

Morality Forum Update

Standing up for family values in society

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In commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the Women's Federation for World Peace, International (WFWP) together with the support of Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE) and the Foundation L'entreconnaissance jointly sponsored a 2 day Conference at the U.N. Office in Geneva, 30th June-1st July, entitled: "Family Values and their link to Economic Well-Being and Social Outcomes", aimed at showing the significance of Family Values as a remedy, as a preventive and as a guideline for a healthy and prosperous Europe and world. The conference brought together experts from European nations and the United States in order to build capacities among allies in civil society and government, to work upon a proactive and convincing strategy and to regain momentum in reversing the current trends.

Heiner Handschin, Director, UPF Office for UN Relations in Geneva opened the conference, referring to the Human Rights Council Resolution on "Protection of the Family" that was passed just a few days before (June 26th 2014) calling for a new era of family mainstreaming. Among other provisions, he said, this historic resolution reconfirms that: "The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State and that the family has the primary responsibility for raising, nurturing and protecting children". (Quoted from the Convention on the Rights of the

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Stonewall: Targeting preschools

Ruth Hunt, Stonewall's new chief Executive has stated how she intended to work harder to win over the "hearts and minds" of the British public. Hunt believes that under-fives should have materials in their preschools "celebrating" homosexuality and teaching them about "gay marriage". Hunt stated: "I think the next step is about going into preschools. I know from all my godchildren that the quality of children's books depicting difference is dire. We need to encourage [under-fives] to think about different families. Loads of kids these days have two mums or two dads-or at least gay uncles and aunts. I really want to commission-and this is something we've got to talk about as an organization-a suite of books that celebrates difference in all its forms for under-fives." Parents with children in schools and preschools need to be very vigilant regarding the homosexual agenda. In France recently parents forced the French government to cancel gender lessons in schools. Using social media to co-ordinate the campaign parents took their children out of the school on the days during which the "ABCD of Equality" programme was being taught. Similar protests should be considered in this country when relevant.

The value of Grandparents

A study in 2013 suggested that 800,000 elderly people in England were chronically lonely. Esther Rantzen the founder of the Silver Line helpline stated that: Britain has become "too busy" to find time for older people, and that, "even our doctors, our carers, our high streets and our families fail to recognize that what older people need is a time to talk, time to listen, time to value them." Simon Hughes the Lib-Dem Justice Minister has stated that families should follow the example of Asian and African immigrants and take greater responsibility for their elderly relatives instead of "forcing" them into care homes. Mr. Hughes further stated that people in Britain had lost a sense of "obligation" to care for loved ones and should look to the "best example" of Asian and African families who have migrated to Britain, where the elderly are often the centre of family life and live with the children. In God's blueprint for successful families,

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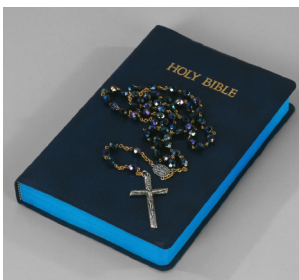
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the grandparents are meant to be at the centre of family life. God's heart and love is meant to be expressed and passed on to and inherited by the grandchildren from the grandparents (as well as from the parents), and also the grandparents' wisdom through their life experiences. "Grandparents have been found to be influential in some of the fundamental aspects of their grandchildren's lives, namely in helping them form their identities and transmitting values, ideals and beliefs in them. These areas have been described in family research over several decades." 'An Irreplaceable Influence' - By Susanne Frost Olsen, Alan C. Taylor and Kelly Dinspirits Taylor. "It is my belief that grandparenting is the most important role of the new century." Roma Hanks, PHD.

Sex Education

A study for the think tank The Institute for Public Policy Research revealed that many older teenagers blamed adults for failing to do enough to discourage them from rushing into sex or to counter the influence of pornography. Some spoke of feeling "pressured" into beginning sexual relationships and criticised rushed and awkward and basic sex education lessons by teachers promoting the message that it is 'normal' to have sex before the age of consent, as long as contraception is used. It is a great tragedy and a national scandal how amoral sex education lessons have become commonplace in so many of our schools. There is no moral guidance for the young people in such schools and sex outside marriage is presented as the norm. For advice about sex education in schools please contact the SPUC: safeatschool@spuc.org.uk. Tel: 02084073463

Nigerian Bishops: "Outstanding Moral Leadership"



