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International Day of Families

Celebrated May 15, 2014

The annual [International Day of Families](#) has been designated as May 15, 2014, by the United Nations General Assembly.

The International Day of Families is intended to raise awareness of the importance of families to the civil, cultural and economic vitality of states and nations. It is also meant to bring attention to the issues affecting families and to encourage effective response to the challenges that families face.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the [International Year of the Family](#) established in 1994 by the U.N. General Assembly. The principles underlying the proclamation provide focus for family-related issues:

The family constitutes the basic unit of society and therefore warrants special attention. Hence, the widest possible protection and assistance should be accorded to families so that they may fully assume their responsibilities within the community, pursuant to the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ...”

The [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) enshrines the inalienable right to life: “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.”

“It is important that observances of the International Day of Families uphold the most foundational of all rights—the right to life itself,” said Scott Fischbach, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Global Outreach (MCCL GO). “This is a wonderful way each year to celebrate the good of children, born and unborn, and the need to protect these youngest of family members. It is also a reminder that elderly citizens, regardless of their physical or mental condition, are vital family members worthy of protection.”

Moving forward within the framework of sustainable development goals, members of the human family must be recognized as the greatest resource of every nation. Life-affirming family policy needs to remain central to development, and objectives must benefit family members worldwide.

MCCL GO is a pro-life NGO global outreach program of the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Education Fund with one goal: to save as many innocent lives as possible from the destruction of abortion. Learn more at www.mccl-go.org.

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