



A Rousing Speech at Australia's March for Life

BY STEVEN W. MOSHER

On Sunday, March 26, Australia held its annual March for Life in the country's largest city, Sydney. The March began with a Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral officiated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, who then led the procession from the cathedral to the New South Wales Parliament a mile away. Organized each year by PRI's Australian affiliate, Family Life International-Australia, led by the redoubtable Paul Hanrahan, this year's keynote speaker was PRI President Steven Mosher. Paul introduced Steve to the crowd, noting that he, along with Father Paul Marx, had been instrumental in the founding of FLI-Australia back in the nineties. Read Steve's remarks to the marchers below:

It is wonderful to be with you all here today, to be part of this great company of pro-lifers. And I mean "great company" not just because of you many thousands here pres-



PRI President Steven Mosher Giving the Keynote Speech at the March for Life in Australia | Getty Images

ent. You are joined in spirit by millions across Australia, by hundreds of millions in the United States—where I am from—by hundreds of millions more in Latin America and, let's say, two billion or so more in Africa and Asia.

But you are also a "great company" because of what you do. You are

the voice of the voiceless; you are speaking today on behalf of those who have no voice. And you are doing it out of sheer love.

There is no interest here represented. Nobody is trying to sell anything; nobody is trying to get you to buy anything. You are here because

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Sergio Burga, The "Saint Next Door"

BY CARLOS POLO, DIRECTOR, PRI IBERO-AMERICAN OFFICE

A few months ago, our friend and long-time PRI colleague, Sergio Burga, was called home to the Lord. My wife, Vera, and I first got to know Sergio on a visit to his native country of Peru 15 years ago. He was a young man of deep faith, already engaged to his beloved Marisela, whom he married the following year. I recall giving them a rosary, saying that I knew they would pray it together. They did, until his untimely death from liver cancer late last year. All pro-lifers are loving, kind, and decent people, engaged as they are in lifesaving work for which they will receive little thanks in this world. But some of our number are living saints. Our beloved Sergio was one.



Sergio Burga at the General Assembly of the Organization of American States

"I like to see holiness in the patient people of God: in the parents who raise their children with so much love, in those men and women who work to bring home the bread, in the sick (...) In this constancy to go on day by day, I see the holiness of the Church militant. This is often the holiness next door, of those who live close to us and are a reflection of God's presence." So wrote Pope Francis in *Gaudete et Exultate* not long ago.

With each passing day I am more and more convinced that Sergio Burga Alvarez was that saint whom God placed "next door." Many of us had not recognized this before his early and unexpected departure to the Father's House last November 30, but at his funeral with his wife Marisela and his countless friends our eyes were opened.

In those moments when we were allowed to see Sergio's life in a truly spiritual perspective, we saw a reality that transcended the human affection that Sergio awakened in each one of us. As we mourners shared the many gifts he had given us, we perceived that his life had been a consistent and uplifting testimony of love and life. Full of everyday acts done in an extraordinary way.

We became convinced that we had met, lived with, worked with, played with, laughed with, shared grief with a saint in our midst, without realizing it. God had bestowed upon us a rare opportunity.

To be a saint is to live heroically and in exemplary spirit the three theological virtues. Faith, to be completely convinced that God can fulfill his promises. Hope, the gift of total certainty

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that God is faithful. And charity, the courageous commitment to authentically love God and neighbor.

I am a witness that Sergio lived these virtues in an exemplary way, in each and every day for 15 years, as we worked together at PRI defending life and family.

With God's grace Sergio rose to live those virtues in a truly heroic way as well, when he received the diagnosis that it probably wouldn't be long before liver cancer ended his earthly life, leaving his wife and three small children behind.

To put it in more familiar terms, a saint is a friend in Christ who also invites those around him to experience that same friendship. To be a saint is to be someone who is simply seeking to be like Christ and who encourages you to be like Him. It is someone who builds your heart to be a better Christian and child of God.

Sergio was for me, and for many, that friend in Christ.

A saint is humble. Sergio was not one for big speeches. And although he sometimes gave them in the Peruvian Congress, at the OAS and to many other audiences, he was much more eloquent in his life. Sergio did not write a book. His life was a book, brimming with "good news" that made the Gospel transparent.