Archbishop Ignatius Kaigama, the president of the Nigerian Catholic Bishops' Conference, publicly rebuked a Nigerian government health official during a recent two-day conference in the capital, Abuja. Archbishop Kaigama deplored the action of the

Nigerian government in sending a representative to the conference in order to promote its anti-life position. The Archbishop told the conference: "We cannot be terrorized into doing anything to diminish life and the family. We don't want an abortion industry in Africa. We want industries which produce food, which build homes and roads and other practical things which people need." Theresa Okafor, a Nigerian member of the Holy See's delegation at the UN, told the conference that the health official was using ambiguous language when he spoke about "reproductive health". The government and UN bodies interpret the right to "reproductive health" as the right to abortion-on-demand. A team of four from SPUC joined over a dozen bishops and 1,500 people at the

conference hosted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria. John Smeaton SPUC Chief Executive said the event was of "global significance," and that, "Nigeria is at the centre of the battle between the culture of life and the forces of death. International abortion agencies such as Marie Stopes International are targeting Nigeria, and flooding the country with contraception and abortion. The Nigerian bishops are taking a strong, public stand against this and giving outstanding moral leadership to their own people and the rest of the world." *Published by kind permission of SPUC*

Many nurses would refuse to abide by the assisted suicide law



SIR - Max Wind-Cowie (July 25) rightly provides an unequivocal challenge to the reasonable approach to understand and even accommodate the views of those in favour of assisted suicide (a more honest term for the currently entitled "Assisted Dying" of the Falconer Bill). Such an attitude, he correctly suggests, can appear as if the vital argument is already lost. Repetition of the long held prohibition "thou shall not kill" is vital in resisting

the perennial and dangerous calls for a change in British law. Jesus said "let your yes be yes and your no be no". Medicine and nursing in the 21st Century ever seeks to increase the percentage of patients achieving a pain-free existence in the terminal phase of illness. Patients with end stage disease are a constant challenge to the vocational skills of their caring team, whose culture is vital to inspire confidence in vulnerable patients. In my professional experience, patients look to their carers to affirm their lives, not offer them death as a defeatist, cheap and easy option. No one, of any age or degree of illness, is granted a pain-free existence. To suffer is part of the human condition. We see practical love operating frequently in times of natural disaster, to make bearable the suffering of those having experienced loss, trauma, persecution, injustice or bereavement, in other words, in all forms of suffering, whether mental or physical. What makes suffering bearable is the constant, invaluable support by family and friends, and of course, the carers in their loving concern, support, and practical care for pain, wounds and misery. No one should be unaware that rather than pain, "fear of being a burden": underlies many people's request for assisted suicide, where it is legally-sanctioned. What an incredibly sad premise for this proposed law.

The worst pain, then, experienced by dying people is the fear of abandonment by their carers. Do we now compound this fear by offering the abolishment of the burden of suffering together with patients' lives in the increasing numbers now seen in other European countries? Nurses will be the ones expected to fulfil the requirements of this Bill. I know many of religious conviction and none, who will refuse to implement any such law. Such a stand would, no doubt, lead to their persecution for a so-called lack of "compassion". Yours faithfully, TERESA LYNCH RGN, MSc. *This letter was sent by Teresa Lynch of SPUC's Nurses Opposed to Euthanasia and published in the Catholic Herald.*

Letters and Emails Received

Hello Sir, I have attended The Clerkenwell Collection and viewed the pictures. [Pictures of naked women in the shop window. Reported by John O'Neill] I asked the staff to remove them and they complied without any problems. I hope this outcome is satisfactory for you. Kind regards. Joanna Rondos 7127 N. Clerkenwell Ward Dedicated PCS Islington Police Station

Thanks John for all your good work! I have been asked to speak on the topic of 'Ways to Strengthen Families' at a Latter Days Saints Church on 21 September...I have sent to them your 'Morality Forum Update' newsletter. Take care. Françoise

Dear Mr. O'Neill My colleague Jon Dal Din forwarded to me your Morality Forum newsletter. Most interesting as I had not heard of it before. Do you have a large circulation? Edmund Adamus. Director for Marriage and Family Life. Diocese of Westminster

Dear John, I have attached a recent speech I gave related to women's empowerment, gender complementarity and marriage and the family... I must congratulate you on the Morality Forum Update! It is excellent. Thank you for your part in influencing the world for the better. Lynn

It took me a few days, but I did send the letters to the Telegraph offices yesterday. I wrote to the editor saying the house style had changed for the worse, and to Allison Pearson making the usual points about coarse language and also saying (as she has written about depression in her generation before) that coarse language creates more negativity in the subconscious and should be avoided. Best wishes, Jacqueline.

