



Award-Winning Film Awakens Progressives To China's One-Child Policy—But Too Late

BY STEVEN W. MOSHER

A new documentary about China's draconian one-child policy has just been released, and has been greeted with tremendous fanfare from the Left.¹ In fact, it won the Grand Jury Prize at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

And thanks to Amazon, it premiered in select theaters on Aug. 9.

Called "One-Child Nation," the documentary details the 35 years of suffering that Chinese women and girls endured under the policy, which ended in 2015.

It is a story that I am intimately familiar with, for I was in China in 1980 when the policy began. I saw firsthand the brutal way it was being enforced by Communist Party officials.

The sight of sobbing women being subjected to forced abortions and sterilizations is a vision of Hell I am unlikely to ever forget, not least because I was in the operating room with them—



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standing only a few feet away from the operating table in shocked disbelief.

Over the years I have given countless talks, written dozens of articles for publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *The Epoch Times*, and the

Washington Post, written best-selling books, and have appeared on national television—all to highlight the horrors of China's misguided population-control policy.

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¹ <https://www.theepochtimes.com/t-one-child-policy>



Hong Kong Protests Spark Fear in Mainland China

by Steven W. Mosher

As of this writing, Hong Kong is entering its 14th week of pro-democracy protests.

The immediate trigger was an “extradition agreement” that China had demanded the city’s usually complaisant Legislative Council to pass. The agreement would put every Hong Konger who got on the wrong side of the Beijing authorities at risk of being hustled across the border where they would be at the mercy of China’s notoriously corrupt criminal justice system.

But the real causes of the unrest go much deeper.

China has been stealthily encroaching on the freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kongers since seizing control of the former British crown colony in 1997. Beijing began pre-selecting candidates for “Chief Executive” in 2014, a move that led to the Umbrella Revolution of that year.

More recently, Chinese public-security agents have been arresting—even kidnapping—Hong Kongers who criticize Beijing. Publishers have disappeared on trips to China in retaliation for releasing books critical of the Communist leadership. And in January, a Chinese-Canadian billionaire was abducted from Hong Kong by Chinese agents.

The people of Hong Kong were understandably alarmed by Beijing’s heavy-handed actions.

In fact, it was public anger at these abductions that led directly to China’s push for a formal extradition agreement—a clumsy attempt by the Beijing authorities to paper over their lawless actions with the fig leaf of a formal agreement.

The original Hong Kong agreement, negotiated between Margaret Thatcher and

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Deng Xiaoping, was supposed to guarantee citizens freedoms for 50 years—a full half-century—after China’s 1997 takeover.

China’s Communist dictators, however, are no great respecters of agreements. They were never comfortable with the “one country, two systems” formula that—on paper at least—puts Hong Kong’s separate political and economic “system” beyond their direct control.

For the moment, despite the ongoing protests, China is still content to operate through puppets like their handpicked chief executive, Carrie Lam, who decided to table the extradition agreement, hoping that this would quell the unrest.

It hasn’t. And now Beijing is taking no chances. Right across the border in Shen-

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when it has set up an emergency command post, prepared to intervene if the Hong Kong police cannot control the situation.

Obviously sending in troops and tanks would be a last resort. But the regime is determined to maintain “stability” — in other words, crush any organized opposition to continued party rule the way it obliterated the Tiananmen demonstrations 30 years ago.

Beijing’s biggest fear is that the demonstrations will spread across the border. That’s why China’s battalions of censors are working overtime, trying to keep news about the demonstrations in Hong Kong from reaching the 1.4 billion Chinese in China itself.

Anything connected with the protests goes immediately into the dustbin of history. Videos showing the marchers singing “Do You Hear the People Sing?” from Les Mis, and “Sing Hallelujah to the Lord” have been taken down, and any audio versions of these two songs—the unofficial protest anthems of the marchers—have been scrubbed from behind China’s Great Firewall, as well.

Meanwhile, Beijing has been critical of comments by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, accusing them of interfering in China’s internal affairs. And Xi Jinping’s handlers insisted upon assurances that President Trump would not bring up the issue of Hong Kong during his meeting with the Chinese president at the G-20 summit last week.

But Beijing has reserved its real rancor for the British, who had the gall to suggest China should actually abide by its treaty obligations towards Hong Kong.

