struggles against Satan. (I think you'll come to especially rely on the Prayer to Your Guardian Angel which you'll find in Chapter 10 of *Manual for Spiritual Warfare*.)

And here's another thing that makes this book so special: The format of *Manual for Spiritual Warfare* is that of an "old style" prayer book, complete with leather binding and ribbon markers. It's small enough that you can carry it your coat pocket or purse.

*Manual for Spiritual Warfare* is essential for every devout Catholic who's also a sinner – and that's every single one of us! May I send you *Manual for Spiritual Warfare* today, to thank you for your much-needed gift of \$50 or more?



Image of St. Michael by Raphael. Image courtesy of Wikipedia.

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FAR)—actually changed reports that CRS had earlier submitted to delete all references to Healthy Choices. CRS claimed that it had never been involved in programs that violated Church teaching. It had all been a mistake by PEPFAR.

But when PRI subsequently sent an investigator to Kenya, he found local Kenyans up in arms about the the Healthy Choices programs—and pointing their fingers at CRS as the party responsible for carrying them out. These findings were further confirmed in the hundreds of pages of documents that were provided to PRI by PEPFAR in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which made clear CRS' involvement in these morally questionable programs.

On March 3, 2015, PRI, in conjunction with the Lepanto Institute and Human Life International (HLI), held a joint press conference to release our 55-page report, *Investigation of Catholic Relief Services—Kenya*.

After presentations by Michael Hichborn of the Lepanto Institute, Anne Morse of the Population Research Institute, and Stephen Phelan of HLI, PRI President Steven Mosher concluded by stating "that our sole interest in bringing these matters to light is to serve Him who is the Light and the Church that He founded."

"If you want further confirmation of the scandal that CRS' activities

in Kenya have caused among faithful Catholics in Kenya I suggest that you contact the bishops, priests and laity of that country, on whose behalf we are here today.

"I suggest that you ask the Bishop of Nakuru, Kenya, what made him terminate CRS' office lease in a building owned by the diocese. The answer will be that they were storing condoms and contraceptives in that office building as part of their collaboration with the population control group, Family Health international.

"I suggest that you ask the Arch-

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bishop of Mombasa, Kenya, why he will not renew CRS' lease on an office building owned by the archdiocese when it expires this year. The answer will be that they were storing condoms and contraceptives in his office building as well, along with IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials that contradict Catholic teaching.

"I suggest that you ask the Catholic bishops of Kenya why they wrote CRS-Kenya and demanded that they follow Pope Benedict's Apostolic Letter on "The Service of Charity," which states that all Catholic chari-

ties (including CRS) are required to follow Catholic principles in their activities.

The Kenyan bishops also asked that CRS not work with partners who oppose Church teaching, that they hire employees of the Catholic faith, and that they coordinate their activities with the Kenyan Bishops' Conference and the local ordinary.

"These are the same demands that have been consistently made by other bishops in the developing world to CRS.

Unfortunately, these same demands have been repeatedly rebuffed by CRS, which continues to work with partners who violate Church teaching, continues to hire non-Catholics, and continues to work not with, but around, the bishops of developing countries.

The Population Research Institute, however, does not intend to abandon our brothers and sisters in the faith around the world to population control programs funded by the Obama administration, even if they are carried out by a 'Catholic' charity. We will continue to urge CRS to refuse to participate in programs—however generously funded by the U.S. government—that do not conform with Catholic teaching. As Pope Benedict instructed us, all Catholic charities must act in accordance with all aspects of Catholic doctrine. Period."

# # #

# Your Help is Necessary to Defend Marriage

*October's Synod Offers Unique Opportunity to Save Marriage and the Family*

**Dr. Christopher Manion**



## The Threat is Real

Vladimir Lenin, architect of the Russian Revolution, once said, "When your sword meets steel, withdraw. When it meets soft flesh, thrust it in."

The forces of the Dictatorship of Relativism have found the flesh of the Church and they are thrusting with all their might. They seek to force the Church to accept "alternatives to marriage" despite 2000 years on consistent Church teaching on the subject.