Dear John, Thank you for contacting us... Thank you for your support on this very important matter, and for passing on this correspondence with Lord Jenkin. We always encourage our supporters to engage actively in political and public life. We recognise that this issue is difficult for many who have witnessed loved ones suffer for whom we have great compassion. However Lord Falconer's Assisted Dying Bill, which would allow doctors to supply lethal drugs to vulnerable patients, is widely recognised as being the most serious threat to the safety of disabled, sick and elderly people in the UK. A change in the law to allow euthanasia would place tremendous pressure on those most vulnerable in our society to end their lives, for fear of being a financial, emotional or care burden upon others. This Bill provides no 'safeguards' for the vulnerable, and once a 'right-to-die' is established we will see incremental pressure to expand the categories of people who qualify for it, even to children as we have seen in Belgium earlier this year. The vast majority of UK doctors are opposed to legalising euthanasia along with the British Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Association for Palliative Medicine and the British Geriatric Society. Requests for euthanasia are extremely rare if people are properly cared for and so we call for the priority to be good care of people's physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs, accessible to all. We continue to advocate for life and not death, and for

care and not killing. We really appreciate your correspondence and thank you for your continuing support John. Kind regards, Alice. Christian Concern Supporter Services

Women and the Family: Making a Global Difference

By Lynn Walsh

Society has been out of balance and will only improve with a balance of masculine and feminine strengths. Don't get me wrong, males and females have far more in common as human beings than differences, and socialization is a large factor (both good and bad), BUT there are clear biological, hormonal, cerebral and reproductive differences between men and women which cannot not be denied. Are we going to help the society or our families if we women become men? Or get into the blame game against men? The more feminine tendencies of "relationship building", in very general terms, is what the world needs more. But we also need the more masculine trait of "systemizing through principles". Feminine strengths should be honoured and utilized in every sphere of society, from being president of a nation to mothering our children and sharing a true partnership with our husband; we need partnership. Yes, negotiating differences and building true bonds in marriage is one of the hardest things in life. But it is far better to encourage better male and female teamwork in the family, rather than give up.

In order to strengthen the family and healthy male/female relationships, we must combat and stop sexual abuse and sexual objectification of women and especially reverse the sexualization of love. All of these have the most devastating impact on women. The more sexualization increases, the importance of marriage and the family weakens, even changing our thinking about human fulfilment. Because women are the child-bearers and flooded with the natural bonding hormone of oxytocin, in pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and sex, females are more naturally concerned about the commitment and quality of connection with their mate. Is this a good thing? For women? For our children? For men? We have let the pendulum of social trends in sexual freedom swing too far and women are paying the toll, having the lion's share of raising children without a committed and loving father for their children, leaving more women and their children in poverty and disadvantaged than any other factor as the data indicates. There is no blame or judgment here for single or divorced parents because there is scant guidance on choosing a mate and even less support or education on the very challenging task of making marriage work. But marital commitment helps clarify the bond and commitment of parents, creating stability that children fundamentally need. This commitment facilitates understanding of higher purpose and depth of connection which men and women both want and let's face it, women are more hardwired to bring into the relationship. But this feminine drive for lasting love and commitment, a basic human need, seems to be drowned out by a culture of sexual freedom and individualism. How can we truly empower women and girls if their feminine capacities and power are stifled? And we women need to take a good look at our own responsibilities and choices in sometimes misusing our sexual power when we could be asserting and contributing our feminine wisdom, making a pivotal differ-