He had a kind and empathetic style. Everyone loved him. His presence embraced you, convinced you, and mobilized you. Yes, Sergio was a man of action devoted to activating others.

What a desire to be like him!

A saint is joyful. And Sergio never lost his humor. I laughed with



Sergio Burga

Sergio all the time. Working, chatting, watching soccer or enjoying a meal. From the day I met him until our last day together. In his achievements and in his defeats. In his plenitude and when he was sick, ready to go to his Lord.

But, in addition, a saint carries his cross. He receives it with love because it comes from the Lord. And without doubt the almost 6 months during which Sergio fought against cancer were a heavy cross. The possibility of offering his young life leaving his beloved family must have made him say "Lord, take this cup away from me, but not my will but Yours be done."

Those of us who were close to Sergio in those days lived a Way of the Cross with him. And Sergio not only kept his faith, hope and charity, but his courage gave the necessary courage to his people. Like the Lord, Sergio walked with his cross, purify-

ing himself and consoling those who were in his path.

To be a saint is to collaborate with grace through the sacraments. Sergio was a Christian conscious of the gift of his Baptism, Confirmation and his married life, devoted to the grace of Confession and the Eucharist. Not only did he leave prepared with the Anointing of the Sick, but in his last days he participated in the preparation of his eldest son who would receive his First Holy Communion only days after his departure. He wrote a letter that his son received the day he went to Confession for the first time: "My son, I wanted to share that one of the most important moments of my life was making my First Communion... To receive Communion it is very important that you have made a good Confession so that you are clean of heart and can receive Jesus. Confession is like taking a weight off your shoulders. It is telling Jesus through the priest all your sins, all those things that make you sad..."

A few days later, when Sergio had already departed, the papal blessing for his son's first Communion, which he had requested weeks before, arrived in the mail from the Vatican.

Sergio's life shone with those acts of human love, enhanced with divine grace.

I believe I had a saint as a friend and as a co-worker. A son of God, a son of Mary and St. Joseph. A friend in Christ who today encourages me to be better every day in order to join him in Heaven.

Sergio, my friend, pray to the Lord for us.

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you are warmhearted, kindhearted, loving people who realize the sanctity of all human life.

You are a “great company” for that reason—each and every one of you. And I am proud and honored to be part of your great company today.

I was not always with you. Forty-three years ago—in fact, I realized just this morning that it was 43 years ago to this very day—March 26, 1980 I was in an operating room in Communist China. In that operating room, Red Army doctors were doing forced abortions on women who were 7, 8, and 9 months pregnant.

These doctors were also forcibly sterilizing these women. They were also killing babies at birth. So I was an eyewitness—an unwilling eyewitness, I must say—to forced abortion, forced sterilization and, of course, infanticide.

In my naivete—because I had never really thought about the pro-life issue up to that point—I said to myself, “Well, this butchery is happening in a one-party dictatorship, Communist China, but these kinds of abuses couldn’t possibly be happening in my own country.”

But it wasn’t long after I returned to the United States that I realized—a little late, of course—that seven years before—almost 50 years ago now—seven black-robed tyrants on the Supreme Court declared abortion legal in my country up to the very moment childbirth.

And there it was.

All of the evils I had seen in China were happening in my own country.

- The young, frightened teenage girl who is told by her school counselor that she has no choice but to get an abortion is being



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denied a choice. She is being forced into something that she will perhaps regret her entire life.

- The husband or boyfriend who tells his girlfriend that he doesn’t want another child and that she should get an abortion if she wants him to stay with her is being denied a choice.
- We in the U.S., under some presidential administrations, pay for abortions, lots of them. We also pay for sterilizations, and for contraception as well.
- I was shocked to learn that all of the things I had seen in China—including the killing of handicapped children—were happening in my own country.

And so I decided—like each and every one of you—that I had to do something about it. I began to speak out on behalf of the unborn in China, and in my own country, and around the world.

In so doing, I joined the pro-life movement. This great movement was already in existence in the United States at that time. It is, I think, the greatest movement in human history.

Billions of people are with us around the world. We are not alone—although it might sometimes seem like that from reading the newspapers or social media posts.

The truth is that we pro-lifers are the majority—a pro-life majority—in the world.

After *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortions, we had marches like this in Sydney today in our own capital, Washington, D.C., and in all fifty states.

