



“Marriage and Family, Future of Society”

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Introduction . WFC, the World Congress of Families

The World Congress of Families VI (WCF Madrid 2012) provides an international forum to address solutions for the social crisis derived from the family's crisis. The dynamics of relativism have undermined the basis of the family institution, therefore affecting key areas of the human being. The lack of family roots can weaken a person making him susceptible to the biggest threats: policies and legislation against human dignity and today's economic crisis.

The objectification of the human being, and the oppressive "sexualization", have resulted in the loss of the true meaning of love and the demographic winter, this latter also due to the aggressive anti-birth policies, while economically society declines and becomes corrupted. These problems affect both "rich" and "poor" nations. This social and family crisis derives from an erroneous anthropological concept, which lacks ethics and respect for the human beings as ends unto themselves. When family breaks down, the fundamental ethical principles which are transmitted in the family circle are also damaged. The Congress will approach this issue within the proposal: the natural family.

A positive proposal: The natural family

To defend **the natural family** and marriage we need to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the 21st century, which is one of the WFC objectives. It is key to provide alternatives which are viable, promote society regeneration, and are marked by freedom and human dignity in order to face those policies that have undermined the family (the homosexual lobby, birth control, anti-life policies including abortion and euthanasia, the gender approach, human rights distortion).

The WCF is therefore promoting **the parents' right to educate their children**, especially in the affective sphere that sustains and reinforces a suitable ethical upbringing. This is essential to achieve the change towards a more just society.

Another objective of the WCF is the defense of Freedom, protected by the human rights enshrined by law, as the basis for society change. This includes religious freedom as a framework in which to express the valid feelings of transcendence of each individual, to which everyone is entitled.

"Marriage and the Family, the Future of Society" is the theme of the World Congress of Families 2012, as it aims to continue promoting change towards a culture of life and a society focused on the human person.



What is the World Congress of Families?

The World Congress of Families (WCF) is the world's largest cultural and international event of the civil society pro-family and pro life .

Every two or three years, the WCF gathers people over a weekend to celebrate the natural family, to share information and ideas regarding pro-life activities and the promotion of the dignity of the human person . This conference also looks to influence society and legislation towards the advancement of the culture of life . The 2012 edition will focus on two key areas : freedom of education and freedom of religion

The WCF is sponsored by more than 30 civil society organizations from the five continents, and it is the biggest pro life and pro family international event. The 2012 edition will take place in Madrid, and its host committee will be the Spanish civil organization **HazteOir.org**.

The WCF will count with the participation of some of the most notable scientifics, politicians and intellectual leaders like **Rocco Buttiglione** (vicepresident of the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian republic), **Francisco Tatad** (Philippine Congress member and pro life representative), the Spanish writer **Aníbal Cuevas**, o **Jaime Mayor Oreja**. Other distinguished participants will be Dr. **Alveda C. King** (Martin Luther King niece), **Javier Menéndez Ros** (Ayuda la Iglesia Necesitada director), **Alejandro Macarrón** (Hispasat consultant) and **Ignacio Sánchez Cámara** (Philosophy of Law professor).

The World Congress of Families' main focus is the defence and promotion of the Natural Family . The Natural Family , as it is stated in the document " The natural family, a manifesto " is centered around the voluntary union of a man and a woman in a lifelong covenant of marriage, for the purposes of creating a family and sharing a home , becoming the fundamental society unit .

Dr Allan Carlson, one of the Manifesto writers, is the founder of the WFC

For more information about "The Natural family, a manifesto ":

<http://congresomundial.es/wp-content/uploads/La-Familia-Natural-Un-Manifiesto-The-Natural-Family-A-Manifiesto.pdf>

The first edition of the Congress was held in Prague (Check Republic,) in 1997 and it gathered over 700 delegates from 200 organizations from 43 different nations. WCF I Focused especially on family reconstruction in the post-communist nations.



WCF II took place in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1999, gathered 1600 delegates from 270 organizations from 65 nations. The main focus of the Congress was the anti-family politics being pursued at the UN.

WCF II was held in Mexico City in 2004 and gathered 3300 delegates from 75 different countries. In 2007 the WCF IV was celebrated in Warsaw, Poland, and gathered more than 3,900 delegates from all around the world. WCF IV focused on the reality and consequences of the “demographic winter”. The WCF V, held in Amsterdam, Holland, in 2009 gathered delegates from 63 different nations, and focused on the institution that Natural Family is.



