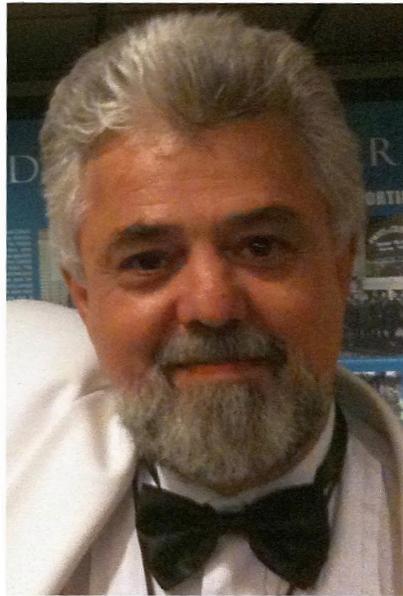




As we approach the Christmas season, I'm sharing a personal interview hoping to dialog & find additional ways to defend Life, Faith, Freedom & Family

Why not plan, starting this New Year, to better live out our Christian lives on the frontlines of the world: the marketplace, political arena, and above all holy lives within our families with more consistency, maturity, realism, courage, hope, and joy? Let's help each other, pray for each other and, together, for the whole human family. Let's inspire each other to keep fighting for life, faith, family, freedom, and justice in more creative and effective ways, indeed becoming a better version of ourselves and joyful instruments of Peace, Hope, and Unity, especially among fellow Christians.

Wishing each one of my thousands of LinkedIn net-friends for whom I pray frequently, as well as all dear brothers and sisters in Christ a very blessed Thanksgiving and Advent season; I'm posting below, with sincere affection, a personal interview I agreed to give to the November edition of Profiles in Catholicism, reflecting on some important challenges we all have, especially if we want to be proactive agents for the 'New Evangelization.'



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**An Interview with
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Missionary, Founder**

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1. Gordon: Please provide our readers with an overview of the mission of the Pope Paul VI Foundation.

LPB:

1.1- The Foundation's powerful Mission Statement, "*The 'ambition' to do Good and keep doing Good for others should have no limits!*" tells a lot about the essence of its Mission. However, even a basic overview will depend on some knowledge about the origin of the Foundation.

Unfortunately, there's no satisfactory short answer for an already near half-century old, low-profile institution that is deeply interconnected with my personal life and not fitting for a short interview. An easy way to learn its origins, which is what really matters (since this Foundation is a "Seed"), is through the reading of Article 51 of the General Statutes of the Blessed Family of Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Society, **after** the reading of its Glossary's entry related to the word "Ambition", plus Article 4 of the same document, as an essentially required prior condition. This is available [online here, in a PDF file](#).

1.2- Also, reading the ABOUT tab-page of our www.BlessedFamily.us (JoAnLab.Net) website will provide a substantial historical report related to the Pope Paul VI Foundation.

1.3- Anyway, as a glimpse, I could state, as mentioned above, that the Foundation was and still is a low-profile, small, and somehow '*sui-generis*' organization, like a "Seed" incubator. It is deeply rooted in St. Joseph, orthodox, Brazilian-born, uninterruptedly not-for-profit, privately funded, and inspired directly by the words of Blessed Paul VI himself. It is a committed, proactive truth seeker under deep obedience to the '*Magisterium*' united with the Pope. It quietly practices '*ora, adora et labora*' as a faithful Roman Catholic Pro-life lobby, a former management standards research and

software house, and currently an international 'Think & Prayer Tank' that sincerely tries to remember, '*ad majorem Dei gloriam*', what Jesus asked us on Matthew 6:3 "*let not your left know the Good your right is doing*".

2. Gordon: Why do you consider Blessed Charles de Foucauld as your spiritual father and the Servant of God Chiara Lubich as your spiritual mother?

LPB:

2.1- First, regarding the Servant of God Chiara Lubich, the Founder of a large religious family, because she was the primary source and represents the deepest foundation and joy of my whole spiritual and ministerial life. I would never be what I am without an extensive formation received from her charism, especially during the 1970s, after a personal encounter with one of Chiara's first companions, Violetta Sartori, whom I met many times. She was my mom's friend, sleeping over with other "Focolarinas" at my home in Curitiba. As a teenager -probably sick with flu- she entered my room to visit me and pray with my mother for my wellbeing. From my first yearly Mariapolis in July 1970 (at that time, a week-long 5,000 participants) passing through the Focolare's Second Generation School (Gen2-M multi-years school, after 1973/4/5...), I studied some and read most of Chiara's books, many in Italian since they were not yet available in Portuguese at that time. For more details, please read our General Statutes' Art. 2 Â§4 about her foundational role in this regard.

