



Forum for Life  
Annual Report for 2012



# INTRODUCTION

## Dear readers!



Culture of life versus culture of death are topics we are facing on daily bases. Existence of life and its sense are the values that have always been of key importance in our work. Activities of Forum for Life offers space to everyone who is willing in any way to make a contribution in the area of advocacy, prevention and concrete help, to „humanize“ his/her surroundings in dialogue, and to be intolerant to the evil.

This Annual report for 2012 is a report of all those who actively participated on activities of Forum for Life at schools, work, on streets, in communities and municipalities. There were campaigns concerning the advocacy of life and family – Day of the Conceived Child (white ribbon), National Marriage Week, Family Day, Pilgrimage „From Ocean to Ocean“ with the icon of the Mother of God of Czestochowa, Candle for Unborn Children. In the area of education and concrete help through projects „Save the Lives“ and „Consulting Center Alexis“ we helped 10 children to be born and we solved difficult life situations in about 160 cases.

In regard to the area of fundraising for activities of Forum for Life, before 31/12/2012 we had 136 regular donors registered. A non-investment fund of Forum for Life was founded in November, with aim to cumulate finances and support the info campaigns focusing on protection of human

life and family, solutions of difficult life situations of women and their children, needy, sick and weak people, publishing activities, printing and distribution of leaflets and materials for the projects in favour of protection of life, support of various forms of education, courses, seminars and conferences in the area of protection of life and family. The collection „Candle for Unborn Children“ was financed by the non-investment fund for the first time in 2012.

The ambition of Forum for Life is to give space to everyone who wants to participate in a dialogue. Not to play a superior role or be a competitor in acquisition of financial donations. With transparency, justice and solidarity we want to contribute to construction of the civilization of life and love.

On behalf of the presidency I would like to thank all those who in any way participated in activities of Forum for Life - as volunteers, through financial contributions, prayers, or demonstrations for family and marches for life. This mutual cooperation opens immense opportunities for communication. It's a chance to address people and offer good solutions in mutual convivence, to show at least a small part of goodness in our existence and a sense of life. Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dobešová'.

Marcela Dobešová  
President of Forum for Life

# ORGANIZATION FL RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2012

**The vision of Forum for Life (FL)** is to live in the society that respect human life from the beginning until natural death and to support family as an optimal place for birth and development of human life.

**Forum for Life performs its mission in the following areas:**

1. **Advocacy** – we defend those who are not capable of defending themselves. We try to enforce the legislation respecting human dignity of every person and to support marriage and family as a basic cell of the society.
2. **Prevention** – we offer information about dignity of a man from the moment of conception until natural death, about prenatal development of a child, about threats for human life, reality of artificial abortion and natural methods of parenthood planning.
3. **Concrete help** – we help with solutions of difficult life situations of women and their children, needy, sick and week people.

We develop activities of FL through the net of our employees, collaborators, volunteers and members in the regions of Slovakia.

Coordination of activities of FL is done by the secretariat and departments of legislation, formation and education, concrete help, PR and media and regional centers.



**Dear friends and sympathisers of Forum for Life!**

I'm glad to introduce our activities in the area of legislation, formation and education.

## Legislation

Advocacy activities of Forum for Life in the area of legislation started in 2012 by the same matters as they ended in 2011 - the **efforts to change the sale of „emergency“ contraception from a free access preparation to the condition of medical prescription.**

We sent a letter to minister of health resort Ivan Uhliarik, met him personally and sent additional information by e-mail to him. Unfortunately, in spite of promises, the minister wasn't able to make any change before the parliamentary elections, thus the effort to alter the classification of the „emergency“ contraception wasn't successful.

We engaged in a lobby towards politicians, with aim to draw their attention to a pro-family politics. In February, we participated at the session of the Social Committee of the National Council of Slovak republic and at the conference „Family and Family Policy“ in Slovakia on 14.2.2012. Another milestone of our efforts was a conference „Family to

the Society, Society to the Family“ in Častá-Papiernička on 30.11. - 1.12.2012. Forum for Life was a co-organiser of the event. One of the outcomes of the conference was an appeal to adopt a constitutional law for protection of marriage of a man and a woman, and signing of declaration of the Moscow demographic summit about Family and Future of a Mankind, which states that the „natural family represents an indispensable condition, without any other alternative, for survival and permanently sustainable development for all nations and states, a basic and integral condition of demographic prosperity.“

## Day of the Conceived Child – appeal to members of parliament

Forum for Life presented a letter to new members of the National Council of Slovak Republic (NCSR), containing an appeal to use their mandate for protection of the basic human right for life of all conceived children. In the letter, we mentioned the results of a survey elaborated by the renowned agency in autumn 2011: only 25% of citizens think that artificial abortion should be permitted for any reason. More than a half of respondents (53%) stated that it should be permitted only for very serious reasons and 16% think that it should not be permitted under any circumstances. Our legislation, permitting the

artificial abortion without having to present the reason not only doesn't protect the right of conceived children to life, it doesn't even reflect the opinion of inhabitants of Slovakia.

