

Respect Life Society Bulletin – May 29, 2016

“Uniting Nations for a Family Friendly World”– On Monday, May 16, there was a United Nations conference on the family with many speakers from representatives of the UN and invited guests. One of the speakers was Bishop O’Hara (who was at St. John’s May 10 and 11 for Confirmation). Some of the Bishop’s talk included – “Family is central in our diverse religious traditions. Without family, we lose the sacredness of each person and lose our identity”. Bishop O’Hara said, “Lasting peace and true harmony is built on the solid rock of the family.” This “rings true to us today as a challenge that as sacredness of the family, of husband and wife is threatened, redefined, distorted we need to bring order out of chaos. Otherwise we’ll be building our society on sand, not the solid rock.” Helen Alvare, a pro-life lawyer and professor, said the dynamic harmony of the family, to desire the good for another, cannot be manufactured or legislated and is undermined by treating people as just a body, a sexual object. No other institution cares for the vulnerable like family. There were 17 countries represented at the conference (not the US). C-Fam (Center for Family & Human Rights), a pro-life group at the UN sponsored the event.