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VICARIATO DI ROMA

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World Meeting of Families

Dear families,

With great joy I announce to you, in agreement with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, that the blessed spouses Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi will be the patrons of the X World Meeting of Families, which will take place in Rome from 22 to 26 June 2022.

The Beltrame Quattrocchi couple were the first married couple beatified by the Catholic Church on 21 October 2001, under the pontificate of John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica, in the presence of their children Tarcisio, Paolo and Enrichetta.

The story of the entire family, who spent most of their lives in Rome, still appears today as an authentic, credible and current testimony of conjugal love. Their marriage, celebrated on November 25, 1905 in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, was lived on a constant path of spiritual growth.

In their spousal union, Luigi and Maria welcomed the great gift of life with confidence and joy. In fact, there were four children who gladdened their marriage and the two spouses, animated by a living faith, educated in the Gospel from an early age. The first three embraced the consecrated life: Filippo became a Benedictine monk with the name of Don Tarcisio; Stefania entered the Benedictine Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Milan and took the name of Sister Cecilia; and Cesare, who became a Trappist Father with the name of Paolino, is a candidate for the honors of the altars. The last born Enrichetta, a consecrated lay woman, declared Venerable by Pope Francis on August 30, 2021, spent her life always alongside her parents, in persevering prayer, consecrating herself to the Lord in the service of others.

The Beltrame Quattrocchi also deserves the credit for having created the first experience of vocational itineraries that would help young people to understand the beauty and importance of the Sacrament of Marriage or to guide them towards the choice of consecrated life. They were in fact the initiators of the Family Pastoral in the Diocese of Rome.

I urge you to take the example and testimony of the Beltrame Quattrocchi family, which embodies the theme of the next World Meeting of Families, "Family love, vocation and the way to holiness". Constructed by their witness of faith, we entrust all the families of the world to blessed Louis and Mary, especially those wounded and in difficulty, tried by poverty, disease and war. To their intercession we entrust the preparation and conduct of the meeting and the copious spiritual fruits that the Lord, through this ecclesial event, will wish to bestow.

May Our Lady of Divine Love, at whose Sanctuary rest the remains of the Blessed, watch over the families of the world with the care and tenderness with which she watched over the Family of Nazareth.

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Vicar General of His Holiness  
for the Diocese of Rome