When British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt suggested that China should respect the rights and freedoms set down in the Sino-British Joint Declaration, Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang accused Hunt of “grossly interfering in Hong Kong affairs” and laboring under a “colonial illusion.”

As far as the Sino-British agreement itself was concerned, China’s Foreign Ministry declared it “no longer has any practical significance.”

That’s what happens when you ask China to keep its word.

So far, there have not been copycat demonstrations in Chinese cities like Guangzhou or Shanghai. But that does not mean there is no sympathy for those in Hong Kong.

As one Chinese citizen wrote on the Web: “I feel such sympathy for those brave young people in Hong Kong. They’ve suffered for me, a coward who doesn’t dare to step out for fighting for those rights. I owe them.”



PRI Educator Trains Students, Busts Myths on Overpopulation

BY PRI STAFF

PRI’s New Media Coordinator, Allen Baldanza, traveled this summer to Staunton, Va., to train the next generation of pro-lifers to combat the twin lies underpinning the abortion movement: The claim that the world is overpopulated and that “too many people” is the cause of climate change.

The talk, sponsored by the Virginia Society for Human Life, equipped dozens of students in attendance with the facts behind the myth of overpopulation. They learned that:

- World population will peak and then start to decline in coming decades. The latter half of our century will see an alarming shortage of young people.
- People are not just consumers, but also producers. In reality, more people and more minds at work are the solution to a lack of resources as people are able to turn scarcity into abundance. Human resourcefulness alone has been able to turn the power of the sun into electricity and grow more crops on less land.
- As human populations have grown, poverty and malnutrition have declined, and people have become more prosperous.

The students learned that abortion is always the taking of a human life and is never justified, least of all by the lies that there are too many people on the planet, and that we must eliminate our future children in order to combat climate change. They learned to protect and defend life.

Satan in Action – As Seen Through the Eyes of an L.A. Cop!

Dear PRI Supporter,

Doubtless you've read about people possessed by Satan—perhaps in a book or an article by an exorcist. Like me, you probably found it fascinating, sobering and downright scary.

Well, the book I'd like to send you gives you an insider's look at Satanic possession from a perspective you've probably never encountered before.

It's *Devil in the City of Angels*. The author is a retired Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff. He investigated and arrested many violent criminals during his police career—and at least nine of those violent criminals were deeply involved in Satanic cults.

This book gives you an up-close look at Satan in action – as seen through the eyes of a street cop.

When you read *Devil in the City of Angels* (and you'll probably read it in one sitting because it's that fascinating), you'll learn about the nine criminal cases the author investigated in which Satan's hand was definitely at work. Here's a sample...

- You'll read about Satan-worshipper Richard Ramirez, known as the "Night Stalker." Ramirez was the serial killer who haunted southern California, murdering 13 women. What Ramirez kept in his cell ... what he did in his cell ... the tattoos on his body and more (*everything* was Satan-related) will chill you.
- The author recounts the night he transported a woman who had just murdered her husband. Just another violent crime in Los Angeles? No! You'll learn what that woman did and said in the police car. You'll read the author's remembrance of the woman speaking in tongues ... the bizarre, sudden and frequent changes in her physical appearance ... the freezing temperature the author felt at the murder scene and how that freezing temperature was suddenly in the police car as he took the woman to jail.

You won't be able to deny the reality of Satanic possession after reading horrifying stories like this . . .

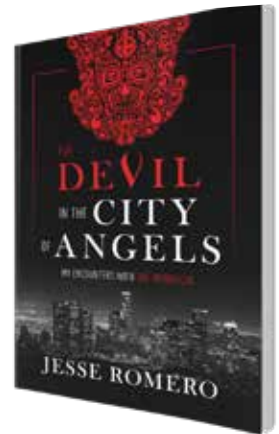
- In what started as a routine police burglary call, the author encountered a woman whose father consecrated her to Satan as a child. You'll learn what this woman revealed to the author about growing up in a Satanic cult—against her will. It's grim reading but it shows Satan in action, so brace yourself!

Devil in the City of Angels is even more interesting when you learn who the author is. He is Jesse Romero, the renowned Catholic apologist, author, speaker and radio host. With many years as a Los Angeles police officer and a master's degree in Catholic theology from Franciscan University, Jesse Romero knows what he's talking about!

