

Three years since the passing of the Focolare Movement's Founder
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Chiara Lubich:
a charism, a life for Christian unity
INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL DAY

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Saturday 12 March 2011 - Trent (Teatro Sociale)
9.50am -12.30pm and 3.00pm-5.40pm

The contribution to the Christian unity given by Chiara Lubich's charism is the focus point for the event taking place in Trent, her native city, to commemorate the third anniversary of her passing. "*Chiara Lubich: A charism, a life for Christian unity*" is the title of this international ecumenical day-meeting on 12th March 2011: one of the many and varied events that will take place in cities around Italy and throughout the world in remembrance of the Focolare Movement's founder.

The participants that will join Trent's inhabitants and their civil and religious leaders for the convention, will be from 36 countries and around 20 Churches, with simultaneous translation in 17 languages.

The event will underline **ecumenical dialogue as a first and fundamental step towards universal brotherhood**: an extensive dialogue that Chiara Lubich worked on with passion, making it her life aim.

The town of Trent, a town where Latin and Germanic civilisations are wed, promotes the event and, throughout its preparation, has **involved various components of the city**: from institutions to citizens, from young people to adults, as well as Christians from various churches present in the area, a sign that **Trent's vocation as a "City of Dialogue" is ever more relevant**.

Messages from various religious leaders and figures in the Ecumenical world are due to arrive for the event: from **Patriarch Bartholomew I** of Istanbul; from **Card. Kurt Koch**, president of the **Pontifical Council for promoting Christians Unity**; and from **Rev. Olav Tveit**, general secretary of the **World Council of Churches**. **Maria Voce**, president of the Focolare Movement, will offer a reflection during the day. Featuring on the program are life experiences, reflections and musical input given by members of a variety of Churches and representatives of an array of cultural and geographical backgrounds: from China to South Africa, from Egypt to Lebanon and Cuba, from the East and West of Europe.

The meeting is part of a week-long event: 'International Ecumenical Week' at the "Chiara Lubich" Mariapolis Centre from 11- 16 March. It's 400 participants will visit the landmarks of the city that are linked to the beginnings of the Focolare Movement.

It will be possible to follow the meeting of 12th March live on **satellite TV with Telepace** and by **internet** <http://live.focolare.org/20110312/> (9.50-12.30 e 15.00-17.40).

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