

## UPF UN program - Importance of Motherhood and Fatherhood for Development

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**You are Cordially Invited**

### Conference on the Importance of Motherhood and Fatherhood

On Wednesday, June 1, from 3-5 pm at the United Nations, the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See will be hosting a special conference on the importance of fatherhood and motherhood for the integral development of men, women, children and society. Co-sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, it is being held on the day that the United Nations has designed as Global Day of Parents.

The Conference will feature several experts on motherhood, fatherhood, the raising of children and the family, including Brad Wilcox, Meg Meeker, Brian Caulfield, Deborah McNamara and Cheryl Wetzstein. The event, to be held in UN Conference Building Room 1, will be chaired by Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN, and will also feature remarks by Dr. Thomas Walsh, President of the Universal Peace Federation.

Those interested in attending the free conference must have a UN pass, which can be obtained by registering for the event by May 30 at [holyseemission.org/rsvpJune1](http://holyseemission.org/rsvpJune1).



**June 1, 2016 • 3-5 pm**

**UN Headquarters • Conference Room 1**



In 2012, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution (A/Res/66/292) proclaiming June 1 the Global Day of Parents. To mark this year's observance, the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, together with the Universal Peace Federation, is hosting a Side Event on the importance of fatherhood and motherhood for the integral development of men, women, children and all of society.



*The Event will feature the following speakers:*

- Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN
- Thomas Walsh, Ph.D., President of the Universal Peace Federation
- Brad Wilcox, Ph.D., Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, who will address *Parenthood in Transition and the Consequences for Families and Society*
- Brian Caulfield, Director of the Fathers for Good Initiative of the Knights of Columbus (FathersforGood.org), who will address *The Importance of Fatherhood for Men, Women, Children and Society*
- Cheryl Wetzstein, *The Washington Times*' Special Sections Manager and former national reporter for family and social issues, who will address *The Importance of Motherhood for Women, Men, Children and Society*
- Meg Meeker, M.D., Pediatrician, author and expert on parenting, teens and children's health, who will address *How Mothers and Fathers Working Together Strengthen Men, Women, Children and Society*
- Deborah MacNamara, Ph.D., Clinical Counselor at the Neufeld Institute, Educator and Author, who will address *Parenting in the Digital Age*.

*All are most welcome. A UN Pass is needed to attend. To request a special events pass or to register for the event, please RSVP by May 30 at [holyseemission.org/rsvpJune1](http://holyseemission.org/rsvpJune1)*