WCF VI International Parliamentary Forum

The International Parliamentary Forum, is a multidisciplinary meeting to take place at the [World Congress of Families](#) . It will gather political representatives and civil society leaders , in order to analyze and propose solutions addressing the situation of the family within the political and international legislation areas

This Forum is sponsored by the association “Profesionales por la ética”, and will be chaired by **Mr. Jaime Mayor Oreja** , **Mrs. Anna Zaborska (MEP)** , Lucca Volonté (Council of Europe , Chairperson PACE) and **Larry Jacobs** (*Executive Director of the World Congress of Families*).

More information: <http://congresomundial.es/el-wcf-vi-madrid/foro-parlamentario/>

WCF VI Academic Seminar

The Family Study Center of the Francisco de Vitoria University (Madrid) will coordinate the Academic Seminar. This event will gather a selection of international experts on family issues with a diverse background : theology, psychology, anthropology, sociology, anthropology, ethics or law . The Seminar will be chaired by [Dr. Allan C. Carlson](#), Ph.D, International Secretary of the World Congress of Families, President of The Howard Center, and directed by Dr. María Lacalle .

It will feature keynote speakers of great interest like **Juan Pérez Soba**, professor, John Paul II Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family (Italy) , **Helen Alvaré**, Family law professor in Virginia (USA) and **Sylvia Asay**, Family Study professor at the University of Nebraska (USA)

More information : <http://congresomundial.es/el-wcf-vi-madrid/seminario-academico/>

Other Activities

The program of the Congress will feature other initiatives like the Youth Forum, the Exhibitors Expo, the Research papers communication and the WCF Song Contest

More information: <http://congresomundial.es/patrocinadores/feria-de-expositores/>

Participants, Guests and keynote speakers



The WFC VI Madrid 2012 will count with the participation of significant leaders in the scientific, intellectual, political or social fields , and enriching testimony presentations .

These are some of the key participants :

From **United States** :

- Dr. Allan C. Carlson, President of Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society;
- Alan Sears, President of Alliance Defense Fund;
- Dra. Alveda C. King, niece of Martin Luther King and Founder of King for America;
- Richard Cohen, Psicotherapist and writer of Understanding and Healing Homosexuality;
- Helen Alvaré, Associate Professor of Family Law and Property at George Mason University;
- Dr.Ted Baehr; of MOVIEGUIDE;
- Larry Jacobs, Vice President of Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society and Managing Director of the WCF VI;
- Sharon Slater, from Family Watch International;
- Dr. Janice Shaw Crouse, of Concerned Women of America;
- Vicky Thorn, Founder of the National Office for Post Abortion Reconciliation and Healing
- Dr. Cynthia Jones-Nosacek, MD graduated from Loyola Univ Of Chicago.

From **Europe**:

- Jaime Mayor Oreja (Spain), member of the European Parliament;
- Card. Ennio Antonelli (Italy) President of the Pontifical Council for Family (Holy See);
- Rocco Buttiglione (Italy), Vice President of the Chamber of Deputies;
- Dra. Mónica López Barahona (Spain), Doctor and Searcher of the Center for Biosanitary Studies;
- Mons. Juan Antonio Reig Pla (Spain), Bishop of Alcalá de Henares;
- Anne Coffinier (France), Fondation Pour l'Ecole Education;
- Tobias Teuscher (Germany), member of the European Parliament;
- Javier Menéndez Ros (Spain), director of Aid to the Church in Need;
- Alejandro Macarrón (Spain), consultant at Hispasat;
- Catherine Vierling (Belgium), founder and General Secretary of European Forum for Human Rights and Family;
- Luca Volonté (Italy), member of the European Parliament. Presidential Committee, Monitoring Committee, Political Committee, Social Affairs and Family Committee;



- Anatoly Antonov (Russia), teacher of Sociology at Lomonosov Moscow State University;
- Anna Záborská (Slovakia), member of the European Parliament;
- Fco. José Contreras Peláez (Spain), Professor at University of Seville;
- Anibal Cuevas (Spain), writer and family advisor;
- Ángel Pintado (Spain), president of Acción Mundial de Parlamentarios por la Vida (World Action of MPs for Life);
- Lola Velarde (Spain), President of the European Network of the Institute for Family Policy;
- Ignacio Sánchez Cámara (Spain), Professor of Philosophy of Law;
- José Javier Esparza (Spain), journalist and writer;
- Álex Rosal (Spain), journalist and publisher;
- César Vidal (Spain), writer and journalist;
- Francisco Reinoso Barbero (Spain), Children's Pain Unit Coordinator at Hospital Universitario La Paz (Madrid).

