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World Congress of Families IX Announces Additional Participants

Archbishop, athlete are among the experts and advocates coming to S.L.C.

SALT LAKE CITY— Today the World Congress of Families (WCF) announced a list of additional participants who will speak at the historic ninth World Congress of Families to be held Oct. 27-30, 2015, in Salt Lake City. As the first congress to take place in the United States, WCF IX will bring together scholars, leaders, and family advocates from around the world to affirm and defend the natural family.

"There is a groundswell of involvement with each addition to the upcoming congress," said Janice Shaw Crouse, executive director of WCF IX. "The Salt Lake City congress will feature a diverse and dynamic group of pro-family supporters to share ideas, discuss strategies, and rally fellow advocates worldwide around this critical cause."

The initial slate of speakers and participants was announced last week and can be viewed on WCF IX's official website, <u>www.wcf9.org</u>. WCF will be announcing four participants each week throughout the summer.

The names released this week include:

<u>Archbishop Cordileone</u> is an American prelate of the Roman Catholic Church and the archbishop of San Francisco, Calif. Cordileone chairs the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage and sits on the Committee for Canonical Affairs. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America, the Governing Board of the International Theological Institute, and the Subcommission on the Liturgy for the Anglican Ordinariates.



SHEKI DEW Deseret Book Company REV. JIM GARLOW Skyline Church JESUS AND MARLE-CLAIRE HERNANDEZ Red Familia (Mexico) DR. ALVEDA KING Priests for Life JOHN KLINK International Catholic Migration Commission DRS. PAIGE AND DOROTHY PATTERSON, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminany CHRISTINE AND ALBERTO VOLLMER Latin American Alliance for the Family (Venezuela)

SELECTED LIST OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

DEE ALLSOP Heart & Mind Strategies IGNACIO ARSUAGA HazteOir.org (Spain) DR. TED BAEHR Movieguide BRIAN BROWN National Organization for Marriage BEN BULL Alliance Defending Freedom DR. ALLAN CARLSON The Howard Center SILVIO DALLA VALLE Defense of Christian Values (Italy) DR. PAT FAGAN Family Research Council **BABETTE FRANCIS** Endeavor Forum (Australia) REV. GREG JOHNSON Standina Toaether LECH KOWALEWSKI Friends of Human Life (Poland) GWEN LANDOLT Real Women of Canada KEITH MASON Personhood USA TOM MCCALLIE Maclellan Foundation MIGUEL MORENO Leadership Institute ERROL NAIDOO Family Policy Institute (South Africa) DEAN NELSON Frederick Douglass Foundation THERESA OKAFOR Foundation for African Cultural Heritage (Nigeria) LONNIE POINDEXTER The Black Conservative Summit DR. JENNIFER ROBACK-MORSE Ruth Institute AUSTIN RUSE Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute VICENTE SEGU Fundacion Incluyendo Mexico MICHAL SEMIN Action DOST (Czech Republic) GLENN STANTON Focus on the Family SENATOR FRANCISCO TATAD Phillipine ERIC TEETSEL Manhattan Declaration FATHER JOSIAH TRENHAM Saint Andrew Orthodox Church ANDREA VICICH Angels of Charity Music (Peru) LUCA VOLONTÉ Former MEP, Novae Terrae Foundation (Italy) ANDREA WILLIAMS Christian Concern (UK) CHARMAINE YOEST Americans United for Life **Jarrod Polson** is a former University of Kentucky basketball player. After living out his lifelong dream of playing basketball for his beloved Wildcats, Jarrod co-authored "Living Beyond the Dream," a book detailing his road to Kentucky, the experiences he had as a player, and ultimately his faith story. Polson also works with Kentucky Non-Profit Funds and Remix Education.

Brian S. Brown is the Co-Founder of the National Organization for Marriage (NOM) and has served as its President since 2010, having previously served as Executive Director. NOM is a nonprofit political organization established in 2007 with the mission of "protecting marriage and the faith communities that sustain it."

Pat Fagan, Ph.D., is Director of the Marriage and Religion Research Institute, a social science institute studying the impact of marriage, family, and religion on children, adults, and society in general. Over the course of his career, Fagan worked at the Free Congress Foundation, then later with Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana, and was ultimately appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Family and Community Policy at HHS under President George H.W. Bush.

The World Congress of Families (WCF) is the largest gathering of pro-family advocates in the world. WCF IX will seek to provide sound scholarship and effective strategies, and it will mobilize intellectual and advocacy resources to affirm and defend the natural family.

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