#### **European Citizens' Initiative**

After several months of preparations and communication with partners abroad we started to collect signatures for the European citizens' initiative entitled „One of Us“ at the end of 2012. The aim of the initiative is to end funding of activities that include assumed destruction of human embryos, mainly in the area of research, development aid and public health. A chance to support the initiative is until May 2013.

#### **Activities for the support of family**

Forum for Life published a statement „Marriage needs support, not destabilization“ at the beginning of June, as a reaction to the efforts to redefine marriage. At the same time we supported a „life chain“ of 120 people entitled „Proud of family“ and the appeal of the Institute for Human Rights and Family Policy for protection of definition and status of marriage addressed to the representatives of public life.

#### **Nomination to the Council of the Government**

In August 2012, Forum for Life nominated Marcela Dobešová, actively working in pro-life area, to the Council of the Government of SR for non-governmental non-profit organizations.

#### **LGTBI Council**

In summer, we started our fight against the intention of the government to establish a Committee for the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersexual Persons. On 18 August 2012 we sent a letter to all ministers and on 24 August we submitted our principal objections. We also defended our arguments in massmedia, e. g. STV and TV Markíza. We also participated on coordination of the visit of foreign expert Gudrun Kugler, invited by the Anton Tunega Foundation. Unfortunately, the government has decided to disrespect our arguments and approved establishment of the committee.

#### **„Something doesn't fit in here“ – the initiative against adoption of the law on registered partnerships**

Forum for Life was one of the main organizers of the initiative „Something doesn't fit in here“, aimed to strengthening of the status of marriage and against adoption of the law on registered partnerships. The initiative organized (among many other activities) a demonstration in front of the building of NCSR and handed over an appeal to the deputies of all parliament parties. Representatives of the initiative met with MEPs of Christian Democratic Movement and Common People Party. One of the aims was successfully reached, as the Parliament didn't pass the law on 6 November 2012.

#### **Protest against The Human Body Exhibition**

In September, Forum for Life warned its sympathisers from „The Human Body Exhibition“ formed by „exhibits“ consisting of real human bodies modified by the method of „plastination“. Similar exhibitions were prohibited in several countries. Forum for Life defended human dignity of the deceased and protested against unethical character of the exhibition in a live TV broadcasting and through a public demonstration on the occasion of the International Human Rights Day on 10/12/2012. Unfortunately, the organizers didn't close the exhibition, notwithstanding the appeals of various authorities. They ignored our request despite the fact that they couldn't deny suspicions regarding the origin of the exhibits.

#### **Abortion pill in Slovakia**

Right before the end of 2012 we found out about registration of an abortion pill in Slovakia, causing chemical abortion up to two months from the moment of conception. It's a big shame for Slovakia that the registration of such preparation was done secretly and undercover, without any public or professional discussion. It's a challenge for us to continue not only in our efforts to turn away this threat of growing number of chemical abortions, but to keep supporting culture of life in any possible way.

### Education and training

In the area of training and education, Forum for Life continued in offering of training instruments for schools, in regard to education to marriage and parenthood and to respect for life from conception. Forum for Life organized two big conferences as a main organizer, and participated at several other conferences as co-organizer. Apart from this, we presented about 20 lectures, courses or seminars for various groups of audience, lectured by the representatives of Forum for Life or collaborating experts.

Number and content of lectures depend on interest, topic, and availability of the lecturers. The most frequent topics included love and responsible parenthood, as well as general questions regarding bioethics. Our representatives were often invited to educational activities run by other organizations. In 2012, we had a special presentation at the World Family Congress held in August in Trnava, Slovakia.

