

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES MAY 15 2019, 25th anniversary

Theme “Families and Climate Action: Focus SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 13”

“The annual observance of the International Day of Families reflects the importance the international community attaches to families and their role in development. The 2019 observance focuses on families, family policies and major SDG13 targets:

- SDG 13 target 13.3: Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning
- SDG 13 target 13.2: integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning

More information from the UN organisers at

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/international-day-of-families/2019-2.html>

For publicity using tweets use #DayofFamilies

What can you and your family do?

Find out more about a carbon footprint, see website. www.championenergyservices.com/customer-service/energy-efficiency/CarbonFootPrint.pdf

Share about any families you know or heard about who were affected by the recent floods in South Africa, Mocambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

MARFAM THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: May 15th. International Day of Families, theme: families and climate action. For years Granny Gloria had been an activist about some issue that concerned her. Politics, race, religion had to do with justice and rights. People should have the right to be free in their choices but they had to consider the common good. Climate action at first seemed too big and general an issue until the family discussed what they themselves could do. Working out their carbon footprints seemed a fun activity. That means measuring how much carbon dioxide we produce. “When I walk to school instead of going by car I produce less but what about when I ride a bicycle?” Maysie tried hard to understand.

*Jesus said, “the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and I know that his commandment is eternal life. John 12: 44-50. **Pope Francis:** Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting to affect the world around us, avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, recycling, reusing, cooking only what can be eaten, planting trees and more. Such actions can restore our sense of self-esteem and enable us to live more fully and to feel that life on earth is worthwhile. LS 211-212.*

Mary, Mother of every family, pray for us.



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Families worldwide: let's take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts!



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Families help improve education, awareness-raising and human capacity to respond to climate change.



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