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Familiology invite you to the Conference:

6th International Symposium of Familiology 2022

Family – Ritual – Feast

Date: May 12-13, 2022

Place: online

Deadline: February 15, 2022

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The organizers of the International Symposia of Familyology are pleased to invite you to the sixth symposium with the theme „Family – Ritual – Feast”. The family, similarly to the entire society, cannot do without rituals. Even the most extremist totalitarian regimes understood this. By instilling their ideology into nations, they created and expanded a set of rituals to activate the expected emotions and legitimize power.

At the micro-social level, within the basic social unit, the ritual acts as a catalyst for positive emotions, harmonizes thoughts and desires, and strengthens the bonds between members. It maintains hope and faith in the future. Through ritual, communication in the family finds a common platform, which is the memory of shared experiences. During rituals, a kind of Turnerian *communitas* is created, in which the rigidly defined relationships between husband and wife and between parents and children become as if suspended in a sublime and/or joyful atmosphere.

From the pastoral point of view, the metaphor of the „home church” gives a deep meaning to the ritual space and indicates the need for rituals. Family rites and customs are marked by an enormous emotional load and a richness of gospel content, which not only strengthens faith, but also directs life according to its principles.

A celebration/feast, which does not necessarily have to be religious, is often the setting of the rituals. For example, an anniversary of a birthday, wedding, name day, as well as commemoration of historical events or just an established custom may be the occasion. The ritual always takes a prominent place during the festival. Moreover, ritualization, as a repetitive activity, has a very broad meaning. It can be found in everyday life outside the framework of the holiday: morning bath, a series of activities between getting up and going to work, eating a meal, and even ironing clothes or manner in bed. Man cannot do without rituals.

Trusting that the proposed topic meets your interests, we invite you to share your findings and reflections on it. Theoretical considerations regarding the functions of rituals or the principles of interpersonal communication will be

important, as well as the presentation of case studies of holidays, customs and family rituals. **February 15, 2022 I the deadline for submitting paper proposals.** They should be sent to the following **address:** maria.piechocka@uwm.edu.pl. We plan separate panel groups in Polish and English. The organizers limit the number of presenting participants to maximum 25, therefore they claim the right to select the best proposals.

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