*Marek Michalčík, vice-president of Forum for Life*

### PR and media



Since the very beginning of my cooperation with Forum for Life in June 2012, I have principally focused on strengthening of relations and development of cooperation with Christian and secular media in Slovakia, particularly in a form of media cooperation on new and well-established

projects of Forum for Life, distribution and publishing of press releases concerning essential events in pro-life field, organizing of press conferences and realization of info-educational campaigns. A stable aim of the whole team is to draw the attention of society to the questions regarding protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death, support of family based on marriage of a man and a woman, and issues related to culture of life in general. Special thanks in this regard should be addressed to the Catholic media representing a stable base of cooperation for Forum for Life: Rádio Lumen, TV Lux, Katolícke noviny (Catholic Newspaper), Duchovný pastier (Spiritual Pastor), Tlačová kancelária Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (Press Office of the Bishops' conference of Slovakia), Slovo (Word), Zrno (Seed), various diocesan, community and parish media; then the secular media through which Forum for Life gets to the wide public with its key events and projects: press agencies SITA, TASR, Hlavné správy (Main News), RTVS (state television and radio); as well as new partners like portals [www.vyveska.sk](http://www.vyveska.sk) or [www.postoy.sk](http://www.postoy.sk). In regard to formation of public opinion, PR and media department paid special attention to the area of education, explanation of expert pro-life issues and use of all available instruments for advocacy in the causes regarding attitude of political and social authorities in Slovakia towards culture of life and its application. Last year, we arranged contacts with Italian press agency SIR Europe, through which we communicate our pro-life

initiatives and projects abroad.

Members and sympathisers of Forum for Life are traditionally addressed through our website [www.forumzivota.sk](http://www.forumzivota.sk), where we continuously publish domestic and foreign information in the area of protection of life, photos, promotion materials for our campaigns and events, documents regarding legislation and education, as well as possibilities and channels for support and cooperation of our organization. Apart from this website, Forum for Life administers other websites: [www.zachranmezivoty.sk](http://www.zachranmezivoty.sk), [www.alexisporadna.sk](http://www.alexisporadna.sk), [www.25marec.sk](http://www.25marec.sk), [www.odoceanukoceanu.sk](http://www.odoceanukoceanu.sk). A newsletter entitled E-mail of Forum for Life was redesigned in 2012 and has been sent in a new form to almost ten thousand permanent recipients on a two-week basis since August. Total number of E-mails sent in 2012 amounts to 21. Traditional printed Bulletin of Forum for Life was published in four editions with average quantity of 8400 copies per edition. This is our work in numbers. Non-statistically we are just glad that you reads, follow and support us, because the public that forms opinion and situation in the society, is you.

*Danka Jacečková, manager PR and media*

### Concrete help



I have been in charge of the department of concrete help since May 2011. Thanks to work for Forum for Life I have realized that to fight

for human life is not as easy as it may seem at the first sight. There are many obstacles to overcome, but we are rewarded by all saved children and their smile after being born.

### Save the Lives

Project Save the lives, helping pregnant women in need, celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2012.

In 2012 we solved 259 cases. 9 women were integrated in the system and 9 babies were born. Donors' contribution was 32 075.54 Euro, with 100% of this amount used for assistance to the women and saving of their children.

Since the beginning of the project we have helped 67 women and their children, 56 babies have been born. Out of this number, 54 children remained with their mother, only 2 children have been given for adoption. We have dealt with 1093 cases during 5 years of existence of the project, with donors' contribution of more than 140 000.00 Euro.

### Alexis, counselling center for women and girls

Counselling center for women and girls Alexis celebrated three years of its existence in December, with aim to provide advisory services. For this period of time the project provided support and counselling to women and girls considering artificial abortion or going through difficult situation in regard to their pregnancy. We were also contacted by men who wanted to solve the pregnancy of their girlfriend or wanted to help with saving of their child.

We solved 161 cases in 2012 (11 men), mainly in the area of unexpected pregnancy and problems associated with this situation – accomodation, finances, underage mothers etc. Thanks to our counselling, six children have been saved, but we don't always have a feedback from the mother about her decision. We had 13 experts from the area of social work, gynecology, psychology participating at our project. The problems were solved through e-mail (97 cases), telephone (52 cases) and personally (12 cases). Since the beginning of the project we have dealt with 366 cases.

|                                             |            |                |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Social counselling                          | 29         | 18,01%         |
| Unexpected pregnancy                        | 24         | 14,91%         |
| Considering artificial abortion             | 21         | 13,04%         |
| Others                                      | 21         | 13,04%         |
| Postabortion syndrome                       | 12         | 7,45%          |
| Health problems connected with pregnancy    | 8          | 4,97%          |
| Abuse                                       | 8          | 4,97%          |
| Psychological counselling                   | 7          | 4,35%          |
| Unexpected pregnancy – financial assistance | 7          | 4,35%          |
| Legal counselling                           | 7          | 4,35%          |
| Gynaecological problems                     | 6          | 3,73%          |
| Adoption/Secret childbirth                  | 5          | 3,11%          |
| Problems with conception                    | 3          | 1,86%          |
| Not sure about pregnancy                    | 3          | 1,86%          |
| <b>Together</b>                             | <b>161</b> | <b>100,00%</b> |