We wept for the unborn. We erected tombs to the children who had been sacrificed to abortion. We sought to remember them—to memorialize them—in every way we could so they would not be forgotten.

We sought to pass pro-life legislation at the state level, legislation that was often overturned by the Supreme Court.

We sought to open crisis pregnancy centers to help women who needed—who deserved—a real choice instead of just being coerced into having an abortion.

We did everything we could.

By 1980, we succeeded in putting a pro-life plank into the platform of one of our major political parties, the Republican Party, a plank that protected life. And we tried to elect politicians who promised us that they would be pro-life.

Some of these kept their promises. Some of them didn’t. They were politicians, after all.

In 2016 we elected not a politician but a businessman. Donald Trump actually kept his promises. He put

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PRI's special gift to you . . .

The Coming Christian Persecution

Normally when we hear stories of Churches burned down, Christians beheaded, or Catholics forced underground, we think we are reading about historical events. And often, we are.

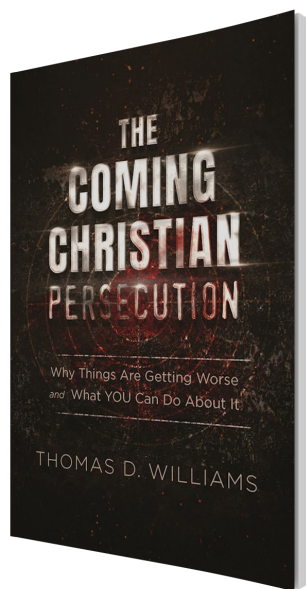
Yet, these events are not confined to those of the early Church. The persecution of Christians is happening right now — and it is closer to home than you may realize.

Throughout the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and even in the West, Christian communities are being targeted for their beliefs. Whether through violence or public policy, it's a trend that continues to escalate.

Moral theologian and news analyst Dr. Thomas Williams provides valuable advice on how these outrages can be remedied and what Christians can do to prepare for what is to come.

In 2020, according to the World Watch List published by Open Doors, 340 million Christians were facing “high levels of persecution.” Dr. Williams masterfully reveals the state of affairs in countries that systematically persecute Christians. In many cases, Christians are forced to flee or face economic repercussions, forced conversions, imprisonment, violence, torture, and even death.

Dr. Williams also shows how Christian persecution has been with us since the beginning during the life of Jesus. You'll learn what Jesus said in the Bible about coming persecutions, as well as about the trials and martyrdom that His apostles



endured and the hardships of the early Christians.

Dr. Williams explores why Christians are persecuted. Moreover, you will see how modern attacks against Christians spring from six primary sources: atheism, radical Islam, Hindu nationalism, totalitarianism, academia, and Satanism. In the words of St. John Paul II, “The Church has once again become a Church of martyrs.”

Essential reading for anyone committed to holding fast to the Faith in the face of an uncertain future, the book also explains:

- How Christians are globally experiencing white and red martyrdom due to their beliefs
- Why some who preach tolerance are intolerant of Christians
- Ways to avoid fatalism and resist the increased persecutions of Christians
- How to assist, through practical and spiritual means, those who are attacked
- How examples and words of the saints can inspire you to grow in virtue and remain steadfast

This is essential reading for any faithful Catholic who wants to be armed with the truth. I know that my family and I will be reading this book. We'll send it to you right away when we receive your donation of \$50. It will arrive even sooner if you donate online!

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The Coming Christian Persecution

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not one, but three, pro-life, Catholic justices on the Supreme Court.

And in June of 2022 *Roe v. Wade* went into the dustbin of history. (*cheers and applause*)

