

26 – 29 March 2025

Castel Gandolfo (Rome, Italy)

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

CALLED TO HOPE

Key players of dialogue

In times of division and great challenges, as Christians we are called together to bear witness to the hope of the Gospel and to be protagonists of dialogue and unity, committing ourselves to peace and universal fraternity.

Speakers will include representatives of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches, some "fraternal delegates" (representatives of various Churches) to the 2023-2024 Synod of the Catholic Church, and Margaret Karram and Jesús Morán (President and Co-President of the Focolare Movement).





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PROGRAMME (PROVISIONAL – February 2025)

Wednesday 26 March **DIALOGUE AS A WAY OF LIFE**

- 09:00 Welcome - Introduction - Prayer
Ecumenical dialogue of the Focolare Movement
- 10:45 1st Presentation:
THE WORLD TODAY AND THE URGENT NEED FOR UNITY AMONG CHRISTIANS
Rev. Dr. Jesús MORÁN
Rev. Dr. Callan SLIPPER
- 15:30 2nd Presentation:
DIALOGUE AS A WAY OF LIFE – Part 1
 - Method and living dialogue based on the spirituality of communion
Rev. Dr. Callan SLIPPER
 - Receptive ecumenism *Dr. Nausika HAUPT*
 - “Grassroot ecumenism” *Rev. Prof. Dr. Karen PETERSON FINCH*
 - Dialogue with the participants
- 17:00 3rd Presentation
DIALOGUE AS A WAY OF LIFE – Part 2
 - Testimonies of dialogue in daily life

Thursday 27 March **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR RECONCILIATION AND PEACE**

- 08:30 Departure to Rome
- 10:00 Visit to the Basilica of Saint Agnes and the Tre Fontane Abbey
Picnic lunch
Visit to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- 16:00 **Ecumenical prayer for reconciliation, peace and hope**
Open to non-participants

Every day there will be prayer services according to different traditions

Friday 28 March **SEEDS OF HOPE**

- 09:00 Introduction – Prayer service
- THE ECUMENICAL MEANING OF THE YEAR 2025**
4th Presentation: 1700th Anniversary of Nicea / Easter 2025 / 60 years since the abolition of the excommunications
- 10:45 5th Presentation: contributions by:
 - Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity (DPCU)
Mons. Andrea PALMIERI
 - World Council of Churches (WCC)
Rev. Dr. Vasile-Octavian MIHOC
- 15:30 6th Presentation: **VARIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS OF HOPE**
Paths of progress on international and national level
 - GLOBAL CHRISTIAN FORUM – *Dr. Natasha KLUKACH (GCF, UK) and video message Revd. Dr. William WILSON (PWF, USA)*
 - SOMOS UM – *Mayara AMARAL PAZETO (BR)*
 - TOGETHER FOR EUROPE - *Gerhard PROSS (D)*
 - JESUS CHRIST 2033 – *Martin HOEGGER (CH)*
 - JOHN 17 - *Joe TOSSINI (USA)* • IKUMENI (*some students*)
- 17:20 7th Presentation: **SYNODALITY AND ECUMENISM**
In dialogue with participants of the Roman Catholic Church Synod
 - *Bishop Brendan LEAHY* – Roman Catholic Church, Limerick, Ireland
 - *Margaret KARRAM* – President of the Focolare Movement
 - *Metropolitan Khajag BARSAMIAN* – Armenian Apostolic Church
 - *Rev. Prof. Dr. Dirk G. LANGE* – The Lutheran World Federation
 - *Prof. Dr. Elizabeth NEWMAN* – World Baptist Alliance

Saturday, 29 March **KEY PLAYERS OF DIALOGUE**

- 09:00 8th Presentation: **WITNESSES TO HOPE IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES**
Testimonies - groups - plenary session
- 11:30 conclusion

Practical information

COSTS for Participation

COMPLETE PACKAGE €320.00

from the night of 25/03 to breakfast on 29/03
(includes full board and lodging, in double or triple rooms
and contribution to the organization of the conference)

Reduced price €306.00

[Eastern Europe - Africa - Middle East - Latin America
- Asia (except Korea and Japan)]

Supplement for Single room €15.00 per night

(availability of single rooms is limited)

DAY VISITORS Participation fee €55.00

(EXCLUDING OVERNIGHT STAY)

Meals €15.00 each

PARTICIPATION VIA STREAMING €30.00

(suggested amount)

Those who are able can give a donation in order to cover the costs for the technicians and translations.

**Accommodation is in hotels near the Mariapolis Centre*

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