From **America, Australia, Africa:**

- Theresa Okafor (Nigeria), CEO of Life League Nigeria, director of the Foundation for African Cultural Heritage (FACH);
- Mary Louise Fowler (Australia), Australian Family Association;
- Carmen Domínguez (Chile), Director of the Center of the Family at Catholic University of Chile;
- Christine de Vollmer (Venezuela), President of Alliance for the Family;
- Vivian Sleiman (Venezuela), radio speaker and author of the book *Virgen a los treinta* ("Still a virgin at 30 years");
- Dr. Jorge Scala (Argentina), National University of Córdoba;
- Vicente Segú (Mexico)
- Marie Claire Hernández (Mexico), Red Familia.



Program and activities

WCF VI Madrid 2012 extends invitation to both adults and young people from Spain, Europe and the rest of the world . It provides an opportunity for people who want to share their thoughts and ideas in order to be better equipped to later influence their countries' most prominent people .

The participants are of every age for both men and women . The Congress will feature civil organization's leaders, Christian leaders, Jewish and Muslim faith leaders plus representatives from the political and secular world .

The WCF 2012 will be held at the Madrid Palacio de Congresos . The venue offers a 2,000 plus capacity . The conference will feature a limited exhibition area, which promotes informal networking and a unique extension of the Congress experience, by raising the profile of Pro Life and Pro-Family activities throughout the World

The Congress will be broadcast live on Internet . Virtual audience might easily reach thousands of people . Social media will also help to raise the profile of the event .

The WCF will feature a social program, with youth activities, workshops and live music concerts .

The Congress participants will develop a Declaration – Manifesto Madrid – that will be published and addressed to relevant stakeholders and political leaders .

Marriage and Family : the future of Society

Day I: Friday, 25 May – 2012

The Case of Marriage.- (Speaker pending)

- *Family, future of society.- Chief Rabbi Moisés Bendahán (Spain)*
- *The Value of the Natural Family.- Dr. Janice Shaw Crouse (USA)*
- *The Family-Friendly economy.- Lola Velarde (Spain)*
- *Chair: Dr. Allan C. Carlson Ph.D, International Secretary of the WCF (USA)*

Demographic winter (How we got to where We are.)-(Speaker pending)

- *Introduction.- Joel Kotkin (USA)*
- *The cultural roots of Demographic Winter.- Donald Feder (USA)*
- *The Demographic Winter as a Threat to World Peace.- Douglas A. Sylva (USA)*
- *Large Families and The Way Out of Demographic Winter.- Alejandro Macarrón (Spain)*
- *Chair: John Mueller (USA)*

Natural Family and the revolution against the Family.- Cardinal Ennio Antonelli (Italia)

- *The Attacks on the Family.- Ignacio Sánchez Cámara (Spain)*



- *The Social Costs of Pornography.*- **Patrick Fagan (USA)**
- *Health Effects of Promiscuity and Infidelity.*- (**Speaker pending**)
- **Chair: Rev. Juan Antonio Reig Pla, Bishop of Alcalá de Henares (Spain)**

Panels

- *Family Social and Government Policies.*- Raúl Sánchez (Chair), (Spain) / John Mueller (USA) / Theresa Okafor (Nigeria) / Gwendoline Landolt (Canada) / Peter Westmore (Australia)
- *How to fight back against international law .*- Austin Ruse (Chair) (USA) / Piero A. Tozzi (USA) / Carmen Domínguez (Chile) / Roger Kiska (Austria)
- *Keeping Families Together: Practical Solutions.*- Consuelo León (Chair), (Spain) / Enrique Rojas (Spain) / Ignacio Buqueras (Spain) / Aníbal Cuevas (Spain)
- *Impact of European Social Policy on Latin America.*- Yuri Mantilla (Chair) (USA) / César Vidal (Spain) / Jorge Scala (Argentina) / William Saunders (USA)
- *The Demographic Winter.*- Donald Feder (Chair) (USA) / Steve Mosher (USA) / Steve Moot (USA) / Anatoly Antonov (Russia) / Igor Beloborodov (Russia) / Joel Kotkin (USA)
- *Family, Economics and Social Capital.*- Patrick Fagan (Chair) (USA) / Dr. Allan C. Carlson Ph.D (USA) / Greg Puppick (France) / Alfredo Dagnino (Spain)
- *Birth Control (Contraception) vs. Natural Family Planning.*- Mónica López Barahona (Chair) / Lech and Ewa Kowalewski (Poland) / Cindy Nosacek (USA) / Joseph Meaney (USA)
- *Authentic Women and Rediscovering Homemaking.*- Dorothy Patterson (USA) / Natalya Yakunina (Russia) / Shelly Locke (USA)