from page 1 *Family Values and their Link to Economic Well-Being* Child). The internationally agreed re-affirmation of the value of the natural family to society and to peaceful development was the result of a hard-fought battle within the UN Human rights Council over more than one year and many consultations, led courageously and persistently by a coalition of 16 governments. Mr. Handschin quoted a letter to the conference organizers from the Office of the Director General of the UN in Geneva. "We greatly appreciate the information and the engagement on this important topic." The following comments were made during different presentations: *The institutions (Marriage and Family) have been increasingly weakened, especially in Europe and the United States, due to a whole variety of social trends and forces, including the decline of organized religion and of traditional morality, the increasing number of couples who decide to live together without getting married and the advocacy of various forms of family and alternative morality that have increasingly gained legitimacy. There is a consistent failure to include the family in policy at the UN. We are rational beings and we need stable secure attachments to fulfil our potential as productive, responsible, fulfilled citizens. Even international wars can be traced back to lack of empathy and a properly developed conscience in individuals. Marriage and family are the very cells for nurturing individual character and building trusting relationships in society. The greatest human achievement is our spiritual development. In debating these issues, our first question should be, "what is best for children?" In America the statistics point to declining emotional health of children, but the resources are consistent about the protective influence of an intact family on child development. They receive gender specific support from father and mother. We need to address the lack of human attachment. Marriage is the best relationship to raise a child. At a wedding a man knows this is a commitment. 97% of 16 year-olds whose families are intact in the UK are from a married family. Nine out of ten babies born into unmarried families, that relationship will be broken by the time they are 16. Marriage is a written record, a ritual, vows, but moving in together will not be the same. We need to re-consider the unlimited exportation of western irresponsible morality that seems to be fuelling discontent and a reactionary agenda among more conservative peoples in the world. Patriarchy hasn't worked, nor matriarchy, but a new paradigm is proposed: "Familarchy"-a system in society in which the family unit is the nexus. Parents, children and extended family members cooperate according to their independent roles to enhance each member's value and contribute as a whole and as individual members to the development of the larger community. This should expand naturally to an inclusive system of governance in which men and women share responsibility similar to the way that parents' guide and nurture their children. Weakened families disrupt gender roles-as seen in the impact on children in cases of domestic violence and have sparked "trends" in the definition of family. It is important to maintain an awareness of the optimal norm/form for family while identifying causes of breakdown (prevention), similar to the way that the medical field handles sickness of the body. A healthy body is always the reference point. Marriage is all about commitment, a couple with a future. The overwhelming majority of families that stay intact are "married" families compared to "cohabiting". (Data: 69% to 15%). Marriage is an ultimate act of dedication and commitment for the future, building a history and memories. The role of the mother at home is not being*

taken into consideration anymore. At the expense of "political correctness" we are sacrificing our future generation. Statistics show that 80% of children who are disadvantaged in U.S. are from broken families. We need to know our statistics better. We need fair family politics in Europe! There have been very large demonstrations in France against the government's policies towards families. Pro-family activists are always presented very derisively: as closed minded, old fashioned, unsympathetic for the vulnerable. It is known that some of the proposed new school curricula being developed by LGBT lobby groups was funded by governments. Local citizens in Germany spoke out, saying that, "the state isn't representing parents' wishes." A legal specialist was asked to prepare a report on the issue of acceptance (of the will of the people) over tolerance. Based upon the professional and unified counterproposals launched from civil society, several of the proposals were changed, including one that demanded sexual diversity among teaching staff in primary schools. In the name of Family-Croatia it showed the power of civil society that brought about the Referendum to protect marriage and family in the National Constitution. Recent lack of support for marriage and emphasis on "sexual preferences" in public policy caused an outcry amongst the population. It began with obligatory sex education for young children. Fearing that new laws would lead to parents forfeiting their rights of family and adoption, parents responded. 750,000 signatures (20% of 3.8 million) were collected in 15 days. The Referendum demanded the inclusion of the wording "marriage is a lifetime union between a man and a woman". There is a growing individualism and increasing privacy among family members, change in partnership and growing acceptance of easy divorce. Religions are instrumental in usually protecting the value of family. In the U.S. there are preventive programmes to help reduce marriage and family breakdown. Children living in two-parent, married households statistically do better in school, have fewer behavioural problems and are more likely to have successful marriages of their own. The programmes have attracted many couples. The greatest benefit went to couples coming in with extreme conflicted relationships. There were many different programmes created. There is a treasure of webinars and resources that have been collected by these programmes that can be accessed. I.e. twoofus.org. Democracy cannot twist the definition of family. The three pillars are: faith, family and freedom. The foundation of the human capital is strong family life. Waning religiosity and decreasing commitment to traditional marriage makes it a difficult time currently. Is it easy to keep fighting? No...Is it worth it? Yes! Values determine our lives whether we like it or not. Values are the common denominator, serving as a compass. It is important for people to become more insistent to fill the vacuum that is occurring. "World Peace through ideal Families". There is a need for a "True" Family movement in order to create a new culture of commitment that is sorely missing today and causing a dangerous destabilization. Religion cannot have credibility if it cannot go beyond faith and denomination. If we cannot put deeds into practice, cannot live for others as an individual, it is unlikely that we can make a good marriage. Religious people have an invaluable contribution to make towards peace and prosperity. [The similarities among the different religions was mentioned] We need to swing the pendulum back to rethink values such as purity and fidelity. Recommendations and Action Steps were discussed and proposed on the final day of the conference.



