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International Day of the Older Person

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People around the world today are celebrating the International Day of the Older Person. It is a day in which the United Nations has called for stronger support and help for older persons; the UN Population division urged greater protections be in place for the elderly.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Global Outreach (MCCL GO) commends the United Nations for focusing attention on the cause of the elderly and the respect and dignity they deserve in society.

“Too often, older persons are looked upon as a burden or a drag on our fast-paced society and nothing could be further from the truth,” said MCCL GO Executive Director Scott Fischbach. “The older person is a treasure for each of us to respect, protect and defend.”

Aging is not just an issue for developed countries. About two-thirds of people over 60 years old live in developing countries such as China, and by 2050 that figure is expected to rise to about 80 percent.

The United Nations statement urges governments to protect the elderly and ensure they can age with good health and dignity. Discrimination toward and poverty among the aged are still far too prevalent in many countries, it says, even in the relatively wealthy industrialized nations.

Secretary General Ban Ki-moon issued a statement that read in part, “Longevity is a public health achievement, not a social or economic liability. On this International Day of Older Persons, let us pledge to ensure the well-being of older persons and to enlist their meaningful participation in society so we can all benefit from their knowledge and ability.”

MCCL GO is a pro-life 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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