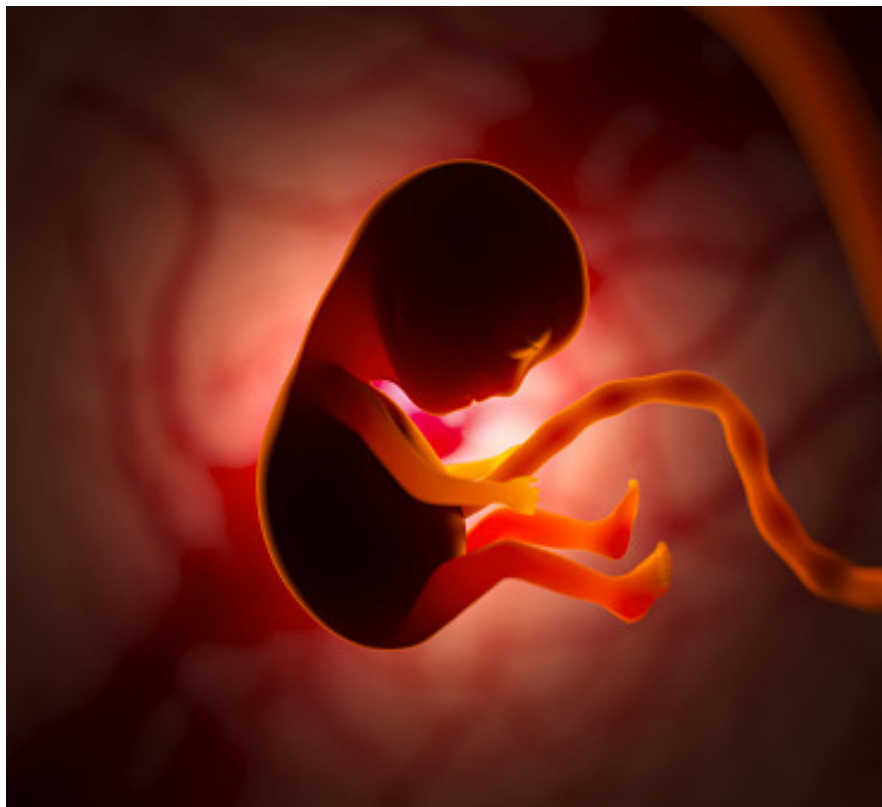
That victory did not mark the end of our struggle. But perhaps it marked the beginning of the end.

For what it did was send the issue of abortion back to the state legislatures, to city councils, and county boards of supervisors across America. There the battle for Life continues.

Post-*Roe*, nearly half of American states have severely restricted abortion. In some states like Tennessee and Texas it is banned from conception. While in others like Georgia heartbeat legislation has been put in place. In these states the law now says that when the unborn child's heartbeat can be detected—at roughly six weeks—it is not legal to take the life of that child.

Heartbeat legislation is the gift that keeps on giving because the technology keeps improving. This means we can detect the child's heartbeat earlier and earlier in pregnancy, and we know that the heart begins to beat at 21 or 22 days after conception. And so we are gradually moving back the date at which the baby's heartbeat can be detected, and saving more and more babies in the process.

The struggle to save babies continues in our local crisis pregnancy centers. What we now have under



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consideration in my home state of Florida, for example, is a bill that will give 25 million to crisis pregnancy centers throughout the state. This will help them compete with the very well-funded death machine that is known in the U.S. as Planned Parenthood.

Above all, we continue to march, and we continue to pray. And we will continue to march, and pray, and work as long as one single child is sacrificed to abortion. Even one death is one too many. (*applause*)

I am going to look to Archbishop Fisher for confirmation of my

next point—and let me say that I am so pleased, Your Grace, that you are here with us today, leading us in this fight. And the point on which I would like your confirmation is this:

I believe that the soul of one baby is worth the entire material universe. Because the material universe will one day pass away, but the soul of that baby will be with us forever.

(*Archbishop Fisher nods in affirmation.*)

So carry on bravely in this struggle. Fight on. Never give in.

And never, ever give up.



HUMANAE VITAE COALITION

Stop The Looting Of “Life Language”

by Dr. Christopher Manion, Director of the *Humanae Vitae* Project

“I had thought that at the time that Roe was decided, there was a concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don’t want to have too many of.”

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, New York Times Magazine, July 2009

When the Supreme Court announced its decision in *Roe v. Wade* fifty years ago, the pro-life movement sprang up in earnest. Nellie Gray’s first March For Life came to Washington a year later. Efforts in communities all over the country blossomed. “Pro-Life” became the universal label describing those devoted to the protection of unborn children. From the beginning, the meaning of “pro-life” was crystal clear: life begins at conception, so we protect the unborn.

The movement gained traction, funding was minimal but convictions abounded.

Our remarkable fervor terrified the pro-abortion lobby—for good reason: we did it for principle, population planners did it for money—lots of it. They didn’t begin with the grass roots, they started with millionaire donors like Margaret Sanger’s pal and board member Alice DuPont Mills. Mrs. Mills, like Sanger, wanted to make sure there weren’t too many “blacks and browns.”