The secular elites have planted a seed in the public mind and are gleefully watching it sprout. Their message is that sacramental marriage is passé and that the Church must "catch up with the 21st century."

Modern governments want to impose their version of truth upon the world—and upon you. They don't like competition. But the Catholic Church, the anchor of civilization, the pillar from which the truth about man, marriage, and life itself flows like a calm, cool stream through a barren desert—this, the enemies of truth see as their greatest foe. While the Church defends families, politicians—to put it bluntly—consider independent, strong, and faithful families to be their competition.

## How Your Beliefs are Under Attack

The forces of Relativism seek to undermine the public's—and your—perspective of marriage in these three ways:

1. Approve divorce and remarriage—this amounts to legalizing bigamy, but as long as it destroys the sacredness of marriage, that's fine with the secular elite.

2. Celebration of same-sex relationships—here the enemies of marriage enjoy powerful support from pop culture. This support is so aggressive that many nominal defenders of marriage and the family have been bullied into silence.

3. Contraception—the greatest tool of the secular elite in their campaign against marriage and the family, this is Barrenhood, seated upon a golden throne.

By spreading these ideas through the popular culture, the enemies of marriage seek to hijack the upcoming Synod on the Family in Rome. They believe that if they can garner enough support for these ideas, the Church will be forced to accept them in order to "modernize."

## What you can do—right now!

Holy Mother Church has asked every bishop in the world to submit to Rome the views of his flock concerning marriage and the family. Your views. Now is the time—you must write, call, or e-mail your bishop, supporting and encouraging him in his efforts to defend the family and marriage.

Let your bishop know that millions of people all over the world, including you, are praying for him. Make sure you thank him for his efforts to teach the truths about Natural Family Planning, the blessings of children, and the beauty of a faithful married life. You can also urge your shepherd to ask his brother bishops attending the

Synod to address the bishop to teach the beautiful truths of *Humanae Vitae*.

Your bishop is waiting to hear from you. Ask him to focus on the fundamentals—a renewal of Catechesis, from the earliest years, and a teaching of the beauty of sacramental marriage and children. Encourage him to focus on the harm that divorce does to children and spouses as well as a sincere and serious preparation for couples readying themselves for marriage.

By the end of April, your bishop will be communicating your views to those preparing the Synod in Rome. Now is your time to be heard.

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### 3. MATCH

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# # #

# The Fruit of Your Labor, in China

**Paul Wilson**

**L**AN ENTERED ONE of our Safe Houses at the age of 22, after both her boyfriend and her parents demanded she abort her child. Lan, which means “Orchid” in Chinese, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl several months later. She named her Jiali, a combination of the Chinese characters for “good and beautiful,” since she saw her little girl as both. Jiali was baptized a few days after birth and given the Christian name of Caroline.

She stayed at the Safe House for several weeks after the birth, getting accustomed to motherhood and looking for a job. She is now living with two of her “sisters” from the Safe House, who take turns caring for each others children while they work.

The life of those who give birth “illegally” under

China’s one-child policy is not easy, but Lan would not trade her beautiful baby for the world.

With your help and prayers, we have been able to save hundreds of babies (and moms!) like Jiali and Lan in China over the past few years. These children were conceived in violation of the one-child policy, and would have been aborted were it not for your intervention.

I believe that God has something very special in mind for these children. After all, in the months before they were born, and in the months after their birth before their parents resettled, they lived in one of our Safe Houses where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved and where there is daily prayer. Think of the graces they receive.

Despite the fact that the Chinese government has tightened security in recent years, and policemen have paid visits to some of our homes, the pregnant moms have so far escaped the dragnet. We attribute this, first and foremost, to the Divine Protection that they are under.

Another hurdle has been the recently

responsible for the funding of these places of refuge. Without your assistance, many women would suffer forced sterilization and the loss of their children – or worse.

China’s oppressive government is relentless in its pursuit to women pregnant outside the plan, and aborts million of unborn babies each year. Millions of Chinese

women are sterilized each year as well, bowing to government pressure to undergo a tubal ligation because they did not conform to the government’s byzantine regulations on childbearing.

