

2.3 PROMOTING FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS:

GIVING VOICE TO FAMILIES

CHALLENGES

Family associationism strengthens the ability of families to represent themselves and dialogue with institutions as a key political actor.

However, there is a problem of internal fragmentation of associations among themselves a problem with spreading associationism among families.

SUGGESTIONS

A movement of aggregation among families and among associations is needed to generate representatives capable of influencing public debate and policy choices.

The Church may play a crucial role giving support in conveying these ways of action and aggregation, promoted by the laity.

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- promoting networks between family associations to consolidate public and political representation of families
- strengthening the role that parishes play in bringing families together
- establishing permanent bodies for consultation and dialogue between the public, private and third sectors
- proposing legislative tools and economic and tax incentives to promote services and interventions designed, implemented and managed by associations and families

Guidelines for family-focused university research

Further research should be conducted on:

- family group and association phenomena
- value to the laity and families within parishes
- spread of family aggregations around common values
- instruments to promote family associationism in public life
- training programs for Christian family association leaders



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