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Letter from the President of the FAFCE to the participants of the demonstration against the Spanish Government's draft bill concerning the legal recognition of homosexual couples and the adoption of children by these couples.

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Dear participants of the demonstration!

We deeply regret not being able to participate in your event and, out of solidarity with the Foro Espanol de la Familia, address the following words to you concerning the intention of the Spanish Government to legally permit the marriage of homosexual couples and the adoption of children by these couples:-

We urge you to do all that is humanly possible to stop this bill, which discriminates against marriage, from being ratified, as this could create a precedent for the whole of Europe. We know that children need both sexes in their upbringing. That is why the adoption of children by homosexual couples must be declined.

The FAFCE denounces the procedure followed by the Spanish Government in this extremely important and sensitive issue, for not having involved the national family organizations, thus dispensing with a competent expert report from the civil society. The FAFCE thus welcomes this demonstration as an available means within a democratic state under the rule of law.

The FAFCE is against homosexual partnerships having equal status in law with marriage between man and wife on account of the different social role allocation. A family with children fulfils certain duties towards society and must therefore be especially supported in comparison with other forms of social co-existence.

Equal status of homosexual partnerships with that of families with children would create inequality, as families make an important contribution to the contract between the generations.

The FAFCE is extremely critical of homosexual couples having the right to adopt children.

The significance of both sexes in the upbringing of children is evident and is the strongest argument against the right of adoption for couples of the same sex.

At the same time, the FAFCE emphasizes that it declares itself against all discrimination towards any particular forms of living together and pleads for legal “mending” of those regulations that discriminate against people of homosexual orientation in their daily lives. Nevertheless, it is strictly against homosexual partnerships being recognized in civil law and having equal status with marriage between man and wife, as this would be discrimination against marriage.

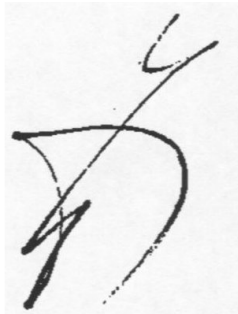
The FAFCE thus invites all those present to use their good example to substantiate the significance of marriage between man and wife for society.



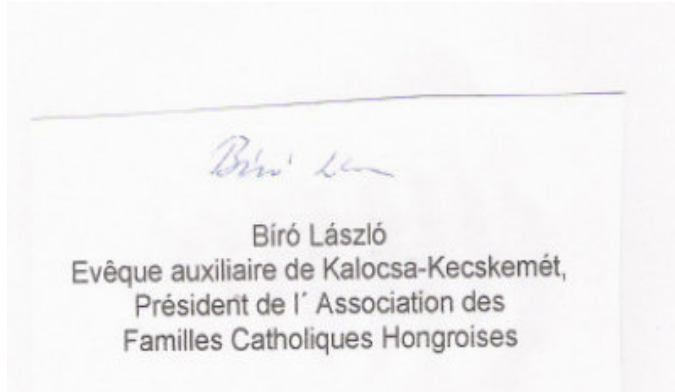
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