PRI’s Safe Houses meet a dire need. They provide a sanctuary where pregnant moms can hide from the government’s population police. PRI also runs a “halfway house,” to help single moms transition

back into the world after the birth of their children.

Refuges like our China Safe Houses must continue to be available to mothers fleeing forced abortion as long as the one-child policy endures. They serve a vital purpose—to protect those in need from an oppressive government that seeks to regulate fertility in the name of population control.

We at the Population Research Institute are proud to serve the cause of Life in a wide variety of fields: in academe, in politics, and overseas. But I think that we are most proud of our efforts to protect families in our China Safe House Program. And we are only able to do this work because of your support.



*This child was preserved because of the Safe House program.*

tightened restrictions at the hospitals, which make it difficult for those who do not hold an urban residence permit to be admitted. With the help of local Catholics, however, we have been able to work around this problem as well.

Most of the babies are baptized immediately after birth, like little Jiali, who was baptized as soon as she came home from the hospital.

Each day, the moms in the Safe Houses, along with their caregivers, pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet for all of us. As they told Steven Mosher when he last visited China, they are most grateful for all of your love, assistance, friendship and prayer support.

The existence of these Safe Houses is the fruit of your contributions. You are

# # #

# Four Key Points on Human Ecology and Climate We Hope to See Pope Francis Make

*Pope Francis has the opportunity to put the human person back in the center of climate concerns*

**Steven W. Mosher**

The secular media, which is no friend of the Catholic Church, seems to specialize in misrepresenting the views of its prelates. Pope Francis has been particularly ill served in this regard and, at the same time, seems to shrug it off. So it is hard to know what to make of *The Guardian's* story that the Holy Father is preparing to address global warming and lobby for decisive international action to combat climate change. Is it just the secular media attempting (once again) to sensationalize the papacy (and sell newspapers)? Or is it really on to something?

Here's what we know:

We know that Pope Francis, like his predecessor, Pope Benedict wants us to be good stewards of the wonderful planet that God has given us. (But who doesn't?)

We know that Bishop Marcelo Sorondo, chancellor of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy of Sciences, has spoken of the Holy Father's wish to influence next year's UN climate meeting in Paris.

We know—again from Bishop Sorondo—that the pope wants to convene an ecumenical meeting to discuss climate issues, human ecology, and what Sorondo called “the tragedy of social exclusion.”

And we know that there is an encyclical being drafted on these matters, although no one seems to know exactly what's in it, since it is still in its early stages. The Vatican has so far not officially given any hint the encyclical will cover the theme of climate change, only that “human ecology” will be a major topic.

I, for one, am looking forward to the Holy Father's contribution to the debate on man and the environment. Here are some points I hope he'll present:



*Pope Francis greets pilgrims in St. Peter's Square.*

**First**, I hope that he will point out that, while we are to be good stewards of the environment, this does not mean that we are to worship it. Many of the radical environmentalists behave like the animists of old, regarding trees and rocks as living spirits. Others are, in effect, pantheists, viewing the entire earth, or even the cosmos as a whole, as a gigantic living organism.

Only man is made in the image of God, I imagine the Pope saying that only God, the creator of both man, the earth, and the universe that surrounds them, is worthy of worship. This would put things in their proper perspective and help to save souls from modern-day green heresies.

**Second**, I hope that the Pope will emphasize the good news that the pace of global warming is far lower than the original UN climate models predicted. In fact, the models' prediction of a 2.80C rise over the course of a century were off by half.

It turns out that the earth's climate is far more complicated than was originally thought, and that we simply do not know how much impact human activity will have on the climate compared to the planet's natural warming and cooling cycles.

This means that we have more time to gather data, to improve faulty climate models, and to reach international understandings than was once thought. There is no need to hastily conclude a treaty in Paris next year drastically reducing carbon dioxide emissions on the basis of extreme warming scenarios that have simply not come to pass.