Concert for Families of the World - [Choir and Orchestra WYD Madrid 2011](#)

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM Friday 25 th May

International Parliamentary Forum (Room Europa)- Chair: Jaime Mayor Oreja & Anna Zaborska

Day II: Saturday 26 May 2012

Life and Family in International Law.- Austin Ruse (USA)

- *The Threat from Transnational Progressivism.*- **Piero A. Tozzi (USA)**
- *Presenting the San Jose Articles.*- Grover Joseph Rees (USA)
- **Chair: Peter Westmore (Australia)**



Culture of Live vs. Culture of Death: The Greatest Civil Rights Issue of Today.- Alveda C. King (USA) – Nephew of Marthin Luther King.

- *The global state of abortion (chemical & surgical).*- **Nicolas Jouvé (Spain)**
- *The Infertility problem.*- **Fr. Jaroslaw Szymczak (Poland)**
- *Value of the Person at the end of Life.*- **Alex Schadenberg (USA)**
- **Chair: Gábor Joya (Spain)**

The Homosexual Lobby.- Alan Sears (USA)

- *Solutions to Homosexual Behavior.*- **Richard Cohen (USA)**
- *Violation of Rights of Conscience today.*- **Roger Kiska (Slovakia)**
- *Effects of Social Experimentation and Same-Sex Adoption.*- **Carmen Domínguez (Chile)**
- **Chair: Benjamin Bull (USA)**

Panels

- *Hate Speech Laws and Anti-Discrimination to marginalize believers.*- Gudrun Kluger (Austria) / Ben Bull (USA) / Paul Coleman (UK) / Luis Fernando Pérez-Bustamante (Spain)
- *The Painful Reality of Abortion.*- Carmen Gómez-Lavín (Spain) / Vicky Thorn (USA) / Francisco Reinoso (Spain) / Esteban Rodríguez (Spain)
- *Social Cost of Pornography and Sex Trafficking.*- Mary Claire Hernández (México) / Mary Ann Layden (USA) / Patrick Trueman (USA) / Babette Francis (Australia)
- *Culture Wise Family.*- Ted Baher (Chair) (USA) / José Javier Esparza (Spain) / Alex Rosal (Spain) / Fernando Larraín (Spain)
- *How to Make Impact during Elections.*- Miguel Moreno (Chair) / Ben Harris-Quinney (UK) / Brian S. Brown (USA) / Carlos Beltramo (Spain)
- *Fighting for freedom to educate.*- Peter LaBarbera (Chair) (USA) / Alfonso Aparicio (Spain) / Anne Coffinier (France) / Jaime Urcelay (Spain) / William Jeynes (USA)
- *Politics without God.*- Ángel Pintado (Spain) / Fr. Juan Pérez Soba (Spain) / Francisco Tatad (Philippines)
- *Achievements of the ProLife and Profamily Movement Worldwide.*- Conrado Giménez (Chair) (Spain) / Alexey Komov (Russia) / Robert Colquhoun (UK) / Theresa Okafor (Nigeria) / Farooq Hassan (USA)



**Family Cinema
Movie Premiere**

**ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM Saturday 26 th May
Academic Seminar (09:00 am – 5:30 pm)-**

Youth Forum (09:30 am – 7.00 pm)

- *The Internet and Social Media as tools for outreach.- Alexey Komov (Chair) (Russia) / Miguel Moreno / Jaime Hernández (Spain) / Chris Carmouche*
- *Chastity and Abstinence: How to Develop Character.- Vivian Sleiman (Chair) (Venezuela) / Andrea Williams /Kamrad Mofid*
- *Successful Case Studies and Pro-Family Leadership.- Jesús Poveda (Spain) / David Bereit (UK) /James Nolan * /Vicente Segú (Mexico)*
- *The Future of the Pro-Life Movement: Will the Next Generation Be Pro-Family?.- Lila Rose (USA) / Sharon Slater / Alicia Latorre (Spain) /Marcia Barlow (USA)*