2.2- Now, it is not so simple to reveal, or how far I can reveal -it is very private- why Blessed Fr. Charles de Foucauld is indeed my spiritual father, because personally I never even thought about, nor did I ask for that. I'm convinced it was/is an unbelievable gift from God, directly: One afternoon in

the year 2000, I was praying fervently inside an old car donated to my foundation. After almost 3 years of working full-time as a volunteer at and for the Diocese of Orlando, FL, including Saturdays plus busy Sundays, under my duties of E. Ministry of Communion and Catechist, I was exhausted (no vacations), in deep peace, and completely broke (never charged a penny, I have a Vow of Poverty) with many material needs. There, at that moment, praying for a couple of hours inside the car, I deeply understood that God was unilaterally granting me, in honor of Bl. Foucauld, a gigantic spiritual miracle in favor of two dear teenagers and their eventual future descendants, for whom I was not praying for, at that moment. And further, still in the car at the diocese's parking lot, I somehow supernaturally received as a mysterious and very rare Grace, indeed granted exclusively due to the extraordinary merits of Charles de Foucauld's moving me to also call him, instantly, spontaneously "Papai" Charles (daddy), followed by a profound peace and deep trust. From that moment on, I felt moved to entrust myself under his protection with immense confidence, as my new and powerful intercessor and provider for my personal needs, especially (interestingly) material needs -although the major miracle received was exclusively spiritual- which remains infallibly fruitful until this day and hopefully until death, in my life and the life of my future spiritual sons and daughters.

3. Gordon: You are very active on Pro-life issues. In your understanding, what strategic areas should we focus on in addition to what we are already doing well, or what can the Pro-life Movement do to

eventually speed up the pace or increase the positive results we need to really address current and future Pro-life challenges at a strategic level?

LPB:

3.1- **First:** Mother Angelica, when asked a similar question, only said (don't recall the exact words) that we probably tried everything, but did not try "*St. Michael the Archangel... enough!*" Lack of prayer, in its '*lato sense*' (Mass, sacrifices, reparation, fasting, adoration, etc.) is and will always be at the same time the number one problem and, therefore, the best remedy, if converted into real priority. After all, and above all, we are fighting devils. How can we unmask and reveal, without prayers, the subtle evil hidden behind the widespread contraception mentality, within our deceitful throw-away culture which is at the base of the Pro-Choice movement? It is just not possible. Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary daily. Do we pray it at least weekly? I don't think so, not even monthly, besides rare exceptions. When will we understand that we should pray more and work less, as our Lord told Martha, giving us her sister Maria as an example of true wisdom?

3.2- Second: Death Penalty. Obviously, we cannot compare the murder of an innocent and defenseless person with the morally lawful execution of a serial killer. However, why do we kill people who kill people to show that killing people is wrong? Pope Francis is right, in this day and age, there's no more moral justification for the death penalty. Raising the bar in order to re-include the death penalty into our official Catechism, but now in stronger condemnatory terms, like under our suggested concept of "essentially" evil (the word "intrinsically" evil - correctly applied to abortion - cannot be used, because it is not, but almost), since it's perfectly avoidable in every civilized country, would re-validate the Pro-Life movement with an additional and more consistent strategic power, never seen before.

3.3- Third: NFP (Natural Family Planning). Our irresponsible negligence (as a Church) for not properly developing/expanding this foundational area is almost "criminal". What a lousy job! Why wait until it is too late? Even formation for the sacrament of Confirmation should include at least basic teachings about why NFP is so critically essential. The "antidote" to the whole contraception mentality should start here. NFP should be a very high strategic priority for our Church (every possible parish, school, pastoral program, Pro-Life women's center, etc.) and the future of the Pro-Life movement. Our credibility would increase exponentially, and many disputable, shallow yet very powerful overpopulation arguments would be better dealt with and properly addressed by future preventive NFP-based solutions. This should be taught especially in areas where extreme poverty and "street-raised" children, (tens of millions across the world, and growing, according to Wikipedia) is a shameful problem. Everywhere else, it should be taught as an essentially critical pastoral and fertility resource for responsible parenthood and holier marriages.