The Pope should invoke the great Catholic scientists of the past, from Copernicus to Mendel, in arguing for the need for cautious, careful science. Propaganda is no substitute for hard science, he should argue, and is a misuse of the intelligence that God has gifted us with and trusted us to use.

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**Third**, I am greatly looking forward to his discussion on "human ecology," where I anticipate that he, like Pope Benedict, will put the welfare of human beings at the very center of Catholic concern for the environment.

The poor and powerless must not be made scapegoats for environmental problems. Above all, they must not be deprived of the resources that they need to improve their lives.

Poor people need access to energy if they are to improve their lives, and that means, like it or not, burning hydrocarbons, at least initially. The burning of wood for food, coal or natural gas to heat homes, and gas and diesel to power cars and trucks is inescapable if we want to help such people escape dire poverty.

If the use of such energy is rationed or restricted, this will disproportionately impact the poor, and will help keep them mired in poverty.

The same logic applies to countries as a whole. I trust that the Pope will remind the world that the only way that peoples and nations lift themselves out of poverty is by doing the hard work of producing goods and services themselves. This, too, requires access to energy.

A drastic restriction on the use of fossil fuels will have little impact on climate, we now know, but would prolong the global recession, and would do dire harm to poor countries.

Climate treaty supporters know this, and so they argue that wealthy nations must subsidize the costs that poor nations will bear under such a treaty.

But the forced transfer of wealth from developed to undeveloped countries will not jumpstart development any more than forced wealth transfers within countries cure poverty. All they do is create privileged classes of political elites with

an interest in perpetuating their own personal "poverty" gravy train.

A climate treaty that raises the cost of the energy that the poor need to improve their lives would create exactly what the Pope apparently wants to avoid, namely, the "tragedy of social exclusion." By raising the cost of energy to prohibitive levels, the poor would be excluded from prosperity. Forever.

**Fourth**, I would pray the Pope would strongly argue that no solution to environmental problems should involve the sacrifice of human lives.

This is no idle concern. For some time now the radical environmentalists have regarded babies as little more than "carbon dioxide emitters." At the same time, climate change has been used to justify the targeting of poor peoples for

***"The poor and powerless must not be made scapegoats for environmental problems." ~Steven Mosher***

elimination through population control programs.

The program laid out by the radical environmentalists—the restriction of fossil fuels—would eliminate the best opportunity for the poor to make economic progress—and then use their continued poverty as an excuse to eliminate them.

The Pope should point out that this is nothing more than the latest deceit of eugenicist-minded population controllers, who continue to want more babies from the "fit" and fewer babies from the "unfit." These categories are today defined more in terms of wealth than race, but the end result is the same: poor people of color are targeted for elimination.

To understand just how radical this movement is, the Pope should say, you need look no further than China. Climate change enthusiasts at the UN actually applaud China's brutal one-child policy, which they see as having rid the planet of 400 million little carbon emitters.

They are willing to overlook the forced abortion of tens of millions of babies. They express no concern that over the fact that China is building one coal-fired power plant a week to increase its energy supply. They are even willing to overlook the irresponsible release of thousands of tons of real chemical pollutants into the atmospheric commons each year by Chinese factories.

Why do the radical environmentalists give China a pass on pollution? Because it is killing its young in such large numbers. They know that China's demand for energy will eventually drop when its population goes into irreversible decline.

Let us hope that Pope Francis' forthcoming encyclical reflects the more sensible voices that surround him. Cardinal George Pell, the former archbishop of Sydney who manages the Vatican's budget, has pointed out the obvious fact that global warming has largely ceased (something even the radicals tacitly admit, otherwise why change the name to climate change?), and that carbon dioxide is a vital nutrient necessary for plant growth and food production.

If the Pope's forthcoming encyclical debunks the false gods of radical environmentalism, displays a sound understanding of both basic science and economics, and raises a crucial moral issue—it is immoral for the wealthy countries to wage war on the populations of the poor nations—it will do a mighty service to the truth.