As he explains, "I went from an indifferent apathetic Sunday Mass-attending Catholic Christian to an on-fire Catholic Christian in a few short years. What reignited my faith? The many encounters I had with the occult and diabolical."

Hang on tight when you read *Devil in the City of Angels* because you're about to see the reality of Satan as never before—and what we must do to protect ourselves spiritually!

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One-Child Nation, *continued*

Many other voices have emerged over time to speak out on behalf of Chinese women and their babies as well. Together we formed quite a chorus.

For anyone who was paying attention, there was *never* any doubt about what was happening in China. The policy allowed one child for urban residents, and two children for country folk, with an escalating series of threats and punishment used to enforce these strict limits.

Officials began their campaigns to pressure women and their husbands into abortions by firing them from their jobs, destroying their homes, seizing their livestock and other property, and imposing impossibly steep fines. But those Party officials carrying out this cruel and inhumane policy didn't stop there.

Pregnant moms who refused to abort were summarily arrested by local Family Planning officials and taken by force to abortuaries, where their unborn children were killed by lethal injection.

To handle the large number of women who were already seven, eight, or even nine months pregnant, Party doctors invented a new crime against humanity: the "Cesarean section abortion." As the term itself suggests, this entailed opening up women's bodies like so many tin cans so that their now dead or dying babies could be more easily removed and thrown away.

Cases of infanticide—where "illegal" babies were killed by government doctors at birth—were common.

Many of these horrors—though not all—are recounted in "One Child Nation." But while nothing in the docu-

mentary surprised me, it has apparently stunned many progressives. In fact, to judge from the buzz about the film, many on the left seem to be genuinely astonished by the sheer evil of China's policy, and talk about it as if they were becoming aware of it for the first time.

Nick Schager, for example, writing for the *Daily Beast*, is so appalled by what he learned from watching the documentary that he can hardly contain himself.² "China's horrifying child-killing policy," he writes breathlessly, was a "reign of terror" that resulted "in countless abductions, forced abortions, and child deaths."

The viewers at the Sundance Film Festival were equally taken aback. Pregnant women abducted from their homes by the millions and forcibly aborted? Children killed by the millions at birth, or sold to orphanages to be sold in turn to foreigners?

How could this have happened? Such a brave and groundbreaking documentary, they apparently believed, deserved to be widely recognized. Hence the award.

The progressives' belated awakening to the horrors of the one-child policy is, I suppose, a vindication of sorts for those of us who, at great cost, have sought to expose the policy over the past few decades. As Monica Showalter writes in *American Thinker*³:

"Remember Stanford scholar Steven Mosher? Way back in the 1980s, the man was reviled in scholarly circles for exposing just these brutal realities about China.

"Instead of being praised for adding to the scholarly body of knowledge, he was abused, slandered, accused of

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process crimes, and eventually kicked out of his Ph.D. program because he reported the truth about what was happening. This was at the urging of the Chinese government, which wanted all news of its cruelty kept hidden—the lies-violence cycle that Alexander Solzhenitsyn described as so necessary to all totalitarian tyrannies.

"Yet the only thing Mosher was really guilty of was the highest responsibility of a scholar, which was to tell the truth."

The Left—including most of my Stanford faculty colleagues—not only turned a blind eye to the truth, some of them even defended China. How could they ignore the brutality that was China's one-child policy for 35 long years? How could they defend the indefensible?

Not everyone did, obviously. American pro-life organizations heard the cries of the women of China for help, and sought to aid them in various ways. Pro-life U.S. administrations, beginning with Reagan and ending with

² <https://www.thedailybeast.com/one-child-nation-inside-chinas-horrifying-child-killing-policy>

³ https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2019/08/chinas_abortion_abuses_exposed_shunned_scholar_steven_mosher_vindicated.html

Trump, have cut funding to the U.N. Population Fund and other organizations because of their involvement in Beijing's policy. But the Left generally averted its eyes. Why?

Part of the reason is that, when it comes to criticizing the human rights abuses of socialist or communist regimes, leftists are *always* late to the party. Long after the mass graves begin filling up, they are still inclined to give their fellow socialists a pass.