3.4- Fourth: We need a major development in every possible area to fund, support, and facilitate adoptions on a large scale, exclusively by natural families (the only way Children most elementary Human Right, which is to be united for life with a mother and a father, will be properly respected). Mother Teresa recommended going even further: "*I never give a child to a couple who have done something not to have a child.*"

3.5- Fifth: Euthanasia, and the imminently massive physician-assisted suicide nightmare, are already in their initial phase. Another Pandora's Box has now been opened! No wonder: From the moment any country decides to

protect by law, the Satanic business of abortion-on-demand, it becomes '*ipso facto*' a potential crime against humanity, due to its extremely grave new context and many other related evils that will keep coming or legally validate, such as euthanasia, human embryo manipulation, IVF, bio-genetic crimes, etc., until such law is reversed. This is not even to speak of the indirectly supported consequences, like increasing the trade of human organs, even more divorces, the gradual self-destruction of the judicial structure (court system, Law Enforcement, ...), the redefinition of marriage, etc. There's an immense distinction, especially in God's eyes, between the fact that crimes cannot be totally eliminated from any large State/Society, and countries that promote and even pay for one of the worst kinds of organized crime possible to mankind, daring to legally code a brutally coward murder as if a "medical procedure" and enshrine it in the Constitution as a right, by the highest court in the land. Beyond belief! This is tantamount to a gradual but inexorable juridical and cultural suicide for any nation and is no longer worthy to be called civilized.

3.6- Sixth: Do whatever we can, prudently under the law, including and starting with those involved with assisted suicide (since most current laws still criminalize it) to enforce -never beg for "Conscience Protection" as a nonnegotiable Human Right. At the same time, we should boycott, blacklist, and/or reveal "fake" (hitmen) medical doctors and nurses, **proven** directly involved in the business of assisted suicide and -above all- the commercial killing of unborn children, the now missing "future husbands of our daughters, or future wives of our sons". We should also remind them that -if they were Catholic, knowing that abortion is a mortal sin, but freely choosing abortion or provided for- they are already

automatically excommunicated, as clearly defined by Canon Law, until sacramental indult, if granted by a priest to the truly penitent. It's a serious moral and social duty to raise the cultural understanding or knowledge about these acts, probably the most despicable type of human action. It should be done by every possible legal and ethical means: like blogs, watchdog groups, data requests under the Freedom of Information Act, bulletin boards, church bulletins, crafting new laws or local ordinances to defend every vulnerable human life, and even a kind of county or community level '*persona non grata*' implementation, if local laws shield them from jail, similar to the international world of diplomacy: Being so named ("non grata"), publicly, consists of the most serious form of public censure which a Country can apply against some foreign diplomats. Actually, doing such (as we should against "fake" killer "doctors" shielded by law) precisely because diplomatic immunity protected them from being arrested and other normal kinds of prosecution.

3.7- Finally, that said, we need to understand what should be obvious, but unfortunately is not understood, not even mentioned, and not even considered: The foundational need to develop our international Juridical Framework in order to include in it a critical missing ontological and supra-religious legal angular stone. We (at the Pope Paul VI Foundation) tentatively named it "The Existential Gestational Debt" or, better yet, "The Human-Existence Pregnancy-Debt". It is a strategic moral concept and absolute factor of Natural Justice (therefore common to all human beings); a doctrine that we are developing inside one of the 200 Focus-Groups, created inside our JoAnLab.Net private social network (see INDEX tab, under

"Crimes against Humanity: Abortion-on-Demand," or just write to us, if you can help or need more information).

3.8- We strongly argue that this natural raw fact, everyone's life's primary biological milestone, the nine-month pregnancy phase indispensable for human life should never, ever, be taken for granted, including its potential legal, philosophical, and theological implications, and consequent moral obligations towards humanity that, therefore, shall be mandatory. Each human being "owes" (much more than just owing in a quantitative or gender-restricted mode due to our biological mothers) we all "owe" a nine-month pregnancy debt to our fathers, ancestors, the medical community, etc., and therefore to the human race. Women have the honor to pay it forward in kind, literally, and unwanted/unwilling pregnant women could then be morally and legally mandated to carry the child full term, until birth, for at least a guaranteed loving adoption. Also, the man who fathered the child, if he fails to keep up with his paternal responsibilities, from the moment of conception, including full support for the mother, should inescapably pay for it also in jail, in the worst-case scenario, until justice for the child and mother is fulfilled.

