

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.

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PARTICIPATION ONLINE

€30.00 *Suggested amount for those who are able can give a donation in order to cover the costs for the technicians and translations.*

Languages: *English, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Arabic, Dutch*

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PROGRAMME *Draft 03 March 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 URGENT NEED FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
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 (GB)
 - Receptive ecumenism *Nausikaa HAUPT (S)*
 - “Grassroot ecumenism” *Rev. Prof. Dr. Karen PETERSON FINCH (USA)*
 - Dialogue with the participants
- 17:15 3rd Presentation
DIALOGUE AS A WAY OF LIFE – Part 2
 - Testimonies of dialogue in daily life

Thursday 27 March **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME [without streaming]** **FOR RECONCILIATION AND PEACE**

- 08:30 Departure to Rome
- 09:30 Visit to the Basilica of Sain