



Catechesis and Persons with Disabilities



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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 (Rhode Island, 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

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 of 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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