International Day of the Family

Bergamo, Italy, 14. May 2016



spirit of sincere familiarity and brotherhood was the backdrop to the 2016 edition of the "International Day of Families" celebrated at the Hare Krishna village of Chignolo d'Isola in their public hall.

This has become traditional event dedicated to the value that the family has towards the building of peace. It was organized by UPF Bergamo in collaboration with the Federation of Women for Peace (WFWP), the Family Federation for Peace, Your Bergamo Association, the Islamic Community Bergamasca, the Ghanaian Community in Bergamo, the Evangelical Community of Seriate, the Hare Krishna Community of Chignolo.

The choir of the youth section of the Family Federation was the background and entertainment with several very popular songs followed then by the young musicians group of Hare Krishna

community who have offered some typical songs of Vedic culture

After the greeting and welcome of the host community, Carlo Zonato representing UPF Bergamo coordinated the various interventions; the speech was followed by presentations offered by the representatives of different faiths: Adosco Comito for the Federation of Families for Peace; Pastor Ted Samuel Tetteh for the community of "Christ Victory Church "Seriate; Marwa El Joulani wife of the president of the Islamic Community of Bergamo; the teacher of Vedic culture Bhakty Lhabya with a young Brahmin. Highly appreciated was also the experience offered by Mrs. Franca Oberti who gave testimony of her 40 years of marriage life: Nicola Sisto of "Your Bergamo Association " and Anim Andrews President of Ghanaian community in the province of Bergamo gave greetings and messages to the audience.

The theme on the family as a " school of love and peace "was, with various nuances, the common thread of the various interventions. While being aware of the degree of crisis that the family lives in the present situation, all present had not only the hope but the need that social reality can regain the family formed by father, mother and children as its founding point of strength To become new people to form strong, healthy families in their bonds of love and mutual support; families who will recreate the proper link between generations in order to unite the past, present and future right in a harmonious combination of grandparents, parents and children.

At the conclusion everyone present enjoyed a fine dinner and healthy cuisine prepared by the expert of the Hare Krishna community. Special thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this meeting.

