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Families Week Vital For A Flourishing Society

FamilyVoice Australia welcomes National Families Week 2022 (15-21 May) -Australia's annual celebration of the importance of families which is supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

National Families Week coincides with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May. This year's theme, "Families and Urbanization", aims to raise awareness on the importance of sustainable, family-friendly urban policies.

The aim of National Families Week is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. The fact that stronger families means stronger communities highlights the important role that families play as the central building block of our communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.

The natural family is under assault these days. Watch a primetime television program about the family and you'll soon discover that fathers are presented as idiotic, mothers as overbearing, and children as wise beyond their years. That's assuming you can find a program portraying a "natural" family with a husband and a wife. We acknowledge that single parents, married couples without children, grandparents rearing their grandchildren, and empty-nesters—just to mention a few —make up a considerable percentage of 'Christian' families.

National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your family, make contact with your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of the 'natural' family and to make the most of family life at church and home.

"The challenges of the past year have underlined the fundamental importance of families to society, communities and to us as individuals. The natural family is the foundation of western civilisation which is constituted by marriage and is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood or adoption," said Greg Bondar, national spokesman for FamilyVoice Australia.

During National Families Week, the family as the fundamental institution of human society, is a great time to reflect on and take action to further strengthen our families.



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