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CATECHESIS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: A NECESSARY ENGAGEMENT IN THE DAILY PASTORAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Pontifical Urbaniana University (Via Urbano VIII, 16 – Rome),
October 20 – 22, 2017*

Friday, October 20, 2017

- 14:00** Arrival and Welcome
- 15:30** Opening prayer (led by the *Fede e Luce* Community)
- 15:45** *The Profession of Faith: “To believe” - One’s response to God who reveals Himself*
Archbishop Rino Fisichella
President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization
- 16:30** *Life in Christ: The person made in the image of God*
Stefano Toschi, Association “*Beati noi*” (Bologna, Italy)
Pia Matthews, Lecturer, *St. Mary’s University* (London, England)
- 17:30** Break
- 18:00** The protection of persons with disabilities
Sheila Hollins, *Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors*
- 18:15** Presentation and the opening of the exhibition on the accessibility of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Pastoral and catechetical tools for the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 8:30** Opening prayer (led by the European Deaf Community)
- 8:45** *The celebration of the Christian mystery:
Sacraments as precious occasions for catechesis*
Miguel Romero, Professor, *Salve Regina University* (U.S.)
Bishop Peter A. Comensoli, *Bishop of Broken Bay* (Australia)
- 9:45** Break and move to the Clementine Hall in the Apostolic Palace
- 11:30** **Audience with Pope Francis**



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- 13:30** Lunch
- 15:00** Prayer (led by those with Autism)
- 15:15** *The celebration of the Christian mystery: Experiences of catechesis*
Isabel de la Taste, *Service National de la Catéchèse et du Catéchuménat*
Déléguée aux Pédagogies de Catéchèse pour le Handicap,
Episcopal Conference (France)
Mary O'Meara, *Executive Director of the Department of Special*
Needs Ministries, Archdiocese of Washington (U.S.)
Fr. Giuseppe Fabrini and Fiorenza Pestelli, *Parish of Santa Maria di Loreto*
(together with those with disabilities from the Archdiocese of Pesaro - Italy)
- 16:15** *Christian Prayer: The religious dimension*
Fr. Diego Pancaldo, *Professor, Italia Centrale, Moderator of the Association*
Maria Madre Nostra (together with those with intellectual disabilities from the
Diocese of Pistoia - Italy)
Fr. Michael Depcik, OSFS, *Director of the Catholic Deaf Community*,
Archdiocese of Detroit (U.S.)
- 17:15** Break
- 17:45** *Christian Prayer: Experiences of catechesis*
Petites Soeurs disciples de l'agneau: *Contemplative Community of Religious*
Sisters with Sisters with and without Down's syndrome (Le Blanc, France)
Cristina Gangemi, *Kairos Forum, Director, Expert in the Field of Disability*
(England)
Fr. Gabriele Pipinato, *Diocese of Padova, Founder of the Saint Martin Catholic*
Social Apostolate of Talitha-Kum and the L'Arche Community of Nyahururu
(Kenya)
Anne Dewulf, *Community of S. Egidio (Belgium)*
- 19:00** *Catechesis and persons with disabilities: conclusions and perspectives*

Sunday, October 22, 2017

- 10:30** Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica
- 12:00** Angelus Prayer in St. Peter's Square



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