# # #

# The Natural Family is a Great Good to Society

**Carlos Polo**

*The Director of our Latin American office, Carlos Polo, was asked to be one of the keynote speakers at the National Family Congress held in Peru in November, 2014. Below is a summary of his exhortation to the thousands in attendance.*

# # #

Let me begin by thanking Monsignor José Luis Del Palacio, Bishop of Callao, for inviting me to address you today. Because I am a social anthropologist, he asked me to help all of you—and lay Catholics in general—fully commit to the promotion of sacramental marriage and a strong family life. No society in human history has survived for any length of time without them.

We at PRI are also grateful to Bishop Del Palacio for providing us with office space—gratis. He did this because he understands that our cause is his cause, and indeed the cause of all pro-life Catholics. And our common cause is to fight for life not only by rejecting abortion and contraception, but by promoting the sacrificial (and fruitful) love expressed in sacramental (and indissoluble) marriage and in families with (many) children.

“Many young people have unfortunately succumbed to worldly idols of pleasure, money and power,” the Bishop told me. “They are very much in love with themselves and do not know engage with other people. They do not want to get married or, if they get married, they do not want to have children. They simply do not understand that sacrificial love is the only way to be truly happy. Make them understand that families according to God’s plan will give them all the happiness they are looking for.”

Educating the young in this way is a tremendous challenge. It is a challenge because we live in an age where many voices in society claim that marriage and family are mere conventions, social constructs that can be refashioned and reconstructed in any old way we choose. These voices speak of how the only thing that matters is that two people love each other, no matter whether they sign a marriage certificate or not, or even whether they are the same sex.

Others say that the natural family is obsolete, a thing of the past, and should be relegated to the dustbin of history.

Still others say that there are new family structures that are just as good as, and perhaps even better, than the natural family. They speak of the merits of single parents, of cohabiting couples, and of divorced and remarried couples. They praise households with only one of the biological parents present along with his or her new partner, households where none of the biological parents are present, or even households comprised of one person.

A household composed of a father and a mother who are bound together for life and who raise their natural and adopted children together is viewed by some as only one of many options and perhaps not even the best or most common one. The Church says this is not true, and that every child deserves to have a father and a mother bound together in a lifelong sacramental union. But what does social science have to say on the matter, which is arguably the cultural debate of the 21st century?

He gathered together all of the reliable studies on this question that had been carried out in 13 democratic countries. He found 351 studies that relied upon censuses, national surveys and scientific studies of 800 cases or more to compare different family structures. These contained some 3,318 statistical analyses of data on health, education, poverty, access to basic services, family violence, sexual violence, suicide or addictions rates, etc., comparing these various structures.

Look at the results of each of these studies carried out in 13 different countries located on five different continents. (Here I showed a series of slides giving Pliego’s findings.) You can all see that where a father and mother are living

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together with their natural or adopted children the benefits are obvious: these individuals enjoy better physical health, less mental illness, higher incomes, and steadier employment. They and their children live in better housing, enjoy more loving and cooperative relationships, and report less physical or sexual violence. Moreover, the bonds between parents and children are more positive, drug, alcohol and tobacco use is lower, children are better socialized and cooperative, they commit fewer crimes, and they perform better in school.

Professor Pliego concluded that the natural family was far superior to other forms. He found that 89.4% of the studies concluded that intact families produced a higher level of well-being than other family types. Only one in ten claimed that all family structures produced similar outcomes. And only a negligible fraction of the stud-

ies—around 1%—of the studies claimed that other “family” structures produced a better outcome. That is to say, the natural family has been clearly demonstrated by social science to be superior to all other forms.

Bear in mind that this is not Professor Pliego or Carlos Polo or even the Catholic Church making these particular scientific claims. These are what hundreds of studies, based on thousands of official surveys, have concluded. This is what social science teaches us about the reality of familial life.

The state has an obligation to work for the common good of its citizens and to promote their well-being. For this reason it is wrong for it to pretend, as many governments do, that all family structures are created equal. Obviously the state has to provide certain services to all of its citizens without discrimination.

But when the issue at hand is how to educate the young, prevent antisocial behavior and crime, and promote the general well-being of the people, the hard data of sociology instruct it to help, assist and promote the natural family. To do otherwise is to act against the best interests of its citizens, and encourage behaviors that lead to a plethora of very bad outcomes.