They instinctively understand that “fundamentally transforming” a country into a communist paradise is dirty work, and that “class enemies” who stand in the way of progress and stubbornly refuse to be “transformed” must be gotten out of the way—eliminated—somehow.

In fact, leftists are generally only willing to acknowledge the human rights atrocities of any particular communist regime only after it has collapsed, when the evil that it has committed is laid bare for the whole world to see. Bernie Sanders was still celebrating the Soviet Union as late as 1988, long after its crimes were legend and when it was clearly on its last legs.

The People's Republic of China still exists, of course, but the one-child policy itself has been quietly abandoned by the Chinese Communist Party. The Party line has shifted, which perhaps explains why leftists have finally decided to break their long silence.

(Im)moral Equivalence

No true progressive would dream of criticizing a socialist country without throwing in a little good-old-fashioned American bashing for “balance”—if only to reassure his leftist friends that he has not abandoned the barricades.

This is why Schager's article in the *Daily Beast* begins by trashing the United States. “One Child Nation,” he writes, “is a stark reminder that America isn't the only country where a woman's right to control her body has been under siege.”

China may treat its women badly, you see, but America is just as deplorable.

What could be as bad as arresting pregnant mothers for the crime of being pregnant, dragging them off to abortion clinics, and holding them down on the operating table while they are aborted and sterilized? Schager doesn't say. But then he doesn't have to. His fellow leftists are so united in their hatred of “fascist” America that no explanation is necessary.

One of my former colleagues at Stanford University, the late William Skinner, did once take a stab at explaining why China's treatment of women is no worse than America's. “I find the forced abortion of women in the third trimester of pregnancy is repugnant,” he told me after reading my reports on China. “But it is no more repugnant than the refusal of the Reagan administration to fund abortions.”

The principled refusal to participate in homicidal acts by funding them—the Reagan administration's position—can hardly be equated with state-mandated mass murder practiced by the Chinese Communist Party.

But then we've already established that leftism can make you deaf, dumb, and blind.

Averting Cannibalism?

My biggest complaint about “One Child Nation” is that it fails to adequately address—much less de-

bunk—the one-child policy's bogus economic rationale.

Party propaganda at the time went into overdrive, warning the Chinese people that too many babies were an existential threat to China's future.

Without a drastic reduction in the birth rate, China would suffer an economic, environmental, and societal collapse so catastrophic that people might even resort to eating each other. One still-credulous old woman assured the filmmakers that, without the one-child policy, “China would have faced famine and potential cannibalism.”

Under the Party's new policy, however, all would be well. The elimination of large numbers of children would lead to wealth and happiness for those who survived the cut. The god of prosperity would smile upon China, everyone's standard of living would double, and China itself would recover its national glory.

Over the ensuing three-and-a-half decades, an estimated 400 million children, both born and unborn, were sacrificed to the lie that their deaths were necessary for China's economy to thrive.

It is a lie because it was access to Western markets, capital, and technology, combined with the native entrepreneurial ability and work ethic of the Chinese people, along with their sheer numbers, that has allowed China's economy to grow over the past few decades.

The truth is that people—especially young people—are an indispensable aid to the economic development of any country over the long term. And the leaders of the Chinese Communist Party, in eliminating 400 million of the most hardworking, intelligent, and business-minded

people on the planet, were literally destroying China's future.

It was the wanton destruction of human capital on a scale never before seen in human history.

All this is to say that the one-child policy has not only broken the hearts and spirits of hundreds of millions of Chinese women, it has made China poorer as well.

And as Chinese birth rates continue to plummet, and its work force continues to shrink, an even darker future may be in the offing. China may be entering a decades-long demographic recession, brought on by the

devastation of China's most valuable resource: its people.

The real-world effect of eliminating roughly half of two generations of Chinese young people is the aging and dying population of today. In fact, China is aging more rapidly than any other country in the world. Unlike its Asian competitors—Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan—it will grow old before it grows rich.

This is obviously not the first time that the Chinese Communist Party has compromised China's future. Each and every one of the massive social engineering programs carried out by the

Party—from the People's Communes of the 1950s, to the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s, to the crackdown that followed the Tiananmen Massacre, to the current vicious persecution of religious believers—have set back China's real economic and social progress.

