



NEWS LETTER: FAMILY FOCUS

Dear Friends in India and around the world,

New is the Year,

New are the hopes and dreams,

New are the days –its waking and sleeping,

New are the challenges and successes,

New are the friends and fellow people,

New are the expectations for peace and well being,

New are the desires for prosperity,

New are the desires to reduce poverty,

New are the desires to experience equality,

New are the desires for family togetherness,

New are the desires for social and community harmony and

New are the blessings we receive from above.

Have a promising and fulfilling New Year 2015.

From,

Director and Staff of SERFAC

Introducing SERFAC's Newsletters for 2015:

The series of SERFAC'S News letter for 2015 will consist of six issues of Family focus and six issues of Child focus, on each alternating month. The core content of these issues will address the all important and urgent issues of marriage stability and family unity and will be titled: "***In Defence of Marriage and Family.***"

It needs to be recognised that while stability and unity in marriage and family is being an increasingly yearned for state of life, its realization is becoming increasingly remote due to rapidly changing life styles, lack of understanding between generations, increasing number of divorces, the egoistic refusal to pass life on, conjugal infidelity, advocating alternate married life styles such as co-habitation etc. are becoming the norm with high investments of resources and expectations based primarily on sexual instincts/ gender demands and seldom on the creation of unity, gender equality, children, stability and a lifelong union/commitment and so on.

While our attention and concerns remain, we at SERFAC will not concentrate solely on these phenomenon. We will go beyond them and continue (as we have always done) to look for causes and explanations, for example: lack of preparation for marriage and family life, decreasing sense of responsibility and loss of moral sense and values. This loss is the effect of inadequate education, environments which foster immorality, and a materialism which obscures the values and joys of spirituality.

In today's globalised world the need is to have a fundamentally different understanding of the nature of marriage, a realization of family and sanctity of life as the foundation of civilization. To do so we need to question stereotypes and gender issues. We need to have the courage to work towards the revitalization of the family because Marriage and Family are spiritual environments with its social and sociological expressions all of which are intertwined and the absence of which invites conflict, instability, abuse, violence, dysfunctional family life and breakdown.

We at SERFAC are convinced of: no matter how great the merits of the family of yesterday may have been, it is the one of today and tomorrow which must attract the attention of all persons and leaders who are really preoccupied with the welfare and well being of humanity. We welcome you to visit our web sites: www.familyserfac.org & www.familycentric.org which will help understand that our work and actions at and from SERFAC spring from our vision as a response to the pressing needs of all the world's people.

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