Zuzana Kiňová,  
manager of concrete help

## Long-term and key projects of Forum for Life

### Day of the Conceived Child

It's our regular national campaign organized in cooperation with 43 non-governmental institutions associated in Forum for Life. Its goal is to spread respect towards every child from the moment of conception, raise our voice in defence of their basic human right for life, spread arguments in favour of protection of children and mobilize the society to help for their parents and families.

During the week from 19/3 to 25/3, many of you participated at the 13th edition of the campaign. Its main theme was „To let live is the right choice!“ and we presented it on 150 billboards all over Slovakia, 60 000 leaflets and 2800 posters. We spread the message through our website [www.25marec.sk](http://www.25marec.sk) and for the first time also through the websites and portals oriented on women: [ozene.sk](http://ozene.sk), [feminity.sk](http://feminity.sk), [topky.sk](http://topky.sk), [facebook.com, referaty.sk](http://facebook.com/referaty.sk), [zena.sk](http://zena.sk), to reach our target group.

This year we repeatedly addressed new members of NCSR with a letter containing an appeal to use their mandate for protection of basic human right of all conceived children to life.

### Marches for life

This year's specialty in regard to the campaign were marches for life in Bratislava and Košice. According to the information provided by the civil association Children of

St. Elisabeth, Košice saw participation of 1500 people and the march for life in Bratislava was joined by 500 mostly young people.

### **Conference Choose the Life about the threat of euthanasia**

Conference Choose the Life, organized by Forum for Life in cooperation with member organization Yes for Life and Faculty of Mission Work and Tropical Medicine of St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work, took place on 23-24 March in Rajecké Teplice. Its main theme was „Human Dignity, Old Age and Dying“ and it was traditionally associated with awarding of the Anton Neuwirth Prize for protection of life to Alica Válkyová – founder of the first hospice in Slovakia (Bardejovská Nová Ves), Marie Svatošová – founder of the hospice movement in Czech republic, and the Family of the Immaculate Virgin Mary for its pro-life efforts.

### **Candle for Unborn Children**



Dear supporters of culture of life!

SCandle for Unborn Children is our annual project culminating on 2 November, held with aim to connect

the memory of all the faithful deceased with the memory of children that couldn't be born because they died by abortion. Symbol of this campaign is a burning candle.

In 2012, I organized the project for the first

time and it wasn't an easy task. The best reward for me was to see the interest of people and the fact that many of them really care about protection of human life even before its birth.

We saw participation of more than 509 parishes – Roman and Greek Catholic, 44 other institutions like basic and secondary schools, bookshops, hospital in Zilina and many individuals. We distributed 91 733 candles, 2000 posters and more than 100 000 leaflets with prayer for life. More than 380 volunteers helped with coordination and distribution of materials, playing a keyrole in the campaign.

Various prayer meetings, holy masses and marches for life took place on the occasion of the campaign Candle for Unborn Children, with growing number of memorials to unborn children built at 31 places all over Slovakia.

For the first time, Forum for Life organized a public collection through the non-investment fund, amounting to 51 112.68 Euro. Part of the money has already been used for funding of the Day of the Conceived Child 2013 and associated march for life in Bratislava, for the assistance of project of concrete help and for the support of pro-life activities in the regions of Slovakia.

*Elena Miškovičová, Project manager of FL*

## PEOPLE IN FORUM FOR LIFE

**President:** Marcela Dobešová

### **Members of Presidency:**

Mária Demeterová, Daniel Dian, Marcela Dobešová, Marek Michalčík, chairman from July 2012, Jozef Mikloško (to 4 February 2012), Róbert Sopko (from 4 February 2012), Anna Verešová, Anna Záborská

### **Members of Control Committee:**

Libuša Miháliková, Vladimír Záborský, Jozef Šuráb

### **Executive Director:**

Marek Michalčík (until 1 June 2012)

**Coordinator of the project Zachráňme životy (“Save the Lives”):** Mária Demeterová

### **Manager of Concrete help:**

Zuzana Kiňová

**Fundraising:** Elena Liptáková

**Manager PR and media:** Danka Jacečková

**Office:** Helena Kozáková

**Regional co-workers:** Jaroslava Gabčová, Andrea Jakubcová, Beáta a Jozef Jánošovci, Zuzana Mrázová, Monika Nadová, Anna Siekelová, Magdaléna Mydlová, Katarína Michalčíková, Marián Krupáš, Dušan Škurla

