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Family, first and best NGO

« Family is important, it is necessary for the survival of humanity. If there is no family, the cultural survival of humanity is in danger. Wether you like or not, it is the basis »

Pope Francis, Rio de Janeiro, july 2013

The family, first and best NGO FAFCE, Bratislava October 2016 Five good reasons to stand for family

- **1**. The most common way of living
- 2. The way the young people wish to live
- 3. The international rights
- the condition for peace and sustainable development
- 5. God Himself said so And He did !

Why is there a problem ? A vicious circle

- 1. Families and marriage are not so healthy
- 2. Politicians know the advantages of healthy families, but don't dare to say
- 3. This results in an unsafe environment

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- Here is the vicious circle: the difficulties of the families lead to policies which further incerease their difficulties
- In addition, it gives room to ideologies against the family
- Last but unfortunately not least, the Churches and religions are rejected

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- There is to do for everyone
- 1. Better understand and live the extraordinary proposal of marriage
- 2. Families must take back their main and primary responsability over education
- 3. Intervene in the political field

Cooperation through family associations

- Associations designed to act as intermediate body in the name of the families
- They need to be supported by the families themselves; example of France; the National Union of Family Associations is a public Institution , protected by law and financed by the State
- Local, regional, national and european associations are needed

Cooperation at european level

- FAFCE is offering its capacities , with three main targets
- Work with MEPs and at the Council of Europe Example: blocking an initiative on surrogacy
- Raise awareness of the situation among the main responsibles of states

Example: initiative at UNESCO

1. Help the families to raise their voice

Example: the « Mum, Dad and Kids » initiative

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