Why should anyone with even a passing familiarity with the brutal history of the Party expect the one-child policy to have turned out any differently?

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India Prime Minister Urges Population Control While Fertility Rate Drops Below Replacement

BY JONATHAN ABBAMONTE

DELHI – The leader of the world's largest democracy has called for population control policies to contain what he claims is a "reckless population explosion" in India.

In a high-profile and widely publicized address to the nation on India's Independence Day on August 15, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on the central and state governments to implement policies to control the country's population growth rate.

"Population explosion will cause many problems for our future generations. We have to be concerned about population explosion. The center as well as state governments should launch schemes to tackle it," Modi said in his Independence Day address before the nation's iconic Red Fort in Delhi according to *NDTV*.¹

The prime minister also called on Indian couples to have smaller families and praised Indian citizens who



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have already embraced smaller family norms, saying that having fewer children is "an act of patriotism."

"I want you to do proper family planning and you will naturally see that a smaller family can be happier

and more content. Your family will be away from diseases, will have more resources," Modi said in his 92-minute speech according to *News18*.²

Modi's Independence Day address marks the first time in several

decades that a sitting prime minister has broached the possibility of introducing population control policies in India. It also marks an apparent break with the central government's position on population over the past decade which had previously emphasized the benefits of reaping an economic boon and "demographic dividend" from a growing labor force and gradually declining fertility.

Modi's address has triggered speculations that the Indian government may soon be set to introduce a nationwide population control policy.

Contrary to the prime minister's dubious claim of an impending "population explosion," however, the population growth rate in India has slowed considerably over the past decades.

Population growth declined in India by 21.5 percent between 1991 and 2001 and declined by 17.7 percent between 2001 and 2011. According to the United Nations Population Division, India's population is projected to peak in 2059 and begin declining thereafter.

Fertility in India has also fallen precipitously in recent decades. In 1985, India's total fertility rate (TFR) stood at 4.3 children per woman of reproductive age, according to the Indian government's Sample Registration System. By 2017, however, national TFR had declined down to 2.2.

The fertility rate has dipped so far, in fact, that India may already be at, or below, the replacement rate.

Typically replacement fertility—the minimum fertility level needed for each generation to replace itself—is pegged at about 2.1 children per woman. But the replacement rate can be higher in countries where there is high infant or child mortality or in countries where the sex ratio is heavily skewed due to the practice of sex-selective abortion and postnatal daughter neglect.

In India, the youth population is heavily skewed towards males as a result of son preference and the resulting practice of sex-selective abortion.

A recent study from the Population Research Institute found that approximately 15.8 million girls in India since 1990 have been eliminated from the population due to the practice of sex-selective abortion.³

Because of these deep imbalances in the population sex ratio, the Indian Ministry of Finance, in its recently released Economic Survey 2018-2019, believes that replacement rate fertility in India currently lies somewhere between 2.15-2.2.⁴ The actual total fertility rate in 2017 was 2.2.

Given the downward trend in fertility over the past several decades, it is likely even lower today—and below the replacement rate.

If India is not already below replacement fertility, experts expect fertility to drop below the replacement level over the next few years. The Ministry of Finance projects that TFR in India will drop to 1.8 by 2021. Estimates from the United Nations are only slightly more optimistic with

projections that TFR in India will drop below 2.1 by 2025.

Many states in India are already below the replacement level. In 2017, 15 out of 22 major states and union territories in India had below replacement fertility according to Sample Registration System data.

Even in India's highest fertility states, fertility has declined markedly. In Bihar, TFR stood at 4.17 in 2006 but had slipped down to 3.4 by 2017. In Uttar Pradesh, TFR fell from 4.16 in 2006 down to 3.0 in 2017. Not one major state or union territory in the country has seen a fertility rate increase over the past decade.

State-sponsored population control has a long and contentious history in India.

In 1951, India became the first developing country to introduce a national family planning program with the aim of controlling the country's population growth rate. Since Indian Independence, as many as 36 bills on population control have been introduced in Parliament.

Efforts by the government to control population growth reached their climax in 1975 when the Indian government imposed a brutal nationwide sterilization campaign "the Emergency."

During "the Emergency," over 8 million people, mostly poor men, were forcibly sterilized by the Indian government in an attempt to rapidly reduce the nation's population growth rate.