3.9- Formal Justice, under such a new juridical principle, once fully mature to avoid every possible unjust or unreasonable application, can and should develop in order to legally establish the proper doctrinal foundation to fairly enforce a generic prohibition of all voluntary pregnancy interruptions. Otherwise, unwanted pregnancies will continue to be interrupted based on "my body, my choice" -a ridiculously shallow, but unfortunately still

persuasive argument today and forever- until the development of such or similar future legal cornerstone.

3.10- Regarding economics, Think Tank founder Ron Baker once said that *"only a theory can replace a theory. If we reject our old notions of the way the world works, we need a new 'place' to go."* which is even more valid regarding this major pro-life issue: Only further judicial developments demanded by justice from this natural "fact-phase" and its many implicitly evident derivatives and existential moral obligations, will be able to support a rational and scientific legal basis for a full-term "pregnancy until birth" enforcement, even in cases like rape for example. Communities, represented by the proper authorities, will then, and only then, have the minimum moral authority to explain to victims that interruption of any pregnancy **will never** make a woman "un-pregnant" but rather cursed for life, for becoming - irreversibly- the mother of a dead child ultimately murdered through her in connivance with "medical professionals". And to explain *"in extremis"* that as a victim of rape, under similar (new) law, she will have the right to demand the State to sustain one hundred percent of her basic life needs (food, shelter, prenatal care and related) until the birth of that innocent child, saved to be given in adoption. Additionally, she will have the utmost right to seek severe justice, to the maximum extent of the law, to punish the perpetrator of such a horrible crime, but she will never be authorized to murder an innocent human being, regardless of the rape grievance.

3.11- Unfortunately, "Pro-Choice" women will still complain, seeking abortion on demand even for frivolous reasons, under the same sophism *"it is my body! I can choose to do whatever I want with my body."* In fact, the

real root of the Pro-Choice movement has never been about choice; it's about escaping the consequences of bad choices, by cowardly taking all choices away from another totally innocent and defenseless human being. Also, contradictorily refusing others their right to choose life in the form of conscientious objection, by the way, the "acid test" of authenticity, proving how astonishingly phony the great majority of "Pro [their] Choice [only]" people really are, since they deny others the right choice to obey their conscience, precisely because Conscience Protection is a paramount Human Right. Instead, they choose to murder, not life. Therefore, blind emotions from whoever is cruelly determined to "choose" death under the euphemism of pregnancy "interruption", alleging that the body is "**mine**" should be reminded that nobody, in any civilized Society, will legally "help" her with such a "job", and that her real body does not have 2 distinct DNA, 2 heartbeats, 4 eyes, 4 feet, 4 ears, or 20 fingers, as during pregnancy.

3.12- We must enact new and keep enforcing just laws, as any decent community represented by the state ought to do. During her unforgettable 1994 speech here in Washington DC (N.P.B), in presence of the President & Vice President of the United States, among many other dignitaries also brought to tears, Mother Theresa (now Saint) also said the obvious: *"The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"*

3.13- Surely our proposed foundational human-ontological doctrine indispensable to enforce the obviously not-free "Human-Existence

Pregnancy-Debt" in favor of a better civilization and future generations, also applies 100% for Men, due to very solid factual reasons and moral arguments, too lengthy to be detailed here, as this is already a long text for this type of interview. In synthesis, such a major ontological and epistemological issue is so comprehensive and critical, that it relates to and will affect both scientific dimensions, in its philosophical and non-philosophical contexts. We (PPVIF+JoAnLab.Net support team) strongly believe that the time frame and the collective effort necessary to properly develop it at the global level -perfectly doable-, will define the foundation and the initial date (as a divider of two eras) when and if the Human race can indeed enter into a new phase, as a higher form and the beginning of real civilization, when "abortion-on-demand" will become not only illegal but unthinkable. Pope Francis said that we must "*defend the unborn against abortion, even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to a court or kill you*".

4. Gordon: As a well-known Evangelist, what in your opinion could all of us do or improve to better serve our Church and communities, as authentic disciples of Christ?

LPB:

4.1- Again, first things first! I know it will sound like a cliché, but it is paramount: A first-hand, trustful, obedient, and deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ within His Church, which can be proved **only** if we truly love one another, as He loved us. Pope Francis noted that the essence of authentic discipleship does not consist of ideologic changes or ethical decisions but a deep ongoing communion with Christ.