Confronted with the power and punch that “pro-life” conveyed, the abortion lobby realized that funding a “pro-abortion” movement would be a disaster. Headlining the racism of Ginsberg, Sanger, and Mills would not be a big draw.

Instead the Left coined “pro-choice,” which implied that choosing evil was the rational thing to do for any woman. The term was pumped into the public school curricula. Universities, politicians, and the media adopted it across the board. But the vacuous cry of “pro-choice” lacked the appeal of truth, while “pro-life” personified it. “Products of conception” fell flat, while ultrasounds of unborn babies warmed all but the hardest of hearts.

Beware Of Imposters

Six years ago, *The Christian Science Monitor* featured an intriguing headline: “Could making climate change a ‘pro-life’ issue bring conservatives on board?”

“The terms ‘pro-life’ and ‘pro-environment’ are not normally linked,” the story began, “but a growing number of Christian leaders insist they should be.”

Translated, that means that the Left has a new propaganda project. They won’t waste their time preaching any religious pro-life message to their allies in the Global Warming crowd. That community aims to se-

verely reduce the world’s population, through abortion, contraception, and sterilization.

When employed by the Left’s Disinformation Department, “pro-life” isn’t a principle, it’s camouflage. A one-way street that says, “We won’t join you, but we’d like to use you.”

The author readily admits that Pope Francis is an obstacle. “Concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion,” he writes in *Laudato Si*. “How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings... if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?” [No. 120]

But they easily ignore the pro-life pope while their looting spree spreads far and wide. Welfare benefits are “pro-life,” they tell us, even though “family planning” is a required ingredient of government-funded “health care.” Opposing war, and the death penalty, is “pro-life.”

The movement is a brazen hijacking. “Pro-Life” is a symbol that carries with it a crystal-clear message. The pro-abortion lobby will do everything possible to sully that truth and bury it in blather.

But fifty-years and billions in funding for population planning has been unable to destroy the pro-life movement and the truths that we hold dear.



They Will Not Silence PRI

by Carlos Beltramo, Director, PRI European Office

Carlos Polo is one of the leading pro-lifers in Latin America, as well as the Director of the PRI Office for Ibero-America. He is also one of the most feared opponents of Planned Parenthood and other groups trying to force abortion on Peru.

That's why a pro-abortion non-governmental organization (NGO) went to court to try and silence him—and us. PROMSEX, as the NGO calls itself, demanded that the Constitutional Court of Peru stop Carlos Polo from criticizing the pro-abortion movement.

The case began almost eight years ago when *Catholic News Agency – Aciprensa* published a report entitled “Planned Parenthood Invested 3 Million Dollars To Promote Abortion In Peru.” Based on PRI's research, the report contained that three NGO's received \$3,002,257 from the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its parents company, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). One of these recipients was the Center for the Promotion and Defense of Sexual and Reproductive Rights (PROMSEX).

The pro-aborts didn't like being exposed in this way, nor did they like Carlos Polo's comments. For Carlos condemned—in no uncertain terms—both Peru's pro-abortion lobby and the financial support that the lobby receives from Planned

Parenthood in the U.S. They decided this pro-life leader had to be silence. Pro-lifers had to be taught not to speak ill of one of the most powerful, well-connected, and aggressive lobbies in the world.

PROMSEX did not wait long to strike. Eleven days after the report appeared, notarized letters were sent to both Polo and Aciprensa demanding that they issue a public rectification. How dare you call us “corrupt,” the group shrieked.

But the Peruvian Constitutional Court swatted away the lawsuit, finding that Carlos Polo's comments contained no “mistakes” to “rectify.” The Court's opinion stated, “rectification *in no case can include value judgments or opinions.*”

Case dismissed.¹

Words Matter

PROMSEX had argued that, by saying that it and its employees were “corrupt,” Carlos was accusing them of bribery. They demanded that he produce evidence of money changing hands. But he did have evidence. Evidence that pro-abortion campaigns in Peru were heavily funded by groups in the U.S. Money *was* changing hands—lots of it.

Next, he delivered a body blow to their argument. Peruvian authorities should themselves question this funding since PROMSEX's support of legal abortion has nothing to do with humanitarian aid or with the

goals of international cooperation. Moreover, the majority of Peruvians oppose such programs.