**Other co-workers:** Andrej Števko, Petra Heretová, Rastislav Žitný, Andrea Žiaková

# OVERVIEW OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

## JANUARY

### **Meeting in Czestochowa and foundation of the International Committee for the pilgrimage From ocean to ocean**

Representatives of pro-life movements from 16 countries of Europe, Asia and USA met on the last Sunday of January in the monastery of Jasna Góra in Czestochowa to pray for the development of civilization of life and love in the world. An International Committee with participation of Forum for Life was founded to shelter the pilgrimage of the icon of the Mother of God of Czestochowa „From Ocean to Ocean“. The icon of Black Madonna travelled from Vladivostok through Asia and Europe to Fatima in Portugal. The invitation to participate was accepted also by the representatives of Russian Orthodox Church from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine, as well as by vice-president of Human Life International Pater West. Forum for Life was represented by Marcela Dobešová, Peter Dobeš and Elena Lehocká.

## FEBRUARY

### **National Marriage Week**

In 2012, Forum for Life participated as a partner on organization of the National Marriage Week held on 13-19 February 2012. Its role was to point to importance, beauty and contribution of marriage,

popularize it and encourage married couples, society, Churches, organizations, towns and municipalities to do something for the institution of marriage.

### **Assembly of Forum for Life**

Dňa On 4 February 2012, the Annual Assembly of Forum for Life was held in Rajecké Teplice. The agenda included the admission of new members (10 individuals and 5 legal entities), election of president and presidency of Forum for Life, presentation of the action plan for 2012 and the overview of realized and upcoming nationwide activities of Forum for Life.

## MARCH

### **Brussels – founding meeting to the initiative „One of us“**

At the end of March, the first meeting of the European Citizens' Initiative „One of us“ took place in Brussels, with participation of representatives of pro-life movements from 21 European countries. Forum for Life was represented by Marek Michalčík, Katarína Michalčíková and Zuzana Kiňová.

## APRIL

### **Auction of paintings of Daniel Hevier**

On 20/4/2012, an auction of Works of Daniel Hevier, writer and long-time supporter of

Forum for Life took place. He decided to donate his paintings to auction and the money collected this way was given to Forum for Life. Fifteen of his paintings were sold for 1400 EUR and the amount will be used for funding of pro-life projects. We are grateful to all the participants of the event!

## MAY-JUNE

### **Second meeting of the International Committee in Czestochowa**

The second meeting of the representatives of pro-life movements from 18 countries took place on 5 May 2012 in Czestochowa, to discuss the upcoming pilgrimage of the icon of Our Lady from Czestochowa throughout Asia and Europe, from the Pacific ocean to the shores of Atlantic ocean – from Vladivostok to Fatima. The meeting had a working character with aim to outline the route of pilgrimage through all 23 participating countries. Forum for Life was represented by Peter Dobeš and Elena Lehocká.

### **Family Day 2012**

The fourth edition of a nation-wide event Family Day, co-organized by Forum for Life, saw participation of 18 Slovak towns and villages. Activities took place from the official start of Family Day on 5 May till June, with aim to celebrate and support natural family

based on marriage of a man and a woman who accept children with love as a gift.

### **World Meeting of Families with the Holy Father and pilgrimage to St. Gianna**

VII World Meeting of Families was held on 30 May-3 June 2012 in Milan, Italy, with the main theme „The Family: Work and Celebration“. Forum for Life prepared a trip to Milan including participation at the meeting and visit to the places associated with life and work of St. Gianna B. Molla. In 2012 we commemorated the 90th anniversary of her birth and the 40th anniversary of her death.

### **Festival Lumen**

On 8-9 June 2012, Trnava hosted the biggest gospel festival in central Europe – Festival Lumen, celebrating its 20th anniversary. Along with music and interesting lectures, the visitors had an opportunity to participate at various workshops. One of them was run by Forum for Life and it included creation of symbolical heart made of 13 000 children's shoes at the parking lot in Trnava, reminding people of 13 000 babies killed by artificial abortion every year. The shoes for the event were lent by MPs Igor Matovič and Alojz Hlina, who created similar heart at the Main Square in Bratislava in March.

