



Your National Pro-Life Report



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- Mary McAleese's disgraceful attack on *Humanae Vitae*.
- **26 BABIES saved** from abortion 2016 so far!!
- Blitz of pro-life events successfully completed.
- HLI (Ireland) pursues a true integral "Culture of Life" agenda.
- Youth Mass and conference a "great success."
- Special pilgrimage and Holy Face Days in Knock.
- Successful enthronement of Guadalupe Centre and The Cloak
- Special Holy Hour for the Bishops of Ireland.
- Men's Climb for reparation up Croagh Patrick "a blessed day."
- *** Premium book offer – On Human Life ***

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Dear HLI Ireland supporter,

Thanks to YOUR help - both financial and spiritual - much was achieved - the Gospel of Life proclaimed, many inspirational talks were heard, lives transformed. Please read on...



Fr Shenan Boquet formally enthroning The Cloak Charity Shop to Our Lady of Fatima 2nd Oct 2016

"We are here, we seek to be faithful – use us as you wish."

This Summer's busy activities are OUR response to the global and national attack on Catholic Church teaching on life, faith and family.

The national speaking tour with Fr Shenan Boquet, our national conference in Dublin and a blitz of other events reported in this edition, are efforts consecrated to God as acts of reparation for our nations apostasy – as well as signalling to heaven that:

All we do is aimed at addressing the ROOT of the abortion culture and advancing the "Culture of Life."

Your Knock Centres Enthroned!

As an act of thanksgiving, we undertook a formal enthronement to Our Lady of Knock of both the Cloak Charity shop and the Guadalupe Centre on **Sunday October 2nd**.



Youthful supporters attending enthronement of your Knock centres 2nd October

Preceding the enthronement Fr Shenan Boquet celebrated Holy Mass in the Apparition chapel. After the Mass, light refreshments and lunch were enjoyed by the many who travelled and a great day was had by all.

Back in July when the Guadalupe Centre and Cloak Charity shop were closed, a solemn promise had been made to Our Lady that if she helped open both centres, we would

Meantime, in collaboration with an attack on *Humanae Vitae* at the United Nations, Ireland's Mary McAleese launched a broadside on Catholic Church teaching on life and family.



Mary McAleese attacks Catholic Church teaching



Mass enthroning the Guadalupe Centre and The Cloak with Fr Shenan Boquet

ensure a formal enthronement of both centres to her!

Our Lady heard the prayer and within TWO HOURS we got the word that they would re-open!

Mary McAleese's disgraceful attack on Church teaching

Mrs McAleese was a co-signatory of the so-called "**Wijngaards Statement**", joining 170 others calling the Church to change its teaching on contraception, and, by implication homosexual relationships, in vitro fertilisation and more.

Mrs McAleese is reported to have stated the Church's teaching on contraception has "*no basis in divine law*" – thus pitching herself against Pope Paul VI and the centuries of Church teaching.

Much prayer is needed for conversion of hearts in this matter!

Prophetic Document This dissenting declaration by these 170 “scholars” PROVES *Humanae Vitae* is still totally relevant in 2016, is still the truth, and is still unpalatable to those rebelling against Catholic Church teaching.

With 2018 being the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, we have 2 years to prepare to celebrate this great encyclical that has brought so much peace and blessing to families and marriages everywhere!

All our work over the next few years will reflect and uphold this great document.

BLITZ of pro-family events!

Youth Mass in Legionaries of Christ

On the eve of our National Conference, we held a special YOUTH Mass in the Legionaries of Christ centre in Leopardstown.



Youth Mass with Fr Shenan in the Legionaries of Christ

It was a special evening for all who attended.

“The work you’re doing is truly FANTASTIC”

– lady attending HLI pilgrimage in Knock,

Young people were invited to become enrolled with the Brown Scapular. Our Lady promised those wearing this sacramental at time of death would be granted eternal salvation.

One Day National Conference

Our hugely successful one day “By Way of the Family...” conference was held in the Clayton Hotel, Dublin on Sept. 24th.



Dr. Brian Clowes’ presentation at Dublin conference

With Eucharistic adoration occurring all day, we were delighted to host HLI’s global President **Fr. Shenan Boquet** along with



John Lacken speaking in Dublin

world-renowned pro-life veteran and strategist Dr. **Brian Clowes**.

