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I send greetings to those gathered for the World Congress of Families III in Mexico City.

Around the world, families are the source of help, hope, and stability for individuals and nations. As one of the pillars of civilization, families must remain strong and we must defend them during this time of great change. To ensure that America's future generations are prepared to face new opportunities and challenges, my Administration has taken important steps to promote strong families, preserve the sanctity of marriage, and protect the well-being of children. My Administration also encourages adoption and supports crisis pregnancy programs, parental notification laws, and other measures to help us continue to build a culture of life.

I commend your efforts to recognize the importance of families in our society. Your work improves many lives and makes the world better.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush".