



May 1, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As is well known, the Eighth World Meeting of Families will take place in Philadelphia in September of 2015, and Pope Francis will join this celebration. This is the first time this major event is occurring within the United States.

The theme of this gathering, *Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*, is of particular interest to us as pro-life leaders. No family can be fully alive, of course, if the youngest children are devalued and killed by abortion. Moreover, as we strive to bear witness every day, the saving of lives is a mission inspired by and carried out by the power of love.

Having expressed our interest in this event by a letter sent last summer to Pope Francis, to the Pontifical Council for the Family, and to Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, we have been granted permission to hold an international, interdenominational pro-life event within the week of activities that marks the World Meeting of Families.

Therefore, we would like to invite you to join us in Philadelphia on Wednesday, September 23, from 6 to 7:45pm. This pro-life event will be marked by prayer and special presentations by high profile leaders, as well as by an opportunity for pro-life activists from around the world to meet each other and to share the work and resources of their organizations.

Please save the date and publicize it among your contacts. We will keep you informed of further details at [www.ProLifeWorldEvent.com](http://www.ProLifeWorldEvent.com).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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