



**International Convention on the Rights of the Child  
UNESCO, 30th anniversary celebration, November 20, 2019**

**CCIC Press Release**

By joining in the celebration of the 30th anniversary, the CCIC - International Catholic Centre for Cooperation with UNESCO - reaffirms the importance of taking care of all our children, regardless of their state of health, in order to contribute to their well-being. Life entrusted them to their parents, they exercise a founding responsibility fostered by the stability of the family structure.

In a context of rights inflation, it is important to reassert what are, for the CCIC, the Convention priority topics:

The right to life, the right to have a father and a mother who take care of them. It results that the rights of the child and the rights of the family are inseparable. These rights allow to resist to individualistic forces contributing to the disintegration of the social structure. For example, child poverty is not their very own, it is the consequence of the poverty of their families, legal guardians or care institutions.

The right to education is linked to the rights and duties of the parents, as well as to their responsibilities - art 18 - It is in particular exercised in the fields of education for human love, non-violence, matters related to the expression of sexuality.....

The right to be protected from pornography, over-sexualization in the media, on screens and in advertising - art 3 - because these are forms of an environmental pollution that harm the development and best interests of the child.

States and international institutions have the duty to acknowledge and promote the founding role of the family in society, as provided for in the UDHR - Art 16.3.

It is our common responsibility towards our future, the future of our children is being written today!

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