The attendees were treated to a great range of talks given by speakers well briefed on their topics.

Pat Reynolds spoke about the devastating scourge of pornography and how it is a serious threat particularly to men.



Pat Reynolds speaking at Dublin conference

“HLI is the only group at the forefront of the entire integral (Catholic) life message from conception to natural death”

- Tipperary priest after conference

John Lacken gave a fascinating presentation on how the Church authorities dealt with the issue of contraception and the Papal Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* in Ireland since 1968.

A must-hear illuminating, highly researched presentation, outlining the factors why Ireland is in the difficulties it now faces.

Karen Mullaney spoke about modesty and women’s fashions in her thought provoking afternoon talk.

Much emphasis was placed on the spiritual formation and rearing of children and young adults within the family .



Young people being enrolled with brown scapular at HLI Youth Mass

Excellent talks

- **Rosemary Swords** spoke about catechising children and families;
- **Brendan Lynch** - “Parenting and discipline”, a much neglected topic on which little real, good information exists, and
- **Keith Kavanagh** on Catholic action and
- **Fr Ailbe O’Reilly & Jimmy Kelly** speaking about discerning your children’s vocation.

***** CDs of these great talks can be ordered on order form within! *****

Conference dinner The conference was a resounding success, with 75 attendees staying to join us for a delicious buffet dinner, some speeches, beautiful singing from Galway-born Clare Quinn and a final song from Dana Rosemary Scallon and friends.

One lady and her two college aged children shared how attending last years HLI apologetics course transformed their lives and Catholic apostolic witness.

Dr Rita O’Connor was presented HLI



Dana with talented organist William Smyth and singer Clare Quinn at HLI dinner.

(Ireland)’s inaugural “Pope Paul VI award” for services to life, faith and family.

Dr Rita and colleagues have saved HUNDREDS of babies since 2001, through Ask Majella’s Crisis pregnancy service.

We heard the GREAT news that **26 babies** have been saved in 2016 SO FAR!!!



Dr Rita O’Connor receives HLI (Ireland)’s first “Pope Paul VI award” for service to the culture of life.

National Speaking Tour



The "road team" outside Armagh Cathedral

The one-day conference was followed by a three night nationwide speaking tour on the theme of *"Defending the family – building the Church."*

The tour commenced in Armagh, on the



Fr Shenan addressing audience in Armagh

Monday evening, Waterford city on the Tuesday evening finishing up in Cork city on the Wednesday evening.

Attendees were treated to a really straight talking prophetic analysis of where Ireland is at, the irreplaceable role of the family, Holy Face prayer, as well as the solutions to current problems in Ireland.

"It is great that HLI are faithfully fighting the good fight"

– Cork priest

Fr Shenan and Brian spoke of how Ireland is STILL regarded as a light to the world, despite the recent referendums and legislation.

Family Packs distributed Every family represented received a "family-gift pack" comprising books, encyclical, blessed scapulars, rosary beads, holy Face medals and leaflets, information on the Catholic faith and two fantastic CDs on miraculous stories of Our Lady's power and miracles of the Eucharist.

Feedback from attendees was very

"That night was a great shot in the arm" – Cork priest

encouraging. One man said

"You made me think in a way I don't when attending other meetings. It's good to have a different perspective."



Rosary procession during HLI annual pilgrimage

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in honour of Our Lady

People from the four corners of Ireland travelled to Knock to attend HLI Ireland's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine.

Some dedicated souls rose before dawn to get their bus.

The fine weather reflected the mood of



Children presenting their banners to Our Lady in Knock Basilica

those gathered to honour Our Blessed Mother on the first Saturday. This year, families were invited to bring along their children and the youngsters drew beautiful pictures of Our Lady which they made into banners and processed proudly around the Shrine grounds.

Celebration Evening The pilgrimage was followed by an evening of testimonies, music, food and fun.

HLLI global President Fr. Shenan Boquet promised to pray for the

“I will never ever ever forget this night”

– lady at pilgrimage night



Children present pictures of Our Lady at celebration night

“Be assured of our prayers for the success of your efforts Patrick. You face a difficult situation, but with Our Lord and Our Lady of Knock at your side, all things are possible.” Fr. Shenan Boquet HLLI

work and benefactors of HLLI Ireland.