4.2- This also relates to your previous question. Maturity is the keyword: spiritual maturity, human maturity, political maturity, and economic maturity. Authentic maturity presupposes a serious, lifelong, objective formation of conscience and a foundational sense of the brutal reality of sin, denied or ignored by our secular society. Nonetheless, it is the main reason Jesus became Emmanuel, in order to redeem us ("*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world*") and liberate whoever agrees to follow and sincerely learn from Him. An honest mind, also regarding ourselves, is a critical prerequisite for authentic Christian maturity and its implicit mandate to seek the truth, love the truth, teach the truth, defend the truth, suffer for the truth and - above all - Love the incarnation of "The Truth", which is God himself made flesh: Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Christian maturity and authenticity, therefore, is the number one challenge that requires, at once, a strong lifelong determination to love and serve all, along with a constant prayerful struggle against sin, especially the sins of omissions and other serious sins likely from distinct areas of high risk or great vulnerability, varying according to age, context, and reality of each one of us.

4.3- Ideological contamination, for example, like fundamentalism and many other worse sins of the "mind", are capable of gradually destroying millions of lives, unwilling to learn the truth that would set them free and unable to profit from respectful dialogues. In many lives, the level of presumption and arrogance are mind-boggling: If we could have "reverse prophecy" in the way we have reverse engineering, we would be able to reiterate Genesis 3:5 with additional words such as: "*Eat..., and not only you will be like God, but will think like God and will act if like God*" (without even realize that only a real God would be, would think or would act like that). Absolutely

despicable! Consider the overwhelming volume of "mini-gods" strutting among us, almighty self-sovereigns with profound disregard for objective truths, and little or no idea that being a relativistic mocking caricature of God is ultimately suicide ("*Don't eat..., or you will surely die*" Gen.2:16-18). **The self-absolutizing** of personal intuitions, instinctive opinions, subjective interpretations, personal emotions, and superficial thoughts, regardless of objective realities and the voice of God in our consciences, **is** the root cause of deep immaturity in every major area of life. Blind ego and ignorance, not reasonable discernment, self-confirmation bias, not a formed conscience, not common sense, then becomes the primary source for convictions, behaviors, and decisions **as if** priceless, and sincerely assumed as such ("Motivated Reasoning": Really pathetic!) That's the reason why, in general, the sins of the "intellect" are even worse than the sins of the flesh, since they are at the root of pride and deeply associated with the Original Sin.

4.4 Creativity/innovation is another key: "business as usual" in areas where we are losing the battles on addiction, pornography, human life protection, our fatherless young generation, terrorism, and the defense of the Natural Family, are unbearable tragedies. Common sense and popular sayings should have taught us already that old ways won't open new doors, that we cannot keep doing the same thing over and over again and expect different results. The lack of rational, realistic, and strategic minds is also a very sad reality. We need to recognize that we (Christians in general) are indeed seriously guilty of many cowardly sins of omission. We should be on standby and ready for civil disobedience, for the moral duty of eventual collective boycotts, for a very serious and more organized political responsibility under Church guidelines; which should include accountability, follow-ups, and the

long-term preparation of our children for holy and honorable political careers, as a kind of "religious" vocation for the common good.

5. Gordon: I learned that you are writing an intriguing book tentatively named "Eschatological Extensionism". You implied many possible pastoral benefits from reason if some recent scientific discoveries are carefully applied to the End of Times revelation and the so-called "Four Last Things." Can you provide an example of how scientific developments could enlighten Catholic Eschatology?

LPB:

5.1- Before giving not only one but two examples, I would like to argue and comment why pleading the Heavens for abundant blessings and world peace should include future generations and should never limit God's absolute sovereignty and generosity to any level, including the total extension of time and number of future brothers and sisters that God may decide to create and grant to the human race and history. Let us recognize, for example, how easy it is for our selfish nature (as long we are alive) to justify that "others" may die or not even be born. In most Pro-Life marches I attended in Washington DC, I saw signs chiding how reprehensibly selfish "Pro-Choice" people are: *"The only reason they can be 'pro-choice' is because their mothers were Pro-Life and did not abort them"*. Ronald Reagan used to "joke" (kind of) that *"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born. It's easy to be 'Pro-Choice' when you are not the one being killed."*

5.2- As I already wrote in the glossary for our General Statutes, we have a critically strategic need for wise Christians to presume, pray for, and desire as possible any logical consequence of the indisputable fact that God the

Father's sovereignty is indeed absolute. Therefore, God can "decree" a real chronological extension for the End of Times calendar date, in case it is already "predefined" (strongly denied by foundational Church teaching: **no** fatalism) or being precipitated due to so many outrageous sins by our blind humanity, or as an expansion of the human history hopefully many more hundreds and hundreds of millennia, in case its end date not yet ratified or decided by God Almighty.