True Family Values

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The Kingdom of Heaven

A. The true family and the kingdom of heaven.

1. The culture of heart is nothing other than the kingdom of heaven on earth, which we build in our family and hometown.

- Democracy by itself is not an eternal solution. After two hundred years, America is casting off its spiritual moorings, and its freedom is turning into self-indulgent license. The freedoms are not wrong, nor is democracy evil; but they must be accompanied by responsibility directed from within.
- What is the root of “responsibility directed from within”? It is the God-centered family.

2. God’s ideal of creation is the world ruled by true love.

- The kingdom of heaven is where the will of God is done (“Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”). The will of God is life for the sake of others.
- Therefore the kingdom of heaven does not come from the sky, nor is it given to us by a revolution in the “system.”
- Rather, the kingdom begins with me, my family and my neighbourhood. I must take responsibility to build it, whether by serving the president of the nation or the president of the local PTA.
- God is love. Therefore, the starting point of the kingdom is to fill one’s life with true love and to live for others.
- We serve our neighbours and relatives and build the kingdom of heaven where we live. This begins with our commitment as a family.

3. True family values foster the creation of the kingdom of God.

- God is our Parent. All of humankind, as God’s sons and daughters, are members of God’s family.
- God’s family is not a mystical concept; it is substantialized in every family.
 - People of true love are fostered in families.
 - Family love is the basis for all social relations.
 - Family values are the basis for social values.
- As St. Paul taught, the kingdom of God is like one human body (1 Cor 12).
 - The body is the extension of one mind and nervous system.
 - Likewise, all people in the kingdom of God create one living eco-system, one organism, connected in God’s love. Each part of the body moves freely and voluntarily contributes to the whole. The right hand does not seek its own well-being by cutting off the left hand. If you ask your right hand what it wants to do, it says it wants to serve a healthy, whole and balanced person.
 - Its people feel joys and sorrows of others through feeling God’s Heart. They care for one another and

help the less fortunate out of family love.

- It allows for great diversity and development, as does a healthy family in which all are cheered by each one’s happiness and success.

4. Although we are all members of one family, this family has been broken.

- There is distance between ourselves and God. We are not truly in a personal relationship as a son of God or daughter of God. In other words, we are not part of God’s lineage.
- Jesus in fact told us we are of our father the devil (John 8:44) and John the Baptist called us a brood of vipers (children of a serpent) (Matt. 3:7).

5. At this time in history, each family can connect, or engraft, into God’s family.

- We inherit the dignity of the one royal family by engrafting into “the true olive tree, to share the richness of the root” (God’s lineage, Rom. 11:17). As Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth, “. . . you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you!” (1 Cor. 4:8). He was speaking of spiritual kingship, given by Christ through true love.
- From the viewpoint of nobility and authority of true love, a true family stands as a royal family.
- By engrafting into God’s lineage, we become part of the royal family, and gain the spiritual foundation before God to stand as people of true nobility and authority, based upon our sincere effort and investment.
- All true families have kingship granted from God.

6. The spiritual authority of true love is the foundation of true kingship.

- The kingdom of God is an environment in which the authority of true love is recognized and its fruits are abundant.
- A kingdom is a realm of royal authority.
- The authority of true love comes from true parents and true families. The kingdom of heaven, therefore, is the realm of the royal family.
- The true royal family is ultimately the family of all humankind, centring on God, filling heaven and earth (the cosmos).
- The era of kingship has three characteristics.
 - It is the age of conscience.
 - It is the age when the spirit world and physical world are in harmony.
 - It is the age of voluntarism to do God’s will

7. True family values are the blueprint for establishing the kingdom of God through the vertical ethic.

- They represent a new stage of our relationship with God.
- Thousands of years ago, the relationship between God and us was primarily based upon God giving prohibitions: “thou shalt not . . .”
- With the advent of Christ, our relationship with God turned