### **March for life in Strassbourg**

An international March for life took place on 13 June in Strassborug. About 100 participants

from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Slovakia gathered in front of the building of European Parliament to march on the streets to the headquarters of the Council of Europe and International Court of Human Rights. In front of the parliament they read 150 names of boys and girls, including the Slovak ones for the first time. Participation of the Slovak group consisting of about 60 people was sponsored by MEP Anna Záborská, in cooperation with Forum for Life.

## **JULY**

### **Festival Pohoda**

Forum for Life participated at the Festival Pohoda near Trenčín on 5-8 July. Employees and volunteers of the civil association presented topics like protection of life from conception, questions related to artificial abortion, attitude of the Church to bioethical issues and many other. Participants of the event were interested in discussion about natural methods of planned parenthood, the consulting was provided by expert for Billings ovulation method Anna Siekelová.

## **AUGUST - SEPTEMBER**

### **Pilgrimage of the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa**

A worldwide pilgrimage „From ocean to ocean“ stopped in Slovakia for several days on 31 August – 8 September under the guidance of Forum for Life as a main organizer. The icon of Our Lady from Czestochowa visited

24 churches in Bratislava, Trnava, Staré Hory, Rajecká Lesná, Rajecké Teplice, Žilina, Višňové, Horné Lefantovce, Nitra, Banská Bystrica, Valaská, Brezno, Poprad, Kežmarok, Litmanová, Bardejov, Vranov nad Topľou, Košice, Prešov and Lutina. The program officially started on 31 August in Bratislava – Petržalka, in the Church of the Holy Family.

### **Pilgrimage from Trnava to Šaštín**

More than 30 pilgrims participated at pilgrimage from Trnava to the Basilica of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows in Šaštín, on the occasion of the feast of the patroness of Slovakia. The event was dedicated to the support of protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death. 50-kilometers long pilgrimage on feet started on 13 September and reached the destination after a two-day walk with picture of Virgin Mary, cross, Slovak and Vatican flag, reciting the rosary prayer and singing songs. On 15 September, the pilgrims participated at the pontifical holy mass celebrated by cardinal Jozef Tomko.

## **OCTOBER**

### **Conference „Culture of life – culture for life“**

„Culture of life – culture for life“ was a title of the international conference held in Bratislava on 27 October, organized by Forum for Life, Bishops' conference of Slovakia and Institute of medical ethics at Faculty of nursing and medical expert studies of Slovak Medical

University in Bratislava. Speeches were given by experts from several countries, focusing on issues associated with protection of life, including president of the Pontifical Council for the Family Mons. Vincenzo Paglia and secretary of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers Mons. Jean-Marie Musiwi Mupendawatu. The conference was held on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of II World Congress for Life in Bratislava and the 15th anniversary of a roundtable meeting about demographic situation in Slovak republic. Marcela Dobešová, president of Forum for Life, introduced the chronology of existence of non-governmental organizations working in Slovakia on the field of protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death.

#### **Public collection of the non-infestment fund of Forum for Life**

A public collection related to project Candle for Unborn Children took place on 21/10-4/11 in Slovakia, performed in a form of sale of original candles with the logo of the campaign in churches and public places.

#### **NOVEMBER**

##### **Seminar Culture of death versus culture of life in Banská Bystrica**

Forum for Life in cooperation with Diocesan pastoral center for family prepared a seminar entitled Culture of Death versus Culture

of Life. Lecturers pointed to the fact that so-called pseudoculture of death is not associated with only one area of human life but affects almost all of them. Four experts from medical and bioethical area, politics and Christian religion examined conditions of both cultures and reflected on changes in legislation and public opinion after 1989.

##### **Seminar of the Billings method**

A training course of Billings ovulation method was led by specialist Anna Siekelová on 16 November 2012 in Bratislava. Participants listened to the lecture of P. Andrej Karcagi on the importance of knowing the fertility cycle for harmonic life in marriage.

#### **DECEMBER**

##### **Conference „Family to the society – society to the family“**

Forum for Life was a partner in organizing of a two-day international conference Family to the society – society to the family. It took place on 30 November – 1 December in Častá Papiernička under the sponsorship of president of the Slovak Society for the Family, Anna Záborská, and president of the Committee of NCSR for social matters, Ján podmanický. The event was the first of the range of regional conferences held in the framework of preparations for the 20th anniversary of the International Family Day declared by the United Nations.

## LIST OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF FL

Forum for life had 43 member organizations in 2012.

A list of member organizations is in the Slovak version on page 12 - 13.

