

# family2012

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We're expecting you Benedict

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF RUPNIK WILL BE WITH THE WORLD MEETING

di Monsignor  
Eros Monti\*



### Family - Work is for the family and not the family for work

"Work is for man and not man for work." By paraphrasing this statement of the Sacramentum Caritatis (No. 74) from the point of view of the family, "Work is for the family and not the family for work," we are taken straight to the heart of the fifth catechesis. However, it needs a complete inversion of perspective. In Genesis 1, 1-2, 4, the creation is presented as a crescendo, in which the Word-God's work gradually creates the world, placing man and woman there on completion on the sixth day. On the seventh day, God suspended all his work, blessing

that day and consecrating it (see Gen 2, 2-3 and the commandment for Saturday in Ex 20, 8-11). Surprisingly, in the first week of the story - unsurpassed paradigm for every other week and therefore, the whole of time for mankind - the industriousness of the six days is entirely aimed at rest, i.e., the fullness of life of the seventh! In sharp contrast with our times, when the holiday is often also lived as recovery of the energy necessary for the subsequent resumption of work.

Living, working and celebrating from a family perspective

implies starting again from here, from the order God chose for us. Instead of tragic necessity, work can thus be understood as a call, a resource for mankind who grows through work, always creating new ties, capitalising on the potential of those gifted, humanising the world so that it increasingly becomes a dwelling that can be lived in by all. Thus the celebration - in the light of the 'seventh day' - becomes the good opportunity for the whole life to open to the prospects of a completion not given by man. Living the celebration means benefitting

from a time in gratuitousness can be tasted - in the family, between husband and wife, and with their children, to be together as a Christian community, to live deeper relationships with friends and relatives, finding time to listen, visit a sick person or lonely old person, etc. Work and celebration were given to us to humanise and sanctify the world, i.e., time and its history. Now, and thinking of the last day, without either end or sunset, fullness of life and the family for all.

*Episcopal vicar for Social Life  
of the Diocese of Milan*

# The icon of the Holy Family New symbol of the World Meeting Delivery to the Milanese from the Pope

The World Meeting of Families has a new icon symbol. It is a large mosaic, created by the Jesuit artist Marko Rupnik, which was blessed by the Pope in St Peter's Square on 11 April. The work was entrusted to Monsignor Erminio De Scalzi, president of Fondazione Milano Famiglie 2012, by the Holy Father. It depicts the Holy Family and the Holy Trinity represented by the Father's hand supporting the fire of the Spirit that is Jesus. The earthly paradise is at the side of Mary and Joseph and heav-



Father Rupnik's mosaic 'The Holy Family and the Holy Trinity'

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enly Jerusalem with the Holy Family is at the centre of the story of salvation. "Heaven meets earth in the Holy Family of Nazareth and the divine Trinity finds the most perfect human image," explained Cardinal Ennio Antonelli, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, "The Church feels called on to become family more and more, to demonstrate Christ's presence in the world through reciprocal love. Families are asked to be united and open, to prepare children for their future and their

mission, without holding them back with possessive love. All earthly relationships and activities are urged to follow the logic of love to find new harmony and beauty, a reflection and revelation of the Trinity." Rupnik's mosaic (Rupnik was involved in the Redemptoris Mater chapel in the Vatican on the indication of the Blessed John-Paul II) was taken to Milan by Monsignor De Scalzi to be exhibited in the basilica of St Ambrose in the chapel of the Madonna del Latte. Subsequently, the work will be under-

taken on tour in the seven pastoral areas of the diocese, staying in each place for a week. The icon, weighing 60 kg, will then be displayed at Fiera Milano-City at the Pastoral Theological Congress that will officially open the VII World Meeting of Families on 30 May. The Holy Family will then be taken to Bresso on to the stage for the 'Celebration of Testimonies' and on the altar of the Holy Mass to be celebrated by Benedict XVI before being passed to the diocese that will host the next Meeting in 2015. ■

## ■ IN ST PETER'S SQUARE

### The young people of the profession of faith - "We're expecting you in Milan, Benedict"

"We're expecting you in Milan, Benedict" was written on a 20-metre banner held head-high in St Peter's Square on 11 April when 6,000 14-year-olds went to Rome to participate in a Wednesday general session. The aim was to 'officially' invite the Holy Father and families around the world to the World Meeting of Families. ■



# A circle to welcome the Pope

## The advert all over the world to invite people to the VII Meeting



A photogram from the advert for the World Meeting

The VII World Meeting of Families is ready to enter the homes of the world. The official advert of the event has been created in 5 languages - Italian, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. The advert starts from the archetypical, universal symbolism of the tree and tells of the importance of welcome and harmony as founding values of each family and, by extension, the Church, the global family par excellence. Men, women and children of all ages and origins will take part in a circle depicting a multi-ethnic, welcoming and harmonious world. All happy together while awaiting Pope Benedict XVI.