¹ <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/pm-narendra-modi-in-independence-day-speech-says-there-is-need-to-have-greater-discussion-and-awareness-2085392>

² <https://www.news18.com/news/india/ensuring-nuclear-families-an-act-of-patriotism-modi-draws-attention-to-population-explosion-on-iday-2271157.html>

³ <https://www.pop.org/sex-selective-abortion-in-india/>

⁴ <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/economicsurvey/>

Five Ways to Encourage Your Priest to Teach *Humanae Vitae*

Your fellow parishioners are hungry for the truth of God's plan for love and life contained in the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. As part of PRI's mission to protect the sanctity of life, we urge all of our supporters to **send letters of support to their priests** to preach these teachings with confidence. You can make these five points:

1. *Humanae Vitae* Comes from God Himself

The teachings proclaimed by the Church in *Humanae Vitae* are the very laws of God Himself on matters concerning the proper regulation of births in marriage. God made man and woman such that they have the capability of uniting as husband and wife, cooperating together with God to bring forth new life.

"... a teaching which is based on the natural law as illuminated and enriched by divine Revelation." (4)

"The teaching of the Church regarding the proper regulation of birth is a promulgation of the law of God Himself." (20)

2. *Humanae Vitae* Blesses and Nurtures Marriage

The teachings of *Humanae Vitae* are vital for nurturing marriage and for fostering a true and authentic love between spouses. When both the unitive or procreative aspects of the marriage act are embraced, the marriage act itself is preserved as a full and true expression of love.

"... if each of these essential qualities, the unitive and the procreative, is preserved, the use of marriage fully retains its sense of true mutual love and its ordination to the supreme responsibility of parenthood to which man is called." (12)

3. Priests and Bishops Have an Essential Role in Teaching *Humanae Vitae*

With respect to the Church's teaching on marriage as promulgated in *Humanae Vitae*, priests have a "principal duty...to spell out clearly and completely the Church's teaching on marriage."

Humanae Vitae calls on priests to "speak with full confidence" in proclaiming the Church's teachings on marriage and human sexuality.

"And now, beloved sons, you who are priests, you who in virtue of your sacred office act as counselors and spiritual leaders both of individual men and women and of families—We turn to you filled with great confidence." (28)

"So speak with full confidence, beloved sons, convinced that while the Holy Spirit of God is present to the magisterium proclaiming sound doctrine, He also illumines from within the hearts of the faithful and invites their assent. Teach married couples the necessary way of prayer and prepare them to approach more often with great faith the Sacraments of the Eucharist and of Penance. Let them never lose heart because of their weakness." (29)

4. Teachers and Parents are Also Called to Lead

Educators are urged to "create an atmosphere favorable to the growth of chastity" so that the young may learn to grow in morals and virtue and so that the morals of society may be safeguarded.

"... those who are engaged in education ... need to create an atmosphere favorable to the growth of chastity so that true liberty may prevail over license and the norms of the moral law may be fully safeguarded." (22)

"... married couples themselves by the leadership they offer will become apostles to other married couples. And surely among all the forms of the Christian apostolate it is hard to think of one more opportune for the present time." (26)

5. *Humanae Vitae* Prophetically Warns of the Social Dangers of Contraception

"Let them first consider how easily [artificial birth control] could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards...a man...may forget the reverence due to a woman...reduc[ing] her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection." (17)

"Finally, careful consideration should be given to the danger of this power passing into the hands of those public authorities who care little for the precepts of the moral law." (17)



HUMANAE VITAE COALITION

A Missionary's Advice for Sharing *Humanae Vitae*

by Dr. Christopher Manion

Father Daniel McCaffrey, STD, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. For 61 years he has been preaching the truths of the Faith, focusing on marriage and the family.

"I was a missionary in Pakistan when news of the Pill went around the world in the early '60s," he told me in an interview. "Long before *Humanae Vitae*, I knew that this new form of contraception would be a wrecking ball for the family and the culture."

Father McCaffrey then became another sort of missionary, as a chaplain in the U.S. Army. Sure, most soldiers are under 25, but in major bases there are families as well, and usually so many that the military provides schools for the children of those on active duty abroad.

