

Composition of the Independent Central Commission

for handling cases of abuse within the Focolare Movement

COORDINATOR:

Orazio Moscatello: Italian

- *Criminal and civil lawyer. Expert in Family and Children's Law*
- *Member of the Juvenile Commission of the Bar Association of Bari (Italy)*
- *Member of 'Communion and Law', an international network uniting scholars and practitioners in different fields of law*

Assessment Section

Joe Cassar: Maltese

- *Psychiatrist at the Ministry of Public Health, Malta*
- *Former Minister for Health in the Maltese Parliament*
- *Expert for the Maltese court in child abuse cases*
- *Member of the Maltese diocesan commission on abuse*
- *Has published various articles in psychiatric journals*

Viviana Carlevaris Colonnetti: Argentine Italian

- *Psychologist, psychotherapist, forensic and legal psychologist. Expert in child abuse and maltreatment: prevention, diagnosis and taking charge*
- *School psychologist at institutions for minors in Cordoba (Argentina) and in the province of Rome (Italy)*
- *Member of 'Psychology and Communion', an international network of psychologists*
- *Has published articles on prevention and the promotion of well-being in children and adolescents*

Maria Antonia Menchise: Italian

- *Criminal and civil lawyer. Expert in family and child law as well as in crimes of abuse and violence against the person*
- *Assistant and legal adviser Anti-Gender Violence Centres authorised by the Puglia Region (Italy)*
- *Speaker at conferences and training courses for social and health workers and schools on the topic of gender-based violence and violence against minors*

Investigation section

Michel Dupuis: Belgian

- *Philologist, neuro-linguist, philosopher*
- *Former Chair of the Belgian Bioethics Committee*
- *Former Vice-Chair of the Federal Committee for 'Patients' Rights' in Belgium*
- *Member of the Steering Committee of the Institute for the Promotion of Education in Islam (Brussels, Belgium)*
- *Scientific head of the French-speaking Study Group on the Ethics of Relationships in Care (Paris, France)*
- *Publications: articles, original works and translations of phenomenological anthropology and organisational ethics in care*

Tiziana Merletti: Italian

- *Doctorate in jurisprudence and canon law. Expert, consultant and trainer in law for institutes of consecrated life*
- *Member of the Information and Help Service (S.In.Ai .) for reports of sexual and economic abuse of the Diocese of Padua (Italy)*
- *Member of the Triveneto Regional Service for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable persons.*
- *Member of the Commission for Care and Protection, in collaboration between the two International Unions of Superiors General (UISG-USG)*
- *Publication of various articles on questions concerning canon law, particularly on sexual abuse, power and conscience in women's religious life*

Flaminia Poletti: Italian nationality

- *Psychiatrist, senior manager in psychiatry at the Department of Mental Health, Ascoli Piceno (Italy)*
- *Publications of scientific papers in proceedings of conferences and congresses of Neurology, the Italian Society of Psychiatry, the World Psychiatry Congress*

M. Belen Sainz-Cantero Caparros: Spanish nationality

- *Professor of Civil Law (University of Almeria, Spain)*
- *Director of the research group on 'Private and Comparative Law Studies'*
- *Head of the research group on 'Legal policies concerning minors'.*
- *Director of the People Protection Group - Bioethics Committee (University of Almeria, Spain)*
- *Director of Abuse Case Management Control Office (University of Almeria, Spain)*

Alessia Sangiorgio: Italian

- *Lawyer with extensive experience in criminal law especially offences against public administration, medical malpractice, narcotics, crimes against the person and the family, in particular family abuse and stalking, proceedings before the Supervisory Court*
- *Member of the Editorial Board of the magazine 'Strepitus Fori', Review of Criminal Jurisprudence in Rome edited by the Criminal Chamber of Rome. She is a member of the Criminal Chamber of Rome*

- *Member of the Supervisory Board of companies and consultant for the preparation of crime prevention models*

Secretariat**Pinella Costanzo: Italian**