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-ence. We all, men and women, have work to do. According to the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, “the family is the fundamental and natural group unit of society”. Family stability is important for attaining sustainable gender equity because it is in witnessing the mutual respect and complementarities of masculinity and femininity of one’s mother and father that children learn from the depth of their heart the true valuing of both genders, and the benefit of gender teamwork. As the healthy family provides the best environment for human development and model of male and female complementarities, we can and must improve and strengthen marriage which stabilizes the family. The equally valued partnership of men and women within the family will then become second nature in all spheres of society, so that women can truly make a sustainable global difference and a more balanced, peaceful world. *Presented July 24, 2014 at UN New York Headquarters event, “Women in Power Making a Global Difference” sponsored by the Mission of Grenada to the UN and African Women For Good Governance. Lynn Walsh, Director, Office of Marriage, Family and Human Development, Universal Peace Federation*

4 facts you may not know about “brain death”

1. The use of neurological criteria to declare “brain death” was motivated by the desire to harvest the beating heart and other vital organs for transplantation, and to remove life support from patients to keep from overcrowding intensive care units of hospitals.
2. Surveys show a wide variation in “brain death” criteria among leading neurological institutions in the United States. This means a person could be considered “brain dead” in one institution and not in another.
3. Patients, such as Madeleine Gauron, have been pronounced “brain dead” with no hope of recovery, but later recovered consciousness and are still living among us.
4. The apnea test is the most important step in determining “brain death.” An apnea test is the removal of the patient’s ventilator to determine if the patient is capable of taking in a breath on their own. In these situations, the ventilator can be turned off for up to 10 minutes. This test significantly impairs the possibility of recovery and can lead to the death of the patient through a heart attack. *Published by kind permission of Human Life Alliance*

“You may wake up with your baby removed, but your motherhood cannot be removed.”

An abortion advocate and writer for SALON named Jenny Kutner recently announced in a public article that she would have an abortion the following day at 10 am. In response to Jenny’s gut wrenching article, young women Katie and Emily Brown wrote this letter: Dear Jenny, After reading your Salon article entitled “I’m Having an Abortion this Weekend,” it seems to the reader that you and your boyfriend are very close. We’re sure you will say that you absolutely and com-

pletely love your boyfriend. But do you put his needs before your own? Do you constantly strive for a stronger relationship? Are you willing to make sacrifices for his well-being?

If you answered yes to more than one question above, then you have an idea of selfless love. Selfless love is the most powerful type of love because it involves sacrifice. Selfless love puts the needs of the ones you love before your own. It is going the extra mile to ensure the happiness of your loved ones. Selfless love is never easy and it takes patience and fortitude. It is not only found between couples, but is the base of all strong relationships (i.e., marriage, friendship, siblings, and maternal).

Maternal selfless love may be the most powerful of all relationships. Just like the love you show to your boyfriend, a mother shows the same selfless love to her child. She will always absolutely and completely love her child. She will put his/her needs before her own. She will constantly strive for a stronger relationship. She will continuously make sacrifices for his/her well-being. Even though Saturday has passed and you chose abortion that does not change the fact that you are a mother. You may wake up with your baby removed, but your motherhood cannot be removed.

We understand completely that unexpected pregnancy can be a terrifying thing. Maybe the timing was not right, maybe there were financial concerns, or maybe you were just scared. Those are all rational fears, but as you know, abortion is not the only option. Change is never easy, but that is what selfless love is all about.

In a time of change, one can become overwhelmed with his or her own future. Many times we look for what is best for “me.” The trick is to not be selfish, but selfless. Even though you did not show selfless love by choosing life for your little baby, it’s never too late to learn. We promise there are many people out there, including ourselves, who are willing to help you heal from your abortion and understand the true meaning of selfless love. Yours in Christ, Emily Brown Mount Saint Mary’s University. 15. Katie Brown Belmont Abbey College.18. *Published by kind permission of Human Life Alliance*

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primarily upon our petitions to God for His mercy and assistance: “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. . . . how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (Matt. 7:7-11)

- The principles of true family life call us not to ask God for help, but to take responsibility for God’s true love and commit ourselves to His Will. This is the attitude of filial piety to God, the vertical ethic of holy sons and daughters. It is summed up in the words of Reverend Sun Myung Moon: *I never prayed from weakness. I never asked my Father to help me. My Father knows me so well. He already knows my suffering; how could I burden Him with more requests? All I could do was promise that I would never be defeated by my suffering.*