When it comes to marriage and family, one of the major challenges to the pastor is to present the Church's teaching clearly, in a fashion that allows the faithful to be comfortable with the subject.

Father McCaffrey, who will turn 89 on Christmas Day, is an old hand at it. He's invited to speak at parishes all over the country. He focuses on *Humanae Vitae* and Natural Family Planning because he considers them to be fundamental in responding to the challenges of our troubled times.

When asked how well he is received, his answer is simple: They love it! He is plain-spoken, and he

lays out the problems in stark and simple terms. "Look, society is full of challenges to purity," he says. "Not only contraception, but pornography, abortion, in vitro fertilization, vasectomies—so many vasectomies!—and voluntary sterilization."

The Parish Is Ground Zero

Father McCaffrey is a very practical man.

"A lot of material available on *Humanae Vitae* is of a theological nature," he observes, "but with the people in the pews you have to get down to basics."

"Look at the slogan that the Army teaches its officers: KISS—'Keep It Simple, Stupid.' That doesn't mean ducking the issue, quite the opposite: It means spelling it out plainly and firmly and with love."

"Sure, there are kids in the pews, but a homily may be given without scandalizing the children present, in an engaging manner that includes a well-reasoned doctrinal explanation."

Pastors and parish pro-life and NFP leaders should understand the underlying theology, he says, but the parish needs to hear that yes, the Sixth Commandment is still alive and well. These sins—against purity, against marriage, against life itself—will undermine our happiness here and have a great bearing on our eternal salvation. People need to hear that! This is High Noon!

How to make that happen? "Many priests don't know how to handle *Humanae Vitae*," he says, "and some avoid it altogether." Why? "Well, many are afraid. Some have problems of their own that make them feel awkward preaching it. Some don't understand it, and, frankly, some don't believe it."

Ouch.

Father McCaffrey suggests that priests support one another and spread the word about the right way to teach the truths of *Humanae Vitae*.

"Support of the laity is important, but the priest is key," he says. "The effort requires fervent, persistent, but gentle preaching three or four times over the course of a year at all of the weekend Masses. This can be done only by the local priests and deacons, but the effort must be supplemented by at least one trained NFP couple salaried by the parish."

"Don't leave it to the diocese or a couple of lay volunteers," he says. He cites Bishop Peter Elliott of Melbourne, Australia, who says that without this backup a parish is not serious about the prophetic teaching of Pope Saint Paul VI and his liberating message of life and love.

In his encyclical, Saint Pope Paul VI called on all priests and bishops to teach *Humanae Vitae*. Let us join Father McCaffrey in his parting prayer: "May Our Lord raise up shepherds while there is still time!"



■ Mosher Signs Trump Letter: 'Stay Course'

AMERICAN GREATNESS—This summer *The Washington Post* published an open letter to President Trump rebuking his policies, titled, “China is not an enemy.”

According to the editors of *American Greatness*, the Post letter, signed by 95 self-described “members of the scholarly, foreign policy, military and business communities,” criticized the president’s approach to China as “fundamentally counterproductive” and urged a “balance of competition and cooperation.”

In response, PRI President Steven Mosher and 134 other foreign policy experts, scholars, writers, ex-military officers, and business people signed their own letter. Penned by retired U.S. Navy Captain James E. Fanell, the former director of intelligence and information operations for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, and appearing in the *Journal of Political Risk*, this letter instead encouraged Trump to “stay the course.”

“Dear President Trump,” the letter began, “Over America’s exceptional history, successive generations have risen to the challenge of protecting and furthering our founding principles, and defeating existential

threats to our liberties and those of our allies.

“Today, our generation is challenged to do the same by a virulent and increasingly dangerous threat to human freedoms—the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) through the nation it misrules: the PRC (People’s Republic of China).

“The Chinese Communists’ stated ambitions are antithetical to America’s strategic interests, and the PRC is increasingly taking actions that imperil the United States and our allies,” the letter states. “The past 40 years, during which America pursued an open policy of “engagement” with the PRC, have contributed materially to the incremental erosion of U.S. national security.

“This cannot be permitted to continue.”

