

To whom it may concern

I, Professor Daniel Sidi, certify, know for many years Pr Philipp Bonhoeffer.

I met him in Bergamo in the early 90th when he was finishing his training in Pediatric Cardiology. I was impressed by his professional and human qualities and proposed him to join our group in Paris.

He came and worked as a fellow for 2 years and then became the head of the Cath. laboratory in my department for 7 years (1994 – 2001), before leaving for London. During that period there was never any complaints on the contrary he was appreciated by the all medical and paramedical staff and we all regret that he left and would be happy to have him back with us.

For me, he was also a close friend and we spent a lot of time together both in my house with my family (at that time 6 young children) or in his place to listen to music (he is a very fine Alto and Violin player). He was very close to my family and always had a friendly normal relationship with my children (they can testify on this)

We also have worked together in Africa during humanitarian missions organised by several NGOs to treat children with cardiac disease (3 times in Kenya and twice in Mozambique). In Kenya I had the opportunity to meet on several occasions his “adopted” boys. Pr Bonhoeffer from the beginning considered this activity in the developing world as a priority. Particularly in Kenya many years before he “adopted” his boys, he introduced interventional catheterization in Nairobi and brought to Necker Kenyan’s doctors to be trained. He was a pioneer for this transfer of Technology and he did not hesitate to use his own money to achieve projects. Many children are alive and doing well thanks to his energy, competence and generosity.

I can also certify that both in France or in Africa, I have never seen him behave abnormally and never heard anything wrong about his attitude towards children, on the contrary he always behaved like a gentleman. The relation he had with his “adopted boys” was identical to the one I had with my children. He is very involved in their education and morality and they have a lot of respect for him and for his generosity.

He is a very gifted and generous person. He cares for people and do not hesitate to help them (money or attention). I have no doubt on his probity and he is certainly the friend I would entrust to take care of my own children or grand children if something happened to me.

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