The video was promoted by the Fondazione Milano Famiglie 2012 and was produced as the result of a creative and operational contribution made by the agency Ogilvy & Mather Advertising and the production house Cineteam of Rome. The short video was conceived with the aim of inviting families from Italy and the world to Milan. The advert, whose message is also aimed at the secular world, talks of faces, celebration, par-

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ents and children called to meet in Milan from 30 May to 3 June and affectionately hug each other around the Pope. Music and words alternate. A voiceover explains what is seen in the pictures, “There is a time for everything under the sun. A time to sow and a time to reap, a time to meet and share the fruits of labour. This is the time of celebration and the celebration is this year. The celebration has a clear time and place.” Then the voiceover continues, “Milan

will open to welcome the largest celebration of mankind, the celebration of all families, in May. Even yours.” This is the key to everything. The world isn’t necessarily something far and distant. The world is made of hundreds of small pieces, hundreds of little faces, hundreds of large and small families who, together, contribute to ‘making’ the history of mankind and Christianity. For these families, the date is with the Holy Father.

The video closes with the theme of the meeting, ‘The family - work and celebration. Pope Benedict XVI will meet the families from all over the world from 30 May to 3 June in Milan.’ ■

### ■ WHERE TO DOWNLOAD IT

There are three formats of the advert (15’, 30’ and 40’); it’s been calculated that it will be seen by more than 200,000,000 people. Everyone is invited to download it and spread it by going to <http://www.family2012.com/it/documents/18609/> ■

# FAMILIES IN THE COMPANY

## The open days in places of work in preparation for the World Meeting



Labourers at work in a company

Companies meet families and open up to the area. This is what happens in ‘Company Open Days’, one of the initiatives proposed by the Diocese of Milan in preparation for the VII World Meeting of

Families. The proposal was accepted by several different companies. Monsignor Eros Monti, Episcopal Vicar for Social Life in the Diocese of Milan, explained, “Thinking of the World Meeting, the Christian community intends to favour initiatives that effectively put families in contact with the world of work, to restate the recognition of the reciprocal rights and needs, respecting the primacy of the person and family concerning work.” Mons. Monti added, that there were several very current topics on the table such as, “the conciliation between the time of the profession and that of the family” and the “link between company and area at a time when fragmentation and delocalisation risk disconnecting the company from the civil community where it should be.”

The Open Days were organised as days in which the families of workers and townspeople could enter the places of work and, in some cases, take part in discussions and conferences. The Open Day was held at Vizzolo Predabissi hospital in the deaconate of Melegnano on

Saturday 14 April. There were testimonies and speeches by experts. The Open Day in Seregno was held in Effebiquattro on Saturday 21 April. A visit to the production stages in the factory was organised followed by some testimonies - a mother, a young man, a temporary worker, an immigrant, a manager in the Family Counselling service of the deaconate and a local civil servant. Three appointments were arranged in the pastoral area of Sesto San Giovanni - in Limbiate (10 March), Bresso and Cernusco sul Naviglio (24 March). The local com-

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munities organised them with the coordination of the Christian Workers Movement. The organisers invited all 21 companies in the village to the Open Day at Costa Masnaga and more than half accepted the invitation. Staff led visitors round the production departments, showing the operation of the plant and the companies. Holy Mass was celebrated by the Episcopal Vicar Monsignor Bruno Molinari in Limonta S.p.A. on Sunday 15. The Open Day at ‘Fratelli Bergamaschi’ of Caronno Pertusella was organised for Saturday 28 April. Lastly, the Open Day was held at ‘Scatolificio Nespoli’ in Giussano on Saturday 5 May with a speech by Professor Egidio Riva, sociologist of employment at the Catholic University with testimonies from a businessman, a craftsman, trade unionist and a member of a non-profit company. ■