Day III: Sunday, 27 May 2012

Religious Services: Catholic Mass, Orthodox Liturgy, Evangelical Sunday Service

Freedom of Education (*Speaker pending*)

- *Homeschooling, an Alternative?.- (Speaker pending)*
- *School Voucher and other Ways of Guaranteeing the Parents' Right of Education.- (Speaker pending)*
- *The Role of the Media in the education of children / Indoctrination.- Ted Baher (USA)*
- **Chair: Jaime Urcelay (Spain)**

Freedom of Religion.- Rocco Buttiglione (Italy)

- *Religious Persecution Worldwide.- Paul Herzog Von Oldenburg (Belgique)*
- *Free Exercise of Religion and the Right to Live Out your Faith.- Francisco José Contreras (Spain)*
- *Religious Symbols in Public Spaces, a Right?.- Paige Patterson (USA)*
- **Chair: Javier Menéndez Ros (Spain)**

Strengthening the Family.- Sixto Porras (Mexico)

- *Love, intimacy and sex in marriage.- Christine de Vollmer (Venezuela)*
- *Promoting fatherhood, crisis of manhood.- Erich Kopischke (USA)*



- *Promoting motherhood, crisis of womanhood.- Dorothy Patterson (USA)*
- **Chair: Mary Louise Fowler (Australia)**

More information <http://congresomundial.es/el-wcf-vi-madrid/programa/>

The featured speakers will be international Pro family and Pro life leaders , scholars , politicians and activists . The three days' program will feature the Youth Forum, the International Parliamentary Forum, the music contest, and there will be nursery services available .

Social Program

Leisure activities available for participants and WCF Organization's guests

- World Congress of Families Opening Reception
- " Surprise " videos recorded at the WCF
- Spanish music shows : flamenco, tuna , folk dancers
- Live music concert for Life, Family and Freedom

Derecho a Vivir, HazteOir.org's platform in defence of life and human dignity as the organizer of the " DAV Music concerts " will be in charge of the organization of the Prolife music concert . This celebration will feature national and international artists as a closing event of the WCF social program .



Registration

WCF Online registration is available at www.congresomundial.es.

Registration languages are Spanish and English .

The Technical Secretariat is managed by El Corte Ingles with phone support in Spanish and English .

There are several registration fees available . The married couples have a unique fee, and the HazteOir.org affiliates will have a discount , just like the students or the affiliates from other organizations which are supporting the Congress , including the sponsors and exhibitors .

All the pro life and pro family organizations or institutions who demand it, will receive a 30% discount for their associates .

Large families are entitled to a 50% discount .

Registration fees

- VIP: 340 €
- Single: 110 €
- Married couples: 180 €
- Students : 50 €

All fees include: access to the conference, documentation and coffee breaks (lunches not included)



Organization

The World Congress of Families is an initiative of the Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society.

Named in honor of American educator and cultural critic John Addison Howard, **The Howard Center** is unique among serious students of family, religion, and a free society. Publishers of *The Family in America*, *New Research*, and *The Religion & Society Report*, The Howard Center is a leader among conservative and pro-family intellectual thought. As founder and co-convenor of the World Congress of Families,

The Howard Center shines a bright light of truth for all families of the world struggling to keep structurally intact, educated and informed, and insulated from modernist attacks. The Howard Center truly is a center for research, and the home for solutions. Dr. Allan C. Carlson is president of The Howard Center.

The WCF has two organization committees:

- International Managing Committee: made up of WCF partners
- Local Organization Committee in Spain: hosted by HazteOir.org

HazteOir.org is a Spanish civil organization that works to protect and promote life, family, and basic human rights and freedoms based on a Christian conception of manhood and society.

The **Local Organization Committee** is formed by:

- Director: Ignacio Arsuaga
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- Communication and PR : Isabel Alvarez
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Alliance for the Family
Americans United for Life
Associazione per la Difesa Dei Valori Cristiani – Luci sull'Est
Australian Family Association
Christian Concern
Christian Film and Television Commission
Concerned Women for America
Demographic Research Institute (Rusia)
Endeavour Forum
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
Ethics and Public Policy Center
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