##### **Memberships of Forum for Life**

Forum for Life is a member of these international networks:

- Human Life International based in USA ([www.hli.org](http://www.hli.org))
- European Forum for Human Rights and the Family based in Brussels
- New women for Europe based in Brussels ([www.newwomenforeurope.org](http://www.newwomenforeurope.org))

On a national level, Forum for Life is a member of the Forum for Christian Institutions ([www.fki.sk](http://www.fki.sk)).

# ECONOMICAL REPORT

Balance of property (assets) and resources (liabilities) in EUR in 31.12.2012

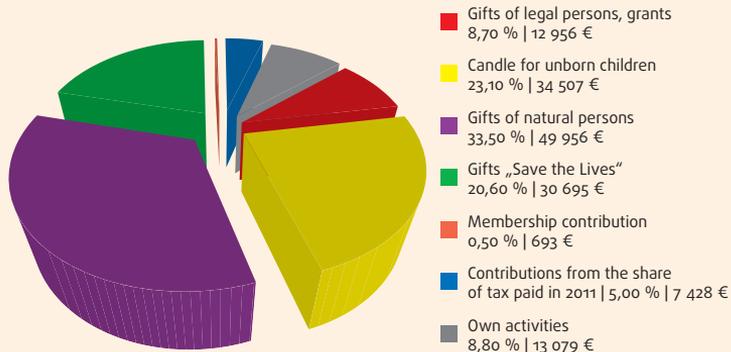
| ASSETS                             | 31.12.2012    | 31.12.2011    |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>A. TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b> | -             | -             |
| 1. Long-term intangible assets     | -             | -             |
| 2. Long-term tangible assets       | -             | -             |
| 3. Long-term financial assets      | -             | -             |
| <b>B. TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>     | <b>24 305</b> | <b>28 432</b> |
| 1. Supplies                        | -             | -             |
| 2. Long-term receivables           | -             | -             |
| 3. Short-term receivables          | 17 938        | 1 145         |
| 4. Financial accounts              | 6 367         | 27 287        |
| <b>C. TOTAL TIME DISTINCTION</b>   | <b>427</b>    | <b>2 977</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                | <b>24 732</b> | <b>31 409</b> |

| LIABILITIES                                              | 31.12.2012    | 31.12.2011    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>A. TOTAL OWN SOURCES OF COVERING ASSETS</b>           | <b>2 548</b>  | <b>21 519</b> |
| 1. Equity and cash funds                                 | -             | -             |
| 2. Funds out of profits                                  | -             | -             |
| 3. Unsettled outcome of management during previous years | 21 519        | 12 524        |
| 4. Outcome of management for accounting period           | -18 971       | 8 995         |
| <b>B. TOTAL FOREIGN SOURCES</b>                          | <b>18 812</b> | <b>4 961</b>  |
| 1. Reserves                                              | 1 619         | 469           |
| 2. Long-term liabilities                                 | 47            | 38            |
| 3. Short-term liabilities                                | 12 146        | 4 454         |
| 4. Bank borrowings and loans                             | 5 000         | -             |
| <b>C. TOTAL TIME DISTINCTION</b>                         | <b>3 372</b>  | <b>4 929</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL OWN AND FOREIGN SOURCES</b>                     | <b>24 732</b> | <b>31 409</b> |

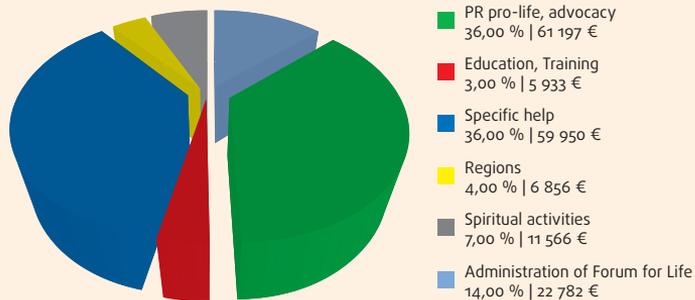
| Account No.                     | COSTS                                   | 2011           | 2010           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 501                             | Material consumption                    | 8 389          | 12 610         |
| 511                             | Repairs and maintenance                 | 279            | 642            |
| 512                             | Travel costs                            | 3 982          | 2 838          |
| 513                             | Costs of representation                 | 137            | 337            |
| 518                             | Other services                          | 91 035         | 60 767         |
| 521                             | Labour costs                            | 26 249         | 22 207         |
| 524                             | Social insurance and health insurance   | 3 750          | 3 871          |
| 527                             | Social costs                            | 586            | 677            |
| 538                             | Other taxes and fees                    | 119            | 95             |
| 542                             | Other fines and penalties               | -              | 66             |
| 545                             | Exchange loss                           | -              | 2              |
| 546                             | Gifts                                   | -              | -              |
| 547                             | Special costs                           | 1 715          | 1 215          |
| 549                             | Shortages and losses                    | 880            | 1 022          |
| 554                             | Material sold                           | -              | 13             |
| 561                             | Contributions to organizational units   | 500            | 650            |
| 562                             | Contributions to other accounting units | 30 664         | 32 444         |
| 563                             | Contributions to natural persons        | -              | 400            |
| <b>TOTAL ACCOUNTING CLASS 5</b> |                                         | <b>168 284</b> | <b>139 856</b> |