■ Abbamonte Speaks on Gendercide in Asia

WINA RADIO (CHARLOTTESVILLE)—Half a million Indian girls are lost to abortion and other sex selective practices every year, or a total of 1,500 every day, Jonathan Abbamonte, PRI research analyst, reported on *The Schilling Show*.

“This is gendercide, pure and simple,” he said.

Abbamonte was interviewed about his recent study on sex-selective abortion in Asia, and the demographic bomb that results.²

“Sex-selective abortion is the practice where parents will abort an unborn child simply because the unborn child is female rather than male. Parents will often do this because in many Asian cultures and in particular patriarchal societies in that part of the world—in east Asia and southern Asia and also parts of western Asia as well—parents have a strong preference for sons.

“Sons are preferred for lineage, to carry on the family name. They are preferred for inheritance, that helps keep the money and property in the family. Perhaps most importantly sons are preferred because they provide parents with care and support in sickness and old age, and sons in patriarchal societies often have higher income potential than women do,” Abbamonte said.

Male preference may be longstanding, but with technology, it is now possible to practice sex selection more easily and with less moral scrutiny than infanticide and child abandonment, Abbamonte said.

Abortion has led to 15.8 million girls missing in India since 1990, he said.

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From the Countries



IRELAND UK Imposes Abortion on Citizens

NORTHERN IRELAND – A Catholic lawmaker in Britain has accused the British Parliament of wrongly imposing its will on the citizens of Northern Ireland by passing legislation decriminalizing abortion there, according to the *Catholic News Agency*.¹

“We know that the last vote to be held in the United Kingdom in any of the jurisdictions was in Northern Ireland, where they said they didn’t want these laws,” said Lord David Alton of Liverpool, an independent member of the UK House of Lords and a Catholic, told CNA.

“But they have been imposed by the metropolitan classes at Westminster, over and above the beliefs of the people of Northern Ireland.”

According to an article in the *National Catholic Register*, the Northern Ireland Assembly in 2016 successfully opposed legal abortion, but because the assembly is currently not functional due to a dispute between its two major political parties, the British Parliament has passed an Executive Formation bill meant to serve as a temporary legislative replacement.

The bill will take effect if the Assembly is not functional by October 21. The legislation includes amend-

ments legalizing abortion and same-sex marriage.

In response, the Northern Ireland Catholic bishops’ conference condemned the legislation’s “unprecedented” use of authority to legalize abortion in the region.



HUNGARY Three Babies Per Family Rewarded

HUNGARY – As a solution to diminishing population, leaders of Hungary are encouraging and supporting Hungarian families to have at least three babies, according to *Mercator.net*.²

The average European woman has 1.6 children, and the average Hungarian woman has just 1.45, according to the article. In response, Hungary’s prime minister, Viktor Orban—who won a third consecutive election by a landslide in 2018—announced a “Family Protection Action Plan” to promote marriage and families.

Under the plan, women younger than 40 getting married for the first time can receive a \$35,000 interest-free, general-purpose loan. If her family goes on to have three children, the loan is forgiven entirely, the article reported.

Approximately 2,400 families applied for the loan within two weeks of its debut.



CHINA Zen v. Pope On China Strategy

CHINA – Retired Cardinal Joseph Zen said that China’s persecution of believers has worsened since the September 2018 provisional Vatican-Beijing agreement, and that the new Pastoral Guidelines of the Holy See Concerning the Civil Registration of Clergy in China has led to faith-threatening confusion among Catholics in China, according to *LifeSiteNews*.³

Zen, former archbishop of Hong Kong, said he fears the guidelines contained in the new pastoral document may lead to the “death of true faith” among Catholics in China.

In his book, *For the Love of My People, I Will Not Remain Silent*, he wrote that Pope Francis’ “strategy was wrong,” and that it was “all about compromise and surrender,” the article stated.

Pope Francis and Cardinal Zen met July 3 in Rome with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, who negotiated the accord with China. Zen said when he shared his objections to the agreement and the pastoral document, the pope said, “OK, I’m going to take care of that; I am going to look into the matter.” But Zen reported he has yet to receive a follow-up answer from the pope.

Cardinal Zen said since the 2018 agreement, the communists enforce the law and “so it is a much harsher persecution after the agreement; it is terrible.”

¹ <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/lord-alton-abortion-law-imposed-on-n-ireland-by-uk-parliament>

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