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Dan Zeidler is married and the father of five children, and grandfather of fifteen. Dan has been active in the pro-life movement for over 47 years. He met his wife, Liz, in the youth pro-life movement in 1973 when he was one of the coordinators of the youth organization, Save Our Unwanted Life (S.O.U.L.). He was executive director of Wisconsin Right to Life from 1974 until 1987. For the last twenty-nine years he has been President of Family Life Council (www.4life4family.org), a Wisconsin-based pro-life and pro-family organization. He is also the representative in the U.S. for the Caracas-based Latin American Alliance for the Family (Alianza Latinoamericana para la Familia). Through both Family Life Council's International Project and the Latin American Alliance for the Family, Dan has worked closely with pro-life and Church leaders throughout Latin America and world-wide, including at the level of the United Nations. He was one of the principal organizers of the NGO pro-life presence at the United Nations International Conferences, including at Cairo and Beijing.

A key focus of his is to be a "middle man" or "bridge" between pro-life/pro-family experts and organizations in Latin America and their US/Canadian counterparts. One of his constant messages is, "Good networking internationally makes us all stronger and more effective. When one, talented, committed person in one country connects with another similar person of good will in another country – beautiful things happen!"

Dan calls for more solidarity with the "Continent of Hope" as Saint Pope John Paul II referred to Latin America, "In so many countries the laws protect the right to life of the unborn and their mothers from abortion, but powerful internationalists are trying to destroy these protections in a direct attack on the religious traditions of these countries. More Americans and Canadians are needed to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters of Latin America at this crucial time. With the help of God we can make a difference - Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!"

He is also the coordinator for "Toda America con Cristo" which promotes more North-South solidarity between Canada/USA and Latin American countries in the spirit of Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation, "Ecclesia in America", and under the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Additional:

In 2011, he was awarded the "Humanity Award" in San Jose, Costa Rica at the International Pro-Life Congress for his promotion of the Culture of Life. He also was awarded the 2011 "Cardinal John J. O'Connor Pro Life Award" by Legatus.

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