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Thank you very much. I am honored to speak to all of you at Focus on the Family as you celebrate your first twenty-five years. I especially want to salute my friends James and Shirley Dobson for their leadership and commitment to that sacred bedrock of our society – the American family.

For twenty-five years, Focus on the Family has sought to protect our families and promote our values. And they are values that you and I share together. We believe in fostering a culture of life – and that marriage and family are sacred institutions that should be preserved and strengthened.

We believe that life is a creation, not a commodity – and that our children are gifts to be loved and protected, not products to be designed and manufactured by human cloning.

We believe that protecting human dignity and promoting human rights should be at the center of America's policy – foreign and domestic – and that our government should view the good people who work in faith-based charities as partners, not rivals.

We believe that the days of discriminating against religious institutions simply because they are religious must come to an end.

Faith teaches us that God has a special concern for the poor. Faith proves itself through actions and sacrifice, through acts of kindness and caring for those in need. For Christians and for most Americans, Jesus's admonition to care for "the least of these" is an important moral teaching.

Faith is also a source of comfort during times of grief. We saw this in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11th. Millions of Americans turned to prayer for wisdom and resolve, for compassion and courage, and for grace and mercy. And in these moments of prayer we were reminded of important truths – that suffering is temporary, that hope is eternal, and that the ruthless will not inherit the Earth.

Many of you have prayed for my family and me. We have felt sustained and uplifted by your prayers – and Laura and I are incredibly grateful to you for them. We consider your prayers to be among our most precious gifts.

Congratulations on twenty-five years. May God bless Focus on the Family. And may God bless America.

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