5.3- Contemporaneous scientific data freely available can help us to develop a better perspective on "time and space". As a first example, some current live species of sea turtles, without God's direct supernatural interference in their favor, have been found to be over one hundred million years old! Just Google it: That's 100,000 of... millenniums! Would God give Christianity just two millennia, after allowing -already- hundreds of thousands of millennia to animals? Why keep -even impose- narrow horizons without sound theological and scientific reasons? Why not ponder the imponderable: that God not only can but likely would allow the Earth, with us, in a similar, natural, slow flow of His entropy laws -not necessarily interfering against it- like He "did" for the turtles and hundreds of other animals? That alone would easily "open" a couple of million years also for mankind (**if** not fatally compromised by our current nuclear capacity to self-destruct humanity in a matter of hours or gradual planetary ongoing destruction by greed, hate, and ignorance, probably irreversible in just a few more centuries).

5.4- This is evidently assuming that we would/should dare to ask God for it, and work harder for a more united and peaceful world, focusing on massive and respectful Evangelization for the salvation of souls; fighting strongly

against all forms of eugenics and the whole Culture of Death, out of pure and genuine love for future generations. It is appalling to see millions of presumably Christian ladies obsessed to preserve their beauty, desperate to extend just a few years of their own lives at any price, without getting old (which is a gift from God), while caring absolutely nothing about extending the life, quality of life, or expectancy of life for the future generations.

5.5- Other contemporaneous and amazing scientific data coming up after Monsignor George Lemaitre's Big Bang theory breakthrough, as my final example here (the book will have many more) is the reality of human "perception of the passage of time." This is an extremely relevant fact that can and will help us to better understand the potential true nature of Purgatory, for example, or the potentially possible coincidence of Final Judgment and Personal Judgment, just to mention another eschatological related mystery, among others. Let me give a practical example that anyone can relate to: If twin sisters take a long 10-hour trip during the daytime -let's say by airplane- but one of them, very tired, fell asleep immediately. They will perceive the passage of time and surrounding spatial reality of that same time and space at different levels and rates, despite being both twin sisters under the same time, space, and vehicle. Let me try to explain: At the end of the trip, when the fully aware twin wakes up her sister, informing her that they just arrived, she -still somnolent- will probably ask, in disbelief: *"Already? 10 hours? How come? To me, it seems that we just left about one hour ago!"* It is because under a deep sleep, for the sake of this improvised example (let's assume), her perception of time was 10 hours by 1, but for her sister, fully awake, the perception of the same passing time was, evidently, 10 hours by 10 hours.

5.6- Now, let's imagine so many cases of persons in a coma for months, even years (like Terry Wallis, that woke back up alive, after 19 years in a coma!) under a drastically distinct level of "perception of time and space," since it is totally dependent on brain functions (just ask any boy playing video games for hours - like minutes). Let's think about a hypothetical victim of a horrific accident, in a coma for one year but suddenly able to wake up with relatively normal brain functions, partially healed perhaps because it rewired itself during such long therapy, even recalling the accident moment and its antecedents, after that year in a deep coma. It is possible that he/she would "bet" or dispute his doctor's information regarding the fact that the state of coma persisted for a whole year. If he/she replied to the doctor that according to her/his memory, the accident happened yesterday, it is because the perception of time and space during the state of coma was, let's say, 365 days by 1 day. Or he/she may be deeply convinced that the accident happened about one month ago, when in fact it was 12 months.

5.7- The phenomena of suspended animation and cryogenics also help us to understand that a radical life hiatus like a "temporary non-existence" (therefore much more than mere lack of perception of time), already exists even on Earth. Some snails, for example, can go into their shell and close the hole to keep moisture in, using almost no energy, hibernate for years without food. The wood frog *Rana Sylvatica*, when the temperature drops under 32 F, becomes a solid "frosicle," as referred to by Wiki: The heart stops, all muscle and breathing movements cease, etc., until the frog thaws out and comes back to life! Even a human being, in his or her embryonic stage, can with current technology be frozen and kept alive indefinitely (at least theoretically) because the cryopreserved embryos enter a state of suspended

animation, like a hiatus in time where there are no biological processes taking place (therefore no aging); and as long as the storage tank remains plugged in and supplied with liquid nitrogen, those embryos exist "out-of-time" in their cryo-straws, for years.