Finally, Carlos delivered the knockout punch. “Those groups which promote abortion, like PROMSEX, are paid employees who corrupt local authorities to enjoy these substantial funds.” No one in the past had dared to call out the powerful abortion movement in Peru over its foreign funding, even though the evidence is there for everyone to see.

Victory for Free Speech

The importance of the Peruvian Court's decision cannot be overstated. It means that pro-lifers in Peru—and arguably in other Latin American countries—can no longer be muzzled by threats of lawsuits.

In suing Carlos, the PROMSEX hoped to set a precedent for censoring and silencing the entire international pro-life movement. But they failed.

Carlos Polo will continue his three-decade-long effort to protect Life in the Americas and Europe, confronting the evil of abortion wherever he finds it.

PRI will continue its successful efforts to choke off the funding to organizations that promote, perform, or lobby for the legalization of abortion overseas, efforts that have cost them many hundreds of millions of dollars to date.

¹ <https://www.tc.gob.pe/institucional/notas-de-prensa/declaran-improcedente-demanda-de-promsex-contr-a-ci-prensa-por-una-rectificacion-de-informacion/>



Africa Follows the World into Demographic Crisis

by Steven W. Mosher

The population “bomb” has turned out to be a dud.

We’ve known for decades that Europe and North America were dying and that China was committing demographic suicide by embarking upon a one-child policy. Then, over the past quarter century most of the rest of the world – including Latin America and the rest of Asia – quickly followed.

Still, birth rates in Sub-Saharan Africa remained high, and the population bombers seized upon this to justify their continuing war on people. This motley collection of money-hungry population controllers, radical environmentalists, and anti-natal feminists pointed to high birth rates in places like Nigeria to claim that we needed to continue to abort, sterilize, and contracept the world.

Their fundraising pitch was simple. Unless you want another two billion or so Africans on the planet, they said, you must continue to pour billions into our programs. The implicit racism was palpable.

The only problem with their pitch was that the birth rate, even on that continent, was falling farther and faster than anyone had ever imagined it would. Even the most hyperbolic of overpopulation prognosticators is starting to tone down the rhetoric.

Take the Club of Rome. It wasn’t that long ago that this Masonic group, based in the Italian capital, was warn-

“West Africa is following the same well-worn path that the rest of the world followed, going through its own ‘demographic transition’ from high birth rates to low ones.

ing that the end was near. ¹Out-of-control population growth and resource consumption would lead to economic collapse within a few decades, it predicted in its best-selling 1972 book, “The Limits to Growth.”

Now the Club of Rome is suggesting that the population bomb may never go off. It even admits that sub-Saharan Africa’s population may peak as soon as 2060, and then begin to decline, following the rest of the world into demographic senescence – aging and dying.

The U.N., on the other hand, is not quite ready to give up its lucrative population control business. In part this is because the Globalists in charge would welcome a drastic reduction in the world’s population. In part this is because the U.N.’s population control agency, the UNFPA, has for decades raised huge sums of money off the myth of overpopulation. If it reported accurately on the new numbers, its fundraising would dry up.

But even the U.N.’s population projections are gradually – grudgingly – coming down to reflect this new

reality. Africa’s most populous country, Nigeria, has long been held up as the ugly poster child of out-of-control population growth. A decade ago, the U.N. was predicting that Nigeria’s population would reach 900 million by the year 2100. Its latest estimates slash 350 million from this number — and they are still too high. In all likelihood the country’s population of 213 million will double by 2060, and then begin to decline.

The Economist, which has published its share of overpopulation hype over the years, recently ran a story criticizing the U.N.’s latest projections as “not keeping pace with the rapid decline in fertility rates.” ²The average number of children that women are expected to have is falling rapidly, as a number of recent surveys show.

Most remarkable is Nigeria, where a UN-backed survey in 2021 found the fertility rate had fallen to 4.6 from 5.8 just five years earlier. This figure seems to be broadly confirmed by

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¹ Mosher, Steven. *Population Control: Real Costs, Illusory Benefits*. Oxfordshire: Routledge, 2008.

