

Albania Holds Events on International Day of Families

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To commemorate the 20 anniversary of International Day of families an event was held in UPF Albania Headquarters and two of its branches in other cities of Albania. On this occasion several people were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace and some recommendations were agreed to be presented to the government at the end of the event.

The event began at 5 PM with an opening speech by Tirana Peace Council chair Mrs. Kozeta Zavalani, who also chairs "Family and Media" association. She mentioned that the symbol of IDF is a home with the heart at the center, which signifies that the family is the center of the society, while marriage is at the center of the family. "When marriage is weak and suffering all the members of the family suffer and we are witnesses of the great pain the Albanian families are undergoing these times". She concluded quoting one of UPF Principles that the highest standard of living is that for the sake of the others and that the way of peace is when the individual lives for the family, the family for the society and the society for the nation; and not vice versa".





The next speaker was the president of the FFWPU Albania, Mr. Gani Rroshi who lectured on “The family, solving the moral conclusion”. He emphasized the fact that in all creation we see a general and unchanging principle for the existence of all beings from the lowest to the highest – the duality of positive and negative and of internal and external. That principle is applicable for human beings too, so there should be no confusion as what makes a couple. Mr. Rroshi illustrated his topic with passages from the Holy Scriptures of major religions and some quotations from Father and Mother Moon. Specifically he reminded the audience that for a family to last forever two preconditions must be fulfilled by the husband and wife: purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage.

Next was Mr. Mimoza Bineri an active ambassador for peace and a lawyer who talked about the “Family as an asset of Albanian society”. Since she is dealing with many juridical issues related to the family she talked about the sad experience of divorced couples and the outcomes of a broken family.

The last speaker was Mrs. Shega Murati, chair of “The Voice of Children Calls us” association who also shared about the advantages of a two-parent family and the disadvantages of single parent families, especially based on a research recently done by her NGO.

Next, a letter of recommendations was read and later signed by representatives of several NGO-s present in the audience, that will be send later to the media and governmental institutions.

In all there were six recommendations including the creation of family-friendly spaces in schools, defining marriage in the constitution as a committed relation of a man and a woman, establishing marriage and family education institutions and improving the monitoring system on broadcast media regarding pornography and sexually loaded programs.

At the end of the program 15 participants from different ages received the Ambassador for Peace certificate. Most of them were exemplary couples and some were individuals of positive contribution in society.

Similar programs were held in Shkodra and Vlora cities.

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