

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE FAMILY
V WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
VALENCIA 2006



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1. What is it?

The WMF is a very large gathering convened by the Holy Father every three years in order to pray, dialogue, learn and share regarding the role of the Christian family as the domestic church and basic unit of the new evangelization.

The previous World Meetings were held in:

- Rome 1994
- Brazil 1997
- Rome 2000
- Manila 2003

VALENCIA 2006

Our Fifth World Meeting of Families will be held in Valencia (Spain) from July 1-9, 2006.

The theme of the Meeting will be: "THE TRANSMISSION OF FAITH IN THE FAMILY".

2. Visual Identity

2.1 LOGO

2.2 WEB PAGE

2.1 THE LOGO

The Family, the basic cell of society

In the drawing, the family is conceptualized as a cell, and all the cells together make up the social fabric.

The Family Around the World

The logo gives the idea of the globe, while the colors represent the different human cultures and races. This all signifies that the meeting is a world event.

The Cross

This is the mark the Christian family bears in order to be the Lord's presence in the whole world.

2.2 WEB PAGE

www.wmf2006.org

A web page has been created that is constantly updated so that users can keep informed about everything related to the V WMF. They can consult material ranging from the history of all the previous World Meetings, to documents and news, as well as find links to other interesting Catholic websites and download videos and images.

REGISTRATION WEB PAGE

Regular participation in the events of the V WMF requires registration.

This can be done through the parishes, dioceses, movements, associations, educational centers, clubs and other organizations to which the members of each group are linked.

Registration can also be done on-line through the web page by the Local Promoters.

VOLUNTEERS' WEB PAGE

Since very great numbers of people are expected, the Fifth WMF will need the unprecedented help of volunteers in carrying out the event.

For this reason, it is necessary to begin by defining what a volunteer is, who can be one, where they can register, etc.

3. Fifth World Meeting of Families Valencia 2006

PROGRAM PLANNED

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July 1-7	International Family Fair
July 4-7	Theological-Pastoral Congress
The evening of July 7	Family Rosary
The afternoon of July 8	Festive Meeting with Testimonies
The morning of July 9	Concluding Eucharist presided by the Pope

4. Organization

H.H. Benedict XVI

“On 22 February this year, the venerable Holy Father John Paul II convoked the *Fifth World Meeting of Families* to take place in Valencia, Spain, selecting as its theme: "The transmission of faith in the family", and fixing the date for the first week in July 2006.

I am pleased to confirm the convocation of this important World Meeting of Families” (The Pope’s Letter to Cardinal López Trujillo, May 17, 2005).

Pontifical Council for the Family: **H.E. Cardinal A. López Trujillo**

Patronage

ORGANIZATION CHART V WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

H.H. Benedict XVI

Pontifical Council Family
Card. López Trujillo

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5. Locations

CONGRESS AND FAMILY FAIR LOCATION

Fair and Congress

The International Theological-Pastoral Congress from July 4-7, and the events of the International Family Fair from July 1-7 will take place in the Valencia Fair ground facilities.

This place was chosen because of its suitability in terms of capacity and the material resources available at the Valencia Fair.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FAIR

International Family Fair

What is it?

It is an area where associations, movements, organizations and other bodies working in favor of the family around the world can have a place to show and share their identity, activities, projects and experiences.

Activities

- Exposition stands for each organization.

- A Forum for exchanging experiences.
- Recreational activities for youngsters with initiatives that ENCOURAGE FAMILY LEISURE TIME.

THEOLOGICAL-PASTORAL CONGRESS

What is it?

A meeting for in-depth study and dialogue, with world-renowned speakers, on themes related to “The Transmission of Faith in the Family”.

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 4

Afternoon:

- Congress Opening.
- Lecture.
- Cultural event.

Wednesday and Thursday,

July 5-6

Morning:

- Prayer.
- Two central lectures.
- A round table.
- The Eucharist.

Afternoon:

- Question and answer session on themes dealt with in the morning.
- Three simultaneous thematic groups (in each group, in addition to Spanish, two other languages will be used).
- Artistic-cultural activities.

Friday, July 7

Morning:

The same program as for Wednesday and Thursday.

Afternoon:

- Reading of Final Document.
- Closing Session.
- The Family Rosary.

The Rosary will be dramatized by children, and each Mystery will be led by families.

Saturday, July 8

Morning:

- Eucharistic celebration in language groups in various parishes of Valencia presided by the Cardinals and Bishops attending.

VALENCIA

Because of its geographic location, the city of Valencia has optimal conditions for holding an event like the WMF.

Located on the shores of the Mediterranean, it has an important transportation and communication network, in addition to enjoying a climate that is very agreeable to all those who come to visit.

It also has infrastructures and services that are perfectly equipped to handle a great number of people.

WMF 2006 AREA

Situation and Access

The area around the “City of Arts and Sciences” where the Fifth World Meeting of Families will be held was chosen for the following reasons.

- The available area (647,395 m²) will make it possible for more than 1,200,000 persons to take part in the event in places close to the main setting.

- The area can be reached from any point in the city through large, wide roads and avenues that channel the flow of traffic. It is easy to reach from the beltway and the ring road without interrupting city traffic.

- It is also possible to arrive through the old riverbed road (now converted into a garden). Participants can safely walk along this road to the meeting area.

- It is an emblematic area because the City of Arts and Sciences and its surroundings are reference points in Valencia today.

THE FESTIVE MEETING WITH TESTIMONIES

Saturday July 8,

In the afternoon

What is it?

It is a festive celebration with testimonies given by families from different parts of the world about their experiences of lived faith, especially in particular circumstances. The testimonies alternate with artistic-cultural performances by world-renowned artists.

Activities

- Prayer.
- Festive celebration with testimonies.
- The Holy Father's Message.
- Conclusion with fireworks.

CONCLUDING EUCHARIST

Sunday, July 9

In the morning

Presided by the Holy Father

The culmination of the V World Meeting of Families will be the concelebrated Eucharist presided by the Holy Father Benedict XVI. His Holiness' homily and the participation of thousands in this Eucharistic celebration will make this encounter of faith an unforgettable experience.

During the celebration, some married couples that have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary will renew their marriage vows.

COMMUNICATIONS

Valencia has an excellent communications system (airport, port, railway, highway network) that makes it readily accessible from the principal Spanish and European cities, and from the rest of the world.

Information:

Web page: www.wmf2006.org