

## **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 the Meter Onlus Association, which has been engaged in the fight against paedophilia for years.*

### **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*
- *Expert in child abuse and maltreatment. Researcher in the multi-sectoral study on child maltreatment in Europe-University of Cardiff-Wales.*

#### **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*

### **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*

### **Investigation section**

#### **Valter Di Cera: Italian**

- *Cognitive Behavioural Psychotherapist with experience in diagnosis and treatment of abuse trauma*
- *Former adjunct professor in Applied Criminology for Investigation and Security in the University of Bologna*
- *Co-sponsor of a Research-intervention in the start-up phase aimed at identifying the most effective tools for the prevention of violence against women and children*
- *Publications in investigative criminology and neuroscience applied to Human Capital development*

#### **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*

**Marco Scandelli: Italian**

- *Priest of the diocese of San Marino-Montefeltro*
- *Doctor of Canon law; classicist, philosopher and theologian*
- *Deputy Judicial Vicar at the Inter-Diocesan Ecclesiastical Tribunal "Flaminio" of Bologna*
- *Professor in "Canon Law" and "Family Law"*
- *Lawyer in the Roman Rota Court*

**Secretariat****Pinella Costanzo: Italian**