



Interreligious conference on family in Vienna concludes its work

The interreligious conference on family in Vienna concluded its work on December 7, 2011.

The fourth closing session of the conference dealt with the theme on Parents and Children. Dr. Michael Prüller, a speaker from the Catholic delegation, proposed that effective arguments should be elaborated for dialogue with the secular society in defence of family values. In his remarks, the moderator of the session, Rev. Fred Anderson, Presbyterian Church, USA, who represented the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, spoke of the problems encountered by the modern family. Rabbi Shlomo Hofmeister, Austria, explained the attitude of Judaism to the family and marriage.

Mr. G. Slobin, a member of the Russian Orthodox Church's delegation and a leader of the Family Welfare service, shared the Russian experience of psychological, moral and spiritual support given to socially unprotected children and the work carried out by his center with children and their parents for harmonizing their family relations.

The participants of the Vienna forum were in complete unanimity with regard to the need to protect the traditional family in face of threats generated by secularism and moral relativism.

The conference adopted a resolution summing up its work.

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