5.8- There's no way to describe and much less to advance such fascinating reality and its many reasonable hypothetical consequences in a short interview, but let's imagine the obvious, as a conclusion for here, now much better understood by science. The now indisputable reality that time and space are, indeed, one hundred percent realities originated from the Big Bang, and its perception directly related to brain functions. Therefore, after human death, when our immortal souls are separated from the body, we humans are no longer under the laws of time, space, biology, physiology, etc., which also means, very likely, **not only** are we under **zero** human perception of time and space as we know it, but also under zero passing of real-time, and not only "perception". Therefore, it is not only possible but likely that the "exact moment" (equivalent) of death, for every and all humans, will coincide -in practical terms- with the resurrection of all bodies, during the Apocalyptic Second Coming of Jesus at the End of this World. It doesn't matter if Jesus comes in His glory tomorrow, or in a million years. It is completely irrelevant, physiologically speaking. In other words, not only in practical terms but even in scientific terms, at the exact moment of our individual deaths, for all intents and purposes, we will **also** face due to bodily resurrection preceded by zero perception of time, at that exact moment, the historical End of the World, the Final Judgment, and the End of Time and Space, in much less time than a blink of an eye.

5.9- Contemporaneous and inescapable scientifically revealed consequences for future theological and eschatological definitions are profoundly exciting. Actually, it already changed official Church interpretations related, for example, to some aspects of the foundational dogma of Purgatory, now better understood as a purely spiritual, 100% immaterial, and mysterious state or reality of distinct "purification-intensities" (like being "bearable" bitten by just one "wasp", or instantly knocked down in "agony" by 500 "wasps", at the **same** "time"). Therefore, it was never a matter of *khronos*, never space or time lengths, only possible under the Astrophysics Laws started by and within the Big-Bang's divinely created physical Universe in constant expansion. Indulgences, following this same improvised and obviously precarious analogy, evidently would be like 300 "less-wasps" kind of indulgences, instead of less 300 "years" of indulgence.

5.10- That said, however, it is very important to note that our human, limited, one-sided only concept of the reality of a single "instant" outside time and space, is deeply blind because a single instant outside time also means, at the same "time", a "**perpetual**" instant, a never-ending quality (not quantity) moment under each distinct *kairos* permanent nature or state. And since God's Judgement and Purgatory will happen **outside** space and time, it will, therefore, necessarily, happen at the **same** "time"! Indeed, a big mystery to our minds. And under such a "never-ending" moment or "perpetual" instant, Purgatory can easily be absolutely horrific, under 500 simultaneous "wasps" spiritual suffering of constant intensity, for example, if not easily submitted by God's power, under the possibility of a mysterious change of status/condition, completely outside time and space as we know it. Nevertheless, Purgatory was likely designed to remain a "horrifically"

painful "school" of Love and detachment (since we refused to learn it on Earth voluntarily) by the demands of Justice for such eventual individual Souls in need of intensity level "500", as the **only** way to be really beneficial. Only the Church's merits and Christ's Masses on Earth, plus individual member's intercessions, have the real, therefore Divine power to alleviate or even release such Souls, keeping the same infinite benefit indispensable for a final and total purification/liberation from sinful past through Just (yet mysterious) "reparations", by the additional -but in this case indirect- Mercy from God the Father, who is more Father than Judge.

5.11- From scientific sources, we now can and must also deduce the following evidence, formerly hidden and extremely important distinction affecting souls: I called it "*The NO waiting factor.*" The Church teaches that our human souls, **if saved**, at the moment of death, acquire an immensely new awareness (irreversible Beatific Vision, to be fulfilled at the resurrection of bodies) and indeed can intercede for us even from Purgatory, instantly receiving a new and powerful kind of spiritual knowledge (already additionally proved by some "near-death experiences"). But that does **not** imply whatsoever, that they also carried our human type of perception of the passage of time, which is completely dependent on brain functions and astrophysics laws, but rather quite the opposite. Therefore, regardless of how souls in heaven or purgatory may be "looking forward" to the day of the resurrection (end of the world), in order to receive their own new glorified human body, does not imply any waiting anxiety at all. Not only it is absolutely impossible for them to wait, since outside time, matter, and space, but also the "time-lapse" so-to-speak, between a person that passed away yesterday (let's say = "1 day") and another soul that died one

thousand years ago, is exactly the same = "1 day," as well as among all souls ("1 day" figuratively speaking, evidently). That is a major factor and a critically key distinction, indispensable to guide the future of a sound understanding of authentic Catholic Eschatology. And the list goes on and on.