(to be continued...)(from the book “True Family Values” by Wilson and Pak)(<http://www.hsabooks.com/books>)

Morality Forum Action

Sir, I am grateful to Geoffrey Boycott for his condemnation of sledging (Cricketers who deliberately goad and intimidate opponents). While Michael Vaughan and others try to defend the indefensible, sledging brings nothing but shame and disgrace on the players that indulge in it. Back in the Fifties, cricketers played with passion without having to resort to cheating by goading and intimidating opponents. The time is long overdue for the cricketing authorities to stamp out this vile behaviour. John O'Neill. Harrow, Middlesex. [Published in Sunday Telegraph, August 10th]

On Sunday, September 14th John O'Neill spoke about moral issues at 2 Christian churches at Wood Green, N. London. On Sunday, September 21st, John O'Neill spoke about sex



education in schools at the '10th Year Convention' of the Victory Church of Christ, at Dalston, NE London. Around 200 people attended the event. In this photo John O'Neill is seen together with the Church Senior Pastor, Sam Olatunbosun.

On Saturday, September 27th The Harrow branch of SPUC delivered Abortion information leaflets door-to-door near to Harrow town centre. In this photo John O'Neill (right) is seen together with John Smeaton, the Chief Executive of SPUC and Mrs Pauline Bishop.



The sex education Bulletins and Abortion petition forms from SPUC and the c2pc petition forms to protect children from harmful sex education continue to be distributed to relevant people, and, in particular to numerous religious organizations. Emails continue to be sent to numerous individuals and religious organizations regarding key moral and family issues.

Real Peace Must Be Rooted In God By John O'Neill

We are living in very troubled times: the recent crisis in Gaza and the ongoing troubles in Syria, Iraq, Ukraine and other countries; the medieval barbaric atrocities being committed by Isis. We see appalling, heart-rending suffering-refugees, death and destruction. Is there no end to all this pain, despair and anguish? There is an answer: The power of true love can solve all the division and hatred. All major faith traditions come from one God. Peace will never come if religious people



look down on each other, thinking that their religion is superior. Our religions teach us to forgive, to love and serve, even our enemies. Living for the sake of others is our creator's blueprint for peace, stability and prosperity,

in our troubled world. Through living for the sake of others our hearts, minds and spirits continue to grow as we go along the path of becoming beings of true love.

Godly moral and spiritual values are meant to be the very bedrock and foundations for peace and stability in our troubled world, individually and collectively. Our faith traditions have common ground: One family, one God. Various studies show that: no society in history has been able to survive for long without a strong moral code. Our morals originate from our religions. Politicians have to understand that Godly values are meant to be the basis for formulating their policies and legislating. The humanistic ideology which has been prevalent in Western countries in recent years in particular, has been a total failure. In the UK there have been enormous increases in crimes and social problems in past decades, since a religious ethos was last prevalent back in the 1950's.

Religious leaders have a crucial role to play in helping to bring peace to our troubled world, as they represent the internal concerns of the mind and conscience; they believe that we can have a world of peace because they understand that God is over the whole world, regardless of national boundaries, and that peace should be possible, regardless of faith, culture, race or nationality.



The Universal Peace Federation proposal for an elected body of religious leaders at the UN is a very important initiative which would surely have a major impact in helping to solve the deeply disturbing continuing crises which are emerging in different parts of the world. This elected body would be in the form of a voting Senate in an upper

chamber capacity and not just an advisory body. The politicians at the UN are mainly focused on the national interests of their countries. However, their practical knowledge and worldly experience would still be very relevant, as the upper chamber of religious leaders would complement the lower chamber of politicians by working cooperatively and respectfully together with them. Let us all hope and pray that this most worthy and noble UPF initiative will be accepted and implemented as soon as possible. Real peace must be rooted in God, and the sooner this can be understood by all relevant people, especially politicians and extremists the better it will be for our troubled world.