Finally, we see again here that faith and reason, properly understood, cannot be in conflict. What the Church teaches as true has been confirmed by social science: we are created to live and love in intact families, with a father and mother and their children. Any other arrangement is at odds with our very nature.

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# LA PRI Saves Baby from “Therapeutic Abortion Protocol” in Peru Someday soon Baby Leonardo will be able to say, “Thank You”

Carlos Polo



**I**N AUGUST 2014, the Latin American office of PRI was asked to intervene to save an unborn baby’s life. The Medical Advisory Board of a hospital in Lima had already decided to authorize an abortion on Gabriela, a mother who was seven months pregnant. They cited Peru’s newly approved “Therapeutic Abortion Protocol” and justified the proposed killing on the grounds that the baby might have been deformed by the chemotherapy that Gabriela was undergoing.

We were able to stop the abortion and today, with great joy, we can report that the baby in question was born perfectly healthy. Contacting us through their Facebook accounts, his parents report that Baby Leonardo, which is what they decided to name him, is the joy of their lives. Choosing life was the best choice, they say.

Several doctors had earlier demanded that the father choose between saving the life of the child, or saving the life of his wife. This was a false choice, since it was not necessary to sacrifice either.

When we in the PRI Latin American office found out what was going on, we launched a campaign to save Baby Leonardo’s life. We called the Chief of the Oncology Department at the hospital, and

warned him that what he was about to do violated the law. We had Congressman Julio Rosas call as well, warning him of serious consequences if he went ahead with the abortion. We arranged for a medical staff member to inform the parents that an abortion was ethically wrong and also alerted the hospital chaplain so that he could counsel them as well.

We also contacted an internationally renowned medical researcher in oncology who provided Gabriela’s doctors with the most up-to-date information about the kind of treatment she should be receiving for her cancer. We arranged for a gynecologist to consult on the case, who confirmed that not only was the abortion not necessary but that it would put Gabriela’s life at risk. We brought in a lawyer who warned the hospital’s doctors that what they were proposing was not a therapeutic abortion but a eugenic one, which would make them liable to a lawsuit. Together we created a chain of solidarity that proved invaluable in saving Leonardo’s life.

We also set an important precedent. The Peruvian government has backed off on its plan to allow abortion in Peru by backdoor means, by characterizing them as “therapeutic abortions.” So far, the “therapeutic abortion protocol” is a dead letter. We intend to keep it that way, since there is no such thing as a “therapeutic abortion.” It is never necessary to sacrifice the life of a child to save the life of the mother. Never.

Leonardo’s parents are thrilled by their new addition. His father, David, recently posted on his Facebook page that:

“I thank God for my time together with Leonardo. I thank God for His support every single day, hour and minute of my life. I thank Him not only for healing my

wife of cancer, but also for preserving the life of my baby, keeping him totally healthy and free from any defect caused by radiation therapy or chemotherapy. I will serve You my entire life, not stopping until I can fulfill my purpose in life. Thanks also for the great team that You have given me ...” (Posted along with a picture of David and his family: his wife Gabriela, and his children, Israel, Elías, Esteban and Leonardo)

On December 18, 2014, a month before Leonardo was born, Leonardo’s mother Gabriela wrote in her Facebook account:

“Listening to your heartbeat today was one of the highlights of my life. Thanks for coming into our lives in a time when we did not expect it... YOU ARE THE BEST SURPRISE OF MY LIFE! Your life has blessed my life and our family’s life... You are a miracle that everybody can see. You make me believe in God and also in all those unknown people who can’t stop asking me about you. You really are #MyReward, a great gift of God that many women and families would like to have... How good is God to me in choosing me to be your mom (I cannot write this without crying tears of joy). You’re the best decision Dad and I have ever made. ... I love you, son, but God loves you even more! Never forget it! If you’re in my womb to be born it is because God wills it so ... We are confident in Him! With you, our life has changed for the better forever. Now I can see God’s great purpose in creating you! God bless you, my baby.”

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