



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Family Networks for the Future of the Church

CHALLENGES FOR A PROJECT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL
CONFEDERATION OF CATHOLIC FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

PROGRAM



«I also renew the encouragement I gave to you five years ago (1 June 2017) and I encourage you to continue your work of encouraging the creation and consolidation of family networks. This is a valuable service, because there is a need for places, gatherings and communities where couples and families feel welcomed, accompanied, and never alone. There is an urgent need for the local Churches, both in Europe and beyond, to encourage the work of the laity and families who accompany families».

Address of Pope Francis to the Board of the Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE),
on The Urgent Need to Develop Family Networks for the Future of Europe and the Universal Church,
Clementine Hall, Vatican City, 10 June 2022

Program

8.30 – 9.00

Registration and welcome coffee

9.00 – 9.15

Institutional Greetings

- Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect, Dicastery for Evangelization, Holy See – TBC
- Mgr Daniel Pacho, Undersecretary for the Multilateral Sector of the Section for Relations with States and International Organizations, Secretariat of State, Holy See
- Fr Charbel Bteich, Deputy Secretary General, Council of the European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE)
- Message of Archbishop Leo Cushley, President of the Family and Life Commission (CCEE)

9.15 – 9.30

Opening address

- Prof. Gabriella Gambino, Undersecretary, Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, Holy See

9.30 – 10.00

Family networks for stronger families

- Dr Mariolina Ceriotti Migliarese, Author, Child neuropsychiatrist and psychotherapist, Italy

10.00 – 11.00

Round Table: Family networks for mutual support and proximity

MODERATOR: Adriano Bordignon, President, Forum of Family Associations, Italy

- Dr Julia M. Dezelski, Associate Director for Marriage and Family Life Ministry in the Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, USA
- Fr Youssef Abi Zeid, Director, Family Institute, La Sagesse University, Lebanon
- Dr Pascale Morinière, President, Confederation of Catholic Family Associations (CNAFC), France

- Prof. Juan Pablo Faúndez Allier, Director, Program on Family Sciences, Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso (PUCV), Chile
- Prof. Jane Wathuta, Director, Strathmore University Institute for Family Studies and Ethics (IFS), Kenya

11.00 – 11.30

BREAK

11.30 – 12.00

Stronger families for more flourishing societies

- Prof. Hosffman Ospino, Author, Boston College, USA

12.00 – 13.00

Round Table: The Family Global Compact and the way forward

MODERATOR: Vincenzo Bassi, FAFCE President

- Prof. Montserrat Gas-Aixendri, President, International Network of University Family Institutes
- Prof. Francesco Belletti, Director, International Centre on Family Studies (ICFS)
- Mrs Mónica Santamarina, General President, World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO)
- Fr Joseph Alexander de León, International Ecclesial Assessor Auxiliar, International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM)
- Prof. Javier Fiz Perez, Vice-President, Core Values Association

13.00 – 13.15

Final remarks

- Bishop Dario Gervasi, Secretary, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, Holy See

13.15

Refreshments

English, Italian, French and Spanish interpretation

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