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Ecuador President Decides on Abortion Today & Guatemala President Spoke at Pro-Life Congress

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Today, 15 March 2022, Ecuador President Guillermo Lasso will decide on the abortion bill. He is under enormous pressure internationally and internally to approve the bill, and from some of his staff to do a partial, but not full, veto. But those who truly respect every human life as created in the image of God, who want their Constitution upheld which guarantees protecting life "from the time of conception," and who affirm Ecuador's consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, are encouraging him to totally veto the bill. Indeed, to sign the bill, President Lasso would be signing the death warrants for thousands upon thousands of Ecuadorian babies. Pray fervently and often for him today! Pray for him to stand firm and lift up the standard of the sanctity of human life among the nations, as Guatemala's president is doing.

Guatemala President Alejandro Giammattei is courageously standing for life and family. He spoke at the opening session of the 6th Ibero-American Congress for Life & Family (the Congress), held at the National Theater in Guatemala City, 10-11 March 2022. As a medical doctor and head of state, he spoke boldly about the sanctity of human life, and his commitment to respect life and family in all their policies. After he spoke, leaders of the Congress and a few of us participants had the honor of praying for him (see photo). In his speech, he said:

"I do believe in protecting the child from the moment of conception, and in the Geneva Declaration [protecting life, family, women, national sovereignty]. We must respect life. We decided to write policies for life. I received a lot of opposition and criticism, including about my physical condition. When you want to change the world (you will experience opposition) . . . I have received many threats (including by powerful nations). I receive attacks for doing the right thing. . . . Media did not report on what really happened yesterday [9 March 2022, Guatemala proclaimed the Pro-Life Capital of Ibero-America, with thousands present from 23 nations], but focused on the few protesters."

What he does care about is doing what is right. After he spoke, I was welcomed on stage. José González introduced me to President Giammattei so I could give him the *Abortion Worldwide Report* (in English and Spanish). I had prayed for this opportunity and God answered that prayer through José, whom I've known for 39 years. (We were in graduate school together at Regent University.) José is the president of the U.S. Advisory Board for the Ibero-American Congress for Life & Family. (Photo is in online version posted at www.GLC.life.)

Other leaders spoke at the Congress, including:

(1) Aaron Lara, President of the Ibero-American Congress for Life & Family, said that our focus must be on equality of rights; defense of life from conception; family as the center of society; fundamental liberties; fighting against corruption; accountability of those in power; a common political agenda; and progress through unity. He said that "totalitarianism is dehumanizing." By contrast, "we will not impose anything on anyone, but will boldly speak up and give our proposals." "We cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth."

(2) Pastor Gilberto Rocha from Mexico declared: "We represent God on this earth," and as the prophets of old we are to "give direction to government leaders," and "admonish" them when necessary. We must "put key people in key places to change history."

(3) Valerie Huber, President & CEO of The Institute for Women's Health, who authored the Geneva Consensus Declaration when serving in the Trump Administration, called upon every nation in Latin America to sign the Declaration, and stand together in unity for life and family.

For the precious gift of every child and remembrance of children unborn,

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