



International Exhibition 100 Cribs at the Vatican

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The international exhibition "100 Cribs" moves to the Vatican and will be organized by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

The traditional "100 Cribs" International Exhibition, now in its 43rd edition, is moving from Piazza del Popolo to Via della Conciliazione in Vatican this year. The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, since last August, has announced this important artistic and cultural review.

This transfer was decided by **Dr. Mariacarla Menaglia**, director of the "Rivista delle Nazioni", which body has organized this event for the past 42 years, and who is the daughter of Manlio, creator and founder of the exhibition itself.

"My father Manlio, founded this exhibition in order to keep alive the nativity scene, a typical Italian tradition, - says Mariacarla Menaglia - which is an essential part of our religious culture and for us Catholics, it must be our engagement to keep it alive over time. For this reason, here comes the time for an important and prestigious promotion".

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, has enthusiastically welcomed the proposal by including this exhibition in the calendar of the Dicastery in the Vatican, body that deals with the New Evangelization.

"The crib - said Bishop Fisichella - in addition to being a beautiful cultural tradition which was developed by the genius mind of St. Francis of Assisi and spread throughout the world, is a strong instrument for evangelization. So many persons stop every Christmas before the mystery of God made man, represented with statuettes, which in many cases are authentic masterpieces of art to pray, to reflect and to discover the love of God who becomes a child for us" .

The exhibition this year will therefore be called "**100 cribs at the Vatican**" and will be held during Christmas period from **7 December 2018** to **13 January 2019** at **Sala San Pio X** in via della Conciliazione.

Cribs's creators and artists who want to attend this exhibition can send their applications through the new website www.100presepi.it , where they can find all the information or send an e-mail to 100presepi@pcpne.va.