

WFWP and FFWPU Italy celebrated the UN Int'l Day of the Family in Rome

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WFWP Italy and FFWPU Italy celebrated the UN Int'l Day of the Family on 26 May 2019 together with our guests and friends in a small theatre in Rome.

It was a very International celebration, with representatives from Japan, Benin, Mexico and Ukraine. They offered some songs and typical dances, explaining their deep meanings. We also had an Italian performance by a very talented violinist.

WFWP Italy President Mrs. Elisabetta Nistri delivered a speech on the theme "To be a mother today". She made a short analysis of how the situation of the mothers today is different and more complicated than that of mothers in the past, for various reasons, for example they need to decide if they want to keep their job or if they wish to get pregnant; there are economical difficulties, and adequate family politics are missing, and even the role of a mother and a father are sometimes questioned. For these and several other reasons the traditional family structure is systematically being challenged instead of being supported and encouraged. It is important that we realise this and protect its rights and in particular those of women and mothers. This is a social question and the whole society will benefit from it.

FFUWP Italy President Giuseppe Cali reminded us of the words of Saint Francis when he asked God to make him an instrument for peace, to become able to give love and forgiveness instead of expecting that God would take care of our situations and resolve our problems. Here we see the importance of inviting God to work in our lives in order that our actions would be the expression of His will and His love.



We offered our commitment to continue to work together for the realisation of peace, and we shared a 'peace toast' together.

Mr. Carmine Natale of FFWPU Rome conducted the event, introducing the various guests and at the end he presented the three cakes that won a cake competition.

He presented the winners with their prizes which were organic foods.

We concluded the celebration tasting the most delicious cakes that were part of the competition, a total of 12 cakes.

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