The evening finished with a unique annual Holy Hour for the intentions of our Irish Bishops.

We wrote and asked all 26 Bishops for their intentions. About half responded. All the intentions were publicly prayed for, lifting up all 26 Bishops and their dioceses by name.

This night was the pinnacle of my entire year.



Patrick McCrystal led the Holy Hour for the Irish Bishops in Knock

Presentation of Holy Face image to Radio Maria

During our tour, we had the great honour of presenting a framed image of the Holy Face



Presentation of Holy Face image in Radio Maria studios

to Radio Maria at their Dublin studios.

The collaboration of various apostolates is a great blessing to all involved.

Fr. Shenan and Dr. Brian then shared their knowledge and extensive experience on Patrick's weekly radio show "Faith, Life and Family - A Catholic Analysis."



HLI speaking to the world on Radio Maria

"Thank you for a wonderful mission in Ireland. It was a very successful mission! I hope you are pleased as well. You and your staff did a fantastic job!"

— Fr. Shenan Boquet



Youthful faces at HLI annual pilgrimage weekend in Guadalupe centre! The future of Ireland!

"You are blessed to have such a dedicated team. Please express to them our heartfelt appreciation for their kindness, support, and care." – Fr. Shenan Boquet

Holy Face Day in Knock On September 10th a day in honour of the Holy Face of Jesus took place in Knock. This event was jointly organised between HLI Ireland and St Therese prayer group, Wicklow. A beautiful holy hour was followed by Mass in the Shrine.



Holy Face procession on Knock Shrine grounds.

“May Our Lord use this spark to start a blazing fire across Ireland.”

- Fr Shenan Boquet after
- Ireland speaking tour

Men's Climb Croagh Patrick 2016

The Annual Men's Climb of Reparation up Croagh Patrick took place on Saturday August 20th. Twenty five men climbed in rain



Croagh Patrick Men's Climb group 2016.
A hardy bunch!

and swirling mist but spirits were high!
Mass at top and hot food at bottom.

This was the 4th Annual Men's Climb of Reparation and Atonement. Next year's climb will take place on Saturday August 19th.

THANK YOU for MAKING all these great things happen by your prayers and support!!!

May our Lord truly make these small efforts as a spark to help light a fire in Ireland!

God Bless you.

Patrick McCrystal

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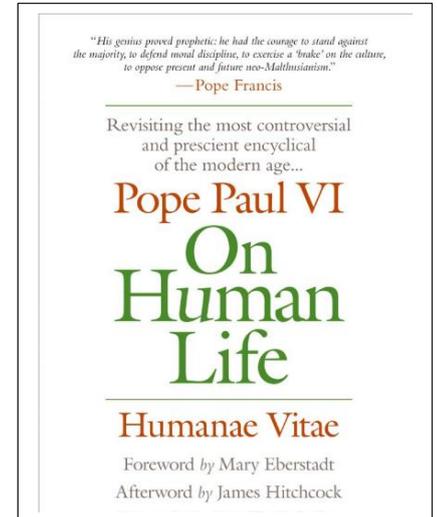
For your donation of **€35 / £30 or more**, I am delighted to send this key book on Pope Paul VI's "On Human Life" (*Humanae Vitae*)

Read for yourself the short powerful encyclical that changed the world – and still draws the ire of dissenters worldwide!!

You will learn why *Humanae Vitae* is RIGHT! Pope Paul VI's explanation of why the Catholic Church rejects contraception.

Although greeted by controversy and

opposition, *Humanae Vitae* has continued to influence Catholic moral teaching.



- St. John Paul II's popular "theology of the body" drew deeply on the insights of Paul VI.
- Pope Benedict and now Pope Francis have upheld the long-standing teaching, and a new generation of faithful Catholics, as well as non-Catholics, is embracing the truths of the encyclical.

This is the document dissenters are attacking!!!
READ FOR YOURSELF!!!

With powerful commentary from some of the world's leading Catholic commentators Mary Eberstadt, James Hitchcock, and Jennifer Fulwiler, this book will enlighten and inform you WHY the Church is right!!!

My gift to you for your gift of €35 / £30 towards our pro-life, Catholic based apostolate.