## THE BOOKLETS

### The series 'In the Family' is completed with the volume on 'Celebration'. Three volumes to prepare for the World Meeting of Families. Stories on canvas, the written word and music

'La Festa. Strumenti interattivi per le catechesi del VII Incontro Mondiale delle Famiglie' (Celebration. Interactive tools for the catechesis of the VII World Meeting of Families), the third volume completing the series 'In the Family', created by Fondazione Milano Famiglie 2012 in preparation for the VII World Meeting of Families (Milan, 30 May-3 June 2012), is now available in all bookshops in Italy. The book contains all the official texts of the preparatory catechesis for Family 2012 and various multi-media points to prepare for the appointment with Pope Benedict XVI in Milan. 'Remember Saturday to sanctify it' - the warning of the Third Commandment invites people to remember God's great work of the Creation culminating in contemplative rest. The full path proposed by the booklet of the liturgy to investigate in-depth and appreciate the meaning of celebration starts from this point. Stories on canvas, the written word and music are just some of the many tools made available by the volume for reflection on the subject of Celebration, essential not just for the family but for the whole of society, called on to live it as a

special opportunity for meeting the Other and others. The music proposed for reflecting includes the particular frame of Alessandra Amoroso 'Prenditi cura di me...ho un disperato bisogno di crederci ancora' (Take care of me... I desperately still need to believe), Fiorella Mannoia 'Fa' che sia vita la nostra, una vita senza la noia...una vita piena di gioia' (Act so that ours is life, a life without boredom... a life full of joy) and Laura Pausini 'Ho cercato la bellezza e l'ho trovata in fondo alla semplicità' (I was looking for beauty and I found it in the depths of simplicity), while Dacia Maraini and Susanna Tamaro's thoughts refer to the responsibility of choosing how to live one's time. The contributions of contemporary artists, the stories on canvas by famous painters and the quotes from film make the toolbox even fuller for individual, pair or group reflection. The references to the video-interviews made by the director Giovanni Calamari to tell of 'normally exceptional' families and the work of contemporary artists like Dr He Qi are important points for stating the training of the catechesis. The trailer presenting the book 'In famiglia. Strumenti interattivi per le



catechesi del VII Incontro Mondiale delle Famiglie' can be found in the Notizie (News) section of [www.family2012.com](http://www.family2012.com). 'La Festa. Strumenti interattivi per le Catechesi del VII Incontro mondiale delle Famiglie'. Mons. Domenico Sguaitamatti, Don Maurizio Tremolada, Don Domenico Sirtori, Giovanni Cattaneo and Gaspare Fumagalli co-operated with 'Family2012-Comunicazione'. 87 pages, Euro 5.90 Edited by Itl, including catechesis 8, 9 and 10. ■

## MATERIALS



### At the World Meeting with the Family kit Personalised services for the pilgrims

The Family 2012 gadgets in the Family Kit to be distributed those registered for the VII World Meeting of Families in packages A1, A2, B1 and B2 are caps, rucksack, T-shirt, badge, scarf and card-holder. In addition to the gadgets, the Family Kit for packages A1, A2, B1 and B2 includes a card for public transport in the city of Milan and regional railways, the insurance cover, free entrance to the planned cultural activities, the booklet of the liturgy and the guide to the Family, the (free) access pass to the events with Pope Benedict XVI - the celebration of testimonies on Saturday 2 June and Holy Mass

on Sunday 3. Official merchandising is a useful recognition tool for the pilgrims and a memory of a meeting that will enter the history of the Church and country, even for those who can't go to Milan but will follow the event from home.

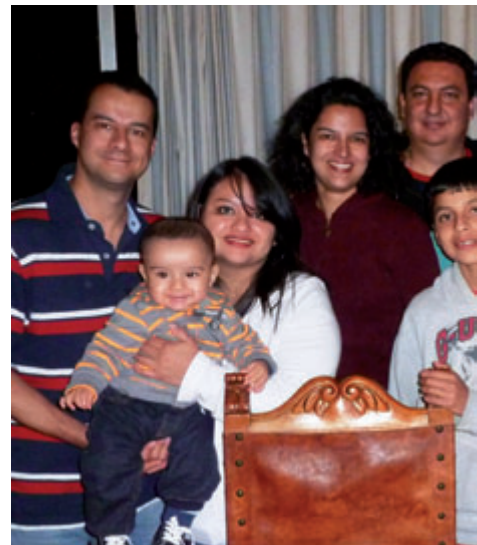
Go to the section 'Kit' at [www.family2012.com](http://www.family2012.com) for more information.