² <https://www.economist.com/middle-east-and-africa/2023/04/05/the-worlds-peak-population-may-be-smaller-than-expected>

Letters

A response to PRI's message on depopulation:

"So tell me IF the world's population is going to drop so drastically, then why is it we have to put up with all the elites wanting to DE-POPOPULATE...? This is just another scare tactic to pull mental BS on your part. Know this, I am not one of those that goes along just to get along."

From,
John P.

.....
Good question, John,

And a large part of the answer is the Globalist Elites think that, even as birthrates are falling farther and faster than anyone thought possible a few decades ago, there are still far too many people around for their taste.

They believe the carrying capacity of the world is one billion—some of them say only 100 million—and they want to reach that number as quickly as possible. That's why they embraced China's one-child policy as a model for the world.

Their world, not mine.

*All best,
Steven W. Mosher
President, Population
Research Institute*

Africa Demographic Crisis, *continued*

another survey, this time backed by USAID, America's aid agency, which found a fertility rate of 4.8 in 2021, down from 6.1 in 2010.

A similar trend seems to be emerging in parts of the Sahel, which still has some of Africa's highest fertility rates, and coastal west Africa. In Mali, for instance, the fertility rate fell from 6.3 to a still high 5.7 in six years. Senegal's, at 3.9 in 2021, equates to one fewer baby per woman than little over a decade ago. So too in the Gambia, where the rate plunged from 5.6 in 2013 to 4.4 in 2020, and Ghana, where it fell from 4.2 to 3.8 in just three years.

What is happening is really no mystery. West Africa is following the same well-worn path that the rest of the world followed, going through its own "demographic transition" from high birth rates to low birth rates. There was never any reason to expect that African parents would behave differently than European, Asian, or Latin American parents did. Once infant and child mortality rates began to fall—as they have in Africa in recent decades—parents naturally choose to have fewer children.

As PRI has been saying for some time now, the world's population is going to peak around 2050 at something under 9 billion.

What happens to the world's population after 2050 depends on the fertility decisions of those not yet born, and is impossible to accurately predict. But all of the current trends point downward. Women around the world were averaging 5.00 children in 1970. This had fallen to 2.6 by 2002 – not far above replacement rate fertility of 2.1—and it is projected to drop to 1.54 children per woman by the year 2050.

But who's to say that it will stop there? Shaped by powerful, if partially hidden, economic, political and cultural forces, the one-child family appears well on the way to becoming a universal norm in many countries. Pockets of higher fertility, driven by religious motivations and traditional values, will still exist. But, as in present-day Japan or Germany, most families will stop at one. The number of the aged will skyrocket, and the world's population will be in free fall.

This is the real population problem.



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From the Countries



PORTUGAL **Assisted Suicide Bill** **Passes Despite Veto**

Portugal's Catholic President, Marcelo Rebeo de Sousa, vetoed a euthanasia bill for the fourth time. But despite his best efforts, the bill has passed.¹ Parliament was able to do this because the bill received 129 votes in its favor. According to Portugal's constitution, when faced with a veto, parliament can confirm the text through an absolute majority. Once achieved, the head of state is required to promulgate it. The bill allows assisted suicide to occur "by decision of the person, of legal majority age, whose will is current and reiterated, serious, free and clarified, in a situation of the suffering of great intensity, with definitive injury of extreme gravity or serious and incurable disease, when practiced or assisted by health professionals." While this may be a restrictive definition for the practice, other countries, such as Canada, have proven that strict regulations corrode over time.



GHANA **US Aid Comes** **With LGBT Strings** **Attached**

The United States offered Ghana \$139 million in aid, but it comes with strings attached. The main string in

this case is the acceptance of LGBTQ activities.² The Catholic Bishops Conference urged Ghana to reject this aid since accepting it would be akin to selling the country's birthright. Rev. Matthew Gyamfi, President of the Catholic Bishops Conference, stated, "This is not the first time. We have seen the European Union, the United States and these rich countries sometimes push down our throats with certain reforms and certain things and they say if only you do these things, we would give you the money. I know the government has done that over and over and over, and many Ghanaians know it. It is not only I who is saying it. So when it comes to something that makes a people, a people. That is their culture and tradition, then if you sell your birthright, culture, and tradition, if you sell who you are for money when you get the money, who are you again?"