6. Gordon: I noted that one of the tentative names for your book includes a risky "ism," (Eschatological Extensionism) modified by "Eschatological Extension," as a safer, so-to-speak, literary option. Could you comment?

LPB:

6.1- Since it is related to such mystery and being at the same time a "Manifesto for an Eschatological Extensionism", it may be God's Will to use this title. We don't know yet. It is related to a mysterious "Seed" entrusted by God as an essential part of the charism of our nascent religious community and should hopefully help our Church to generate and reach a higher Catholic spirituality platform in the future. In other words, I'm trying to write not just a contemporaneous group petition - on behalf of my future community- for Peace, protection against self-extinction (nuclear war, etc.), or spiritual suggestions for fellow Christians deeply interested in "raising" their own "bars" in their personal level of responsibilities and holiness, but also write something able to help future generations to plan and to work

under a very long vision, looking ahead in terms of millenniums, never more only in terms of centuries.

6.2- Also, "ism" at the end of a proper name, does not necessarily imply an "ideology", despite the current (and in my opinion, necessary) negative connotation, due to so many evils generated by major ideologies. As an illustration, it is sufficient to say that the word "Catholicism" ends in "ism", and no one thinks twice about that.

7. Gordon: The recent "Amoris Laetitia" apostolic exhortation pleaded for a strong and more intense preparation of young couples for marriage and called for the whole Church to be involved and help in such an urgent effort. Would your proposed pastoral emphasis on the couple's spirituality named "Conjugality" also be able to help, or add a new quality of spiritual resource for better preparation of couples for the sacrament of Matrimony?

LPB:

7.1.- As we all know, the institution of the Natural Family is under serious attack on several distinct levels, all over the world. It seems that the now ubiquitous scourge of divorce was just the beginning, only the first of many others (i.e., now it is possible to rent a "dad", for a couple of years). The need for proper formation for a lifelong and blessed sacramental marriage is not only an urgent but a gigantic challenge that should have been faced much earlier, with many more indispensable chastity programs, deep NFP awareness, Theology of the Body formation, and above all, a much better preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, as the proper foundation for all Christian vocations. Our proposed "Conjugality" spirituality can help

immensely not only the formation of new couples preparing for the sacrament of Marriage but also many couples already married, whether in crisis or good health. To learn more, please read the summary essay posted on the second segment of the main page of our website (BlessedFamily.us), due to its importance.

7.2- Here I can only repeat what I wrote at the end of that essay, that from my pastoral experience, throughout the years, *"Conjugality" gradually revealed itself to be a "mother-lode" of precious but very practical pastoral arguments and insights, powerful enough to enlighten even bitter spiritual directees (by the hundreds), bringing real hope for deep healing, plus a practical, step-by-step spiritual path of conversion from years of indifference and hate, to gradual "Conjugality". And to some, passing through the essential steps, like the "Parent-child indirect-love" step, like the daughter-in-law vs. son-in-law's "competition" of love required step, etc., to the excellence in Christian Parenthood, can happen in a matter of weeks, even for 'single' parents.*

7.3- It is critically essential to first rescue the mystery and power of marital unity (Matt.:19-6: *...So they are no longer two, but "One Flesh"*) as a kind of virtual "third person": The Couple", Mr. & Mrs. "One", when mothers, then, automatically and silently 'say' to their children *"whenever you see me, you see your father"*, and vice-versa. Therefore, I'm deeply certain also by experience, that a "Conjugal Pastoral" should precede any Family Pastoral, or become the strategic, mandatory first step of any smart Family Pastoral Program that is really committed to results in numbers and quality.

Gordon: Thank you for taking the time to share with our readers your dynamic insights into some of our greatest challenges.

- LPB: You are welcome, Gordon. And thank you and your organization for the opportunity. May God bless your work and ministry. Let's not forget to pray for each other and, together, for the whole Human Family.

For our readers who wish to learn more about Fr. Foucauld, Chiara Lubich, Fr. Lemaitre, or the basic principles of the "Conjugality" spirituality, we suggest these links:

www.franciscanmedia.org/blessed-charles-de-foucauld

www.focolare.org/en/chiara-lubich/chi-e-chiara

www.physicsoftheuniverse.com/scientists_lemaitre.html

<http://www.JoAnLab.Net/hub/conjugality>