GUATEMALA  
America



CAPITALE: Guatemala city  
POPOLAZIONE: 14,650,000  
GOVERNO: Presidential republic



# From Guatemala “This is the role of the family” What a couple who prepare engaged couples for marriage say

We have had the privilege of preparing couples to receive the sacrament of marriage for many years. Although we didn't receive this guide when we married 40 years ago, this service has illuminated our path. While we grew in this marvellous apostolate,

we discovered that the Church asks that each marriage fulfils certain 'tasks' to construct the family and the church at the same time, as they then have to untangle themselves in a society that would like to put human and Christian values to one side. If all the couples

were aware of these tasks at the time they decide to unite their lives to grow old together, they would avoid many sorrows and wouldn't waste time in things without any value. However, it's never too late to assume these occupations.

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## A family, a story

### The testimony of the Palmieri family - “Hand in hand with God” The testimony of moral and ethical values from the families of origin



We started our life as a couple 26 years ago. After a 5-year engagement, we've had our first 21 years of married happiness. We're a family labelled as 'numerous' as God has blessed us with six wonderful treasures, four boys and two girls who range in age from 8 to 20. The foundation of our marriage was made solid by the education we received in our families. We were both born into Catholic families where our parents ensured we had a good education based on moral and ethical val-



Left, the Antillón family. Bottom left, the Maya monuments at Tikal in northern Guatemala

### LABORATORY OF MANKIND

Just like a piece of clay, each child is the raw material from which to make a work of art. Sometimes, this task becomes difficult as the individuality of each child must be taken into consideration, but particularly what sees us involved as parents, this laboratory must have the tools to be able to create our work.

### LOVE

Human love generated by parents and consecrated by the love of God. Love is the compass that must guide us so that our children learn to love. Human love cannot grow without the love of He who gave His life for us.

### DIALOGUE

What separates from other animal species is the ability to communicate verbally. This ability is enriched by gestures, looks and caresses (non-verbal language) which enable an appropriate relationship to be established.

### EXAMPLE

The testimony of our relationship as a couple is the best tool in our laboratory.

### SANCTUARY OF LIFE

The domestic hearth is the place where life is respected and promoted from conception to natural death. Each moment of family life results in bonds being strengthened and that there is always the desire to return to this 'port' where each member feels loved and protected, disinterestedly, if not just because they are part of the family. We must make an effort so that our domestic hearth is a sanctuary of life.

### DOMESTIC CHURCH

How wonderful to go into a house and see a picture of our Mother or a cross, a lighted candle, or many other examples of the fact that we're at home, in a home of Jesus because He lives there, and is part of the family. It's equally striking to go into a shop and find a little altar in the corner. We immediately think we're among brothers and sisters. These displays are disappearing. By making our

home a little church, we make a great contribution to the Catholic education of our children. Advent, Christmas, Lent, the month dedicated to the Madonna, the month of the rosary and many other festivities that make up the spirituality of the family are celebrated at home. The celebrations for our birthdays and anniversaries, sickness and the dead are accompanied by the presence of God through the Eucharist and prayer. "The family that prays together stays together." Being the first educators in the faith of our children, we become a very important part of their spiritual life. It's a great responsibility that, carried forward with fun and participation, becomes an easy task to fulfil.

### BASE CELL

When we understand that there must be rules, limits, respect, concern for the others, consequences of our actions and responsibility at home, we realised that the family is society in miniature. It's a school of sociability. What our children have learnt at home will be useful to relate to others... at school, work and in daily life and will be with them for the rest of their lives. If each couple, each family assumed these jobs, we would have a better society and a stronger church. Generally, when they unite their lives, young couples are more worried about obtaining economic stability, competing for a place in society, and many other 'things' that, rather than uniting them, separate them. It's the common symptom - the lack of time to grow closer to God, the source of love and strength.

### OUR EXPERIENCE

As a family, we've had good times and others less good... At the beginning, although we were married 'by the church', we didn't invite God to come and live with us until the time when, through an experience as a couple, we had our meeting with Him, both personally and as a couple. This transformed our marriage. At present, two of our children have already formed their families and these are stable and united. Although there are always difficult moments, they have learnt to face them, guided by the hand of God, the only counsellor able to orient the steps towards a full life, to fulfil the tasks entrusted to each one.