Parents from legal outcasts to outlaws: Dr Tom Ward's address to Moscow family conference. September 2014

“Madame Chairman, Christian families of Russia thank you for your call to the generosity and joy of large families. It is a counter-revolutionary call to build a new Civilisation of Love and Life. It is a call to our families to replace today's dying Culture of Death with all its attacks on normality: on life, love, sexuality, marriage, family and Christianity itself. A culture of contraception, abortion, homosexuality and their indoctrination subtly enforced on our families at home and brutally imposed upon poor families abroad. A culture of planned demographic collapse. A culture in which the only protectors of children are their parents, their Primary Educators who may have little moral alternative to civil disobedience and imprisonment. But parental rights are the Achilles heel of the Culture of Death. It is here we must attack.

Having worked over forty years defending families I am convinced that the root of the Culture of Death is the artificial separation in sexual intercourse of love from life in contraception. Contraception is associated with a rise not a fall in the abortion rate. Hormonal contraceptives have been known to have an intrinsic abortifacient pharmacological action since 1926!

This separation of life from love has spread from contraception, to in vitro fertilisation and now logically, even theologically to homosexual “marriage”.

Ladies and gentlemen, contraception is the gateway to the culture of death and it is of itself wrong.

Contraception alienates life from love in a second unrecognised way. Secret contraceptive indoctrination and provision to children without parental knowledge or consent, by governments, separate our children from our protective love.

But if we parents contracept, how can we convincingly protect our children from contraception?

Revealingly both separations are promoted by one of the largest multi-nationals in the world, the birth control lobby.

Who removed our parental rights?

In 1922 Lenin initiated what was to become the Frankfurt School of Western cultural Marxism. His intention - to destroy the obstacle of Western Christian culture. The methods - the use of sexual instinct and overwhelming negative destructive cultural criticism. They targeted our families against the background of growing liberalism in church and state.

The same message different messengers:

“Communist society will take upon itself all the duties involved in the education of a child.” Alexandra Kollontai, the first Soviet People's Commissar for Social Welfare, 1920

“Children have to be freed from... religious and other cultural “prejudices” forced upon them by parents, civil and religious authorities [...] sex education should be introduced in the 4th grade, (i.e. 9 to 10) eliminating “the ways of elders” by force if necessary.” Brock Chisholm, who became the first director of the World Health Organisation in 1948

“It is now the privilege of the Parental State to take

major decisions - objective, unemotional, the State weighs up what is best for the child....” Lady Helen Brook, who started the “secret” provision of contraceptives to the young - the very first step in the usurping of parental rights on education and medication.

“Parents - the most dangerous people of all.” A Family Planning Association spokeswoman.

In 1974 the British Government prohibited doctors from contacting “parents of a child of whatever age” when she requested contraceptives. Parents legally challenged this in the courts. Law Lords ruled that when a doctor decided a child fully understood what was proposed the child could consent to all treatments and parents' rights stopped. This now covers abortion.

The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women has instructed nations to ensure the right to sexual education, to contraception and abortion for girls and adolescents without parental knowledge or consent.

IPPF, based in London, is the nerve-centre of the world reproductive law reform. London is the centre of Common Law jurisdiction which covers one-third of humanity, the former British Empire. It operates in 189 countries including Russia.

Parents.. from legal outcasts to outlaws

Because of same-sex “marriage” legislation, Catholic adoption agencies ...caring in loco parentis for our most vulnerable Catholic children, have been outlawed.

The Education Act 1996 imposes a duty on state schools, including religious schools, to teach about marriage in the National Curriculum. With the legalising of same-sex “marriage”, parents who object to this being taught in general classes have no right to withdraw their children. The school, because of its legal obligation to promote equality, is itself obliged to refuse permission. Because of same-sex “marriage” legislation, the exercising of the parental primary right to educate has been outlawed.

And on the teaching of Christian sexual morality in schools, the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights has said:

“a curriculum which teaches a particular religion's doctrinal beliefs as if they were objectively true... is likely to lead to unjustifiable discrimination”.

Because of same-sex marriage legislation, the right to teach Christian sexual morality as objective truth in educational institutions has been outlawed.

Never before in the history of free men has our human right to be the primary educators of our children been removed. It is enshrined in Genesis, in the New Testament, in the doctrine of the Orthodox and of the Catholic Church, in Aristotle and the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights.

Ladies and gentlemen, the demographic recovery of your great country will depend disproportionately on generous large families. They will depend upon legally-enforceable guarantees of their God-given, inalienable human right as Primary Educators. Through these families Russia will, please God, become a Christian beacon of hope to all humanity. A new civilisation of Love and Life will begin. It will be our civilisation. It will be God's civilisation. Christian Families of Russia, thank you.