| Account No.                                            | REVENUES                                         | 2011           | 2010           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 602                                                    | Revenues from selling services                   | 12 033         | 3 699          |
| 644                                                    | Interests                                        | 1              | 5              |
| 645                                                    | Exchange rate profits                            | 1              | -              |
| 647                                                    | Special revenues                                 | 1 043          | -              |
| 649                                                    | Other revenues                                   | -              | 789            |
| 654                                                    | Revenues from sales of materials                 | -              | 110            |
| 662                                                    | Contributions accepted from other organizations  | 47 463         | 57 788         |
| 663                                                    | Contributions accepted from natural persons      | 80 651         | 79 688         |
| 664                                                    | Accepted member contributions                    | 693            | 665            |
| 665                                                    | Contributions from proportion of income tax paid | 7 428          | 6 127          |
| 691                                                    | Subsidies                                        | -              | -              |
| <b>TOTAL ACCOUNTING CLASS 6</b>                        |                                                  | <b>149 314</b> | <b>148 871</b> |
| <b>OUTCOME OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BEFORE TAXATION</b> |                                                  | <b>-18 971</b> | <b>9 015</b>   |
| 591                                                    | Income tax                                       | -              | 1              |
| 595                                                    | Additional tax payment from revenues             | -              | 19             |
| <b>OUTCOME OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AFTER TAXATION</b>  |                                                  | <b>-18 971</b> | <b>8 995</b>   |

### Distribution of revenues according to the resources



### Distribution of costs according to the activities



| REVENUES 2012 TOTAL                              | 149 314 € |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Own activities                                   | 13 079 €  |
| Gifts of legal persons, grants                   | 12 956 €  |
| Candle for unborn children                       | 34 507 €  |
| Gifts of natural persons                         | 49 956 €  |
| Gifts Zachráňme životy (“Save the Lives”)        | 30 695 €  |
| Membership contribution                          | 693 €     |
| Contributions from the share of tax paid in 2012 | 7 428 €   |

| DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS ACCORDING TO THE FIELDS OF ACTIVITIES | 168 284,37 €       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>PR pro-life, advocacy</b>                                | <b>61 197,64 €</b> |
| • Legislation                                               | 547,36 €           |
| • Newsletter, propagation materials                         | 20 239,10 €        |
| • Networking                                                | 1 588,26 €         |
| • Activities                                                | 25 088,16 €        |
| • Outgoings PR                                              | 13 734,75 €        |
| <b>Education and training</b>                               | <b>5 932,60 €</b>  |
| • Conferences                                               | 4 813,77 €         |
| • Workshops, seminars, and lectures                         | 882,91 €           |
| • Education and training – catechists                       | 42,40 €            |
| • Outgoings Education and Training                          | 193,53 €           |
| <b>Concrete help</b>                                        | <b>59 950,49 €</b> |
| • Zachráňme životy (“Save the Lives”)                       | 40 927,66 €        |
| • Alexis                                                    | 2 709,55 €         |
| • Gynaecological clinic Gianna                              | 663,26 €           |
| • Outgoings Concrete help                                   | 15 650,02 €        |
| <b>Regions</b>                                              | <b>6 855,95 €</b>  |
| • Western Slovakia                                          | 3 283,91 €         |
| • Central Slovakia                                          | 2 797,99 €         |
| • Eastern Slovakia                                          | 688,41 €           |
| • Outgoings regions                                         | 85,64 €            |
| <b>Administration</b>                                       | <b>34 347,68 €</b> |
| • Presidency                                                | 1 155,42 €         |
| • Assembly                                                  | 181,26 €           |
| • Members                                                   | 10 576,40 €        |
| • Fundraising                                               | 10 184,20 €        |
| • Forum for Life promotion                                  | 684,49 €           |
| • Spiritual activities                                      | 11 565,92 €        |