NETHERLANDS **Dutch Ministers Call** **Abortion a Human** **Right**

The Dutch cabinet agrees that abortion is a sensitive topic. But two members, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, believe that abortion is a fundamental human right.³ They stated that Dutch pol-

icy is built upon this presumption. When pressed on other fundamental rights, such as the fundamental right to life for unborn children, these leaders balked. In true politician fashion, they replied, "There is no consensus on that. Human rights agreements are usually only applicable after birth." A written statement from the two expanded upon this, claiming that the rights of women and the unborn are irreconcilable. As well as claiming the prioritization of the unborn's right to life would be not only "contrary to Dutch policy" but also "not reconcilable with the rights of the woman, the right to health or the right to life."



UNITED STATES **Life Legal Scores** **Against Abortion** **Profiteer**

The Life Legal Defense Foundation (LLDF) recently won a victory against Danco, the company responsible for importing and distributing the abortion pill Mifepristone under the name Mifeprex.⁴ The lawsuit, filed under the False Claims Act, exposed Danco's failure to label the abortion drug with its country of origin: China. It also failed to pay the required Customs Duties on the imported pills. As a result, Danco has agreed to reimburse the U.S. government \$765,000.

¹ <https://www.euronews.com/2023/05/13/portuguese-parliamentarians-vote-in-favour-of-euthanasia-despite-presidents-veto>

² <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Reject-139m-US-budget-support-if-it-is-tied-to-Ghana-accepting-LGBT-Catholic-Bishops-to-govt-1740737>

³ <https://cne.news/article/2942-dutch-cabinet-deals-with-abortion-as-human-right-ministers-acknowledge>

⁴ <https://lifelegaldefensefoundation.org/life-legal-secures-victory-against-chemical-abortion-profiteer/>

PRI IN THE NEWS

▶ **Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation Seminar Aimed at Educators**

On July 10th, Steven Mosher, along with several other distinguished speakers, presented at the eighth annual National Seminar for Middle School and High School Educators. The event was held at the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation. There Mr. Mosher educated history and civics teachers in the deadly history and ideology of Communist China. Sharing this truth is critical because, in his own words, “Too many American young people are given only a highly romanticized view of Communism/Socialism as the solution to all of mankind’s ills, whereas these poisonous ideologies are, in fact, their cause.”

Viewership: 42.5 thousand*

victimsofcommunism.org/event/2023-national-seminar-for-middle-school-and-high-school-educators/

▶ **EWTN’s The World Over with Raymond Arroyo China-Vatican Deal Violated**

PRI President Steven Mosher joined Raymond Arroyo to discuss the recent developments in China, including increased pressure against Taiwan and the violation of the Sino-Vatican agreement. The former involved three days of military drills launched

in response to the Taiwanese President’s meeting with U.S. lawmakers. While the latter was accomplished through the installation of a bishop in Shanghai. Vatican officials were not informed ahead of the installment, instead learning of the development through social media the day of. Mosher, based on his experience, predicted in 2018 that the CCP would ultimately break the agreement. A prediction that has now blatantly come true.



Viewership: 5 million*

youtube.com/watch?v=30LxZuhbQAA

☰ **Life News Abortion Industry Promotes MVAs**

A pro-abortion group is promoting Manual Vacuum Aspirators as a solution to the lack of abortion providers in the United States. Pushing their agenda, these activists claim that MVA abortions are both “safe and gentle.” But the reality of these non-FDA-approved devices is grisly. Life News referenced PRI’s research on the devices from Jonathan Abbamonte, who stated, “Manual vacuum aspirators are murderous machines used to abort babies between three and fourteen weeks gestation. They are

large, unsophisticated syringes operated by hand that work by suctioning the fetus from its mother’s womb. The baby’s delicate body is crushed and sliced as it is aspirated through a long cannula.”

Viewership: 465.2 thousand*

lifeneews.com/2023/04/18/abortion-industry-promotes-handheld-devices-that-suction-little-unborn-babies-into-machines/

☰ **The New York Post China is Buying the World**

In this New York Post piece, Steven Mosher revealed the existence of “Sino states.” These are countries whose resources, governments, and economies are deep in China’s pockets. Through projects, like the Belt and Road Initiative, the CCP continues its slow creep towards global domination. It targets countries in Asia, Africa, and South America, aiming to “outmaneuver and outcompete the West.”



Viewership: 173.7 million*

nypost.com/2023/04/01/china-is-buying-the-world/

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