

## UPF-Argentina's Peace Council signs the Honoring Life statement

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**Buenos Aires, Argentina** -- Members of UPF-Argentina's Peace Council signed the "Honoring Life" statement on June 1, 2017 in support of the 2017 Global Day of Parents, which was proclaimed by the UN in 2012 as a day to recognize the work of and "honor parents throughout the world."

The statement was distributed to the participants of the events the chapter held on June 7 and 9 to celebrate the International Day of Families.

### "Honoring Life"

#### UPF-Argentina Statement on the Global Day of Parents 2017

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF)-Argentina values and celebrates the Global Day of Parents\* (resolution 66/292, adopted by the UN General Assembly on September 17, 2012), and on this occasion, delivers the statement, "Honoring Life":

- 1. Life is a gift, and is the first, essential human right to ensure.** Life is being threatened everywhere, not only in areas of conflict and war, but also within society, by old and new political, economic, and social conditions, such as terrorism. Even if it is redundant: all rights and values come from the respect for life.
- 2. Honoring parents as the giver of life and values.** Being a responsible father and mother requires sacrifice, daily commitment, time, and love. Therefore, we reaffirm the value of those who decide to give birth to children, the most precious resource of humanity. We also value those who assumed this role in challenging social realities.
- 3. A father and a mother are the backbone of the family.** The understanding and communication with and mutual love between a father and mother are vital for raising a child and developing his/her talents, personality, and love; and for him/her to be honest and support the community. Children are the privileged ones in a home, which includes grandparents, keeper of traditions and source of experiences and wisdom.
- 4. Acknowledging and honoring the Creator,** our common origin according to the most diverse spiritual traditions. Maker of the sacred value of life, maker of the essential universal relationship: Father/Mother/Son-Daughter, which makes us belong to a great universal family. This divine essence in each being and our common destiny can be celebrated on this Global Day of Parents.

UPF considers it essential to create a culture of peace and achieve sustainable social development, which requires our commitment and daily cooperation. Therefore, we urge governments, non-profit organizations, companies and academic institutions to create conditions of well-being and stability through promoting and supporting innovative projects and programs aimed at increasing the value of life and the inalienable human dignity.