*Julio and Dora Ileana Antillón*

ues, in addition to a solid Christian education. The fact that we grew up in united families, where there was consistency between what was taught and what was done, where love, generosity, respect, dedication, and many other virtues were experienced, encouraged us to unite our lives to form a family. In all this time we've had many times of happiness but there have also been very painful moments. Due to the fact that we've never let go of God's hand, we've met people who have helped us to overcome the obstacles and led us to have a solid, stable but above all very

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happy marriage. We make an effort to transmit what we experienced in our original families to our children; thank God that we formed a family where our children find respect, understanding, care for everyone and much love. The fact that we have a good relationship enables us to do many things as a family, like going to Mass together on Sundays, going on a pilgrimage in Holy Week, all being at the family Christmas

lunch at great grandmother Carmela's home, taking part in activities in which we help a needy person or we go to visit a sick person. We return just a small part of what God's providence gives us every day. We ask the Holy Family to stay in our homes so that, with the effort of everyone, we can help each one to find their path to return to the House of God, being a faithful witness and messenger of the love of God.

# Official Calendar Of The Seventh World Meeting Of Families 2012

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 Holy Mass of Pentecost (Whitsunday) celebrated by His Eminency Cardinal Angelo Scola with all the volunteers of the Seventh World Meeting of Families 2012		
Tuesday 2 9 <sup>th</sup> May	International Family Fair, and Family Bookshop Welcoming of delegations and families Official opening of International Family Fair and Family Bookshop		
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Mass in parishes (Fiera Milano City) Theological - Pastoral Congress International Family Fair and Family Bookshop Congress Opening Ceremony 10.00 I Lecture 11.00 II Lecture 13.00 Lunch	(Fiera Milano City) Debates, testimonies, round tables 15.00 Session I 17.00 Session II	Dinner of the attendees with hosting Families or Parishes  - Reception of the delegates and celebration in the hosting parishes - Pastoral communities, groups, associations and movements
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Holy Mass in Parishes Theological - Pastoral Congress International Family Fair and Family Bookshop Congress 9.00 III Lecture 10.00 IV Lecture 13.00 Lunch	(In Milan and in the other dioceses) Meetings, debates, testimonies, panel discussions, workshops	- Dinner for attendees at the site of events - A moment of celebration at the site of afternoon events
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Holy Mass in the parishes (Fiera Milano City) Theological - Pastoral Congress International Family Fair and Family Bookshop Congress 9.00 V Lecture 10.00 VI Lecture 13.00 Lunch	(In the other important places of Milan) Meetings, debates, testimonies, panel discussions, workshops  17.00 the Holy Father arrives at Milan airport - Linate 17.30 Piazza Duomo: meeting with the citizens Speech of the Pope	19:30 Concert at the Teatro alla Scala reserved to the Holy Father and Official Delegations Dinner for attendees at the site of afternoon events  21.30 Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral, in the major church and parishes of the diocese
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	International Family Fair and Family Bookshop 10.00 at Duomo: Celebration Liturgie of the Hour with the participation of priests, religious men and woman. Meditation of the Holy Father 11.00 at the San Siro Stadium: meeting of the Holy Father with the confirmands  Celebrations and meetings either for Parishes and movements or for specific groups	From early afternoon starts reception and animation in Milano Parco Nord - Aeroporto Bresso with the Feast of the testimonies At 17.00 in the Archdiocese: Meeting with the civil authorities. Speech by the Holy Father	Feast of the testimonies with Benedict XVI (Parco Nord Milano Bresso Airport) 20.00 the Pope arrives at Milan Park-North Airport Bresso  1.30 The Holy Father leaves Milano Parco Nord - Aereoporto Bresso and returns in Archbishops
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.00 Milan Parco Nord Bresso airport Holy Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI	<p><b>■ HOW TO REQUEST YOUR PASS FOR THE EVENTS</b></p> <p>To participate in the meetings with the Pope (Feast of Testimonies on Saturday, June 2nd and the Holy Mass on Sunday, June 3rd) you need to have free access pass. You can request for your pass on the website <a href="http://www.family2012.com">www.family2012.com</a> : you need register on the "Registration" area. Then, by accessing to the section "Free pass" you can request the pass for you and for your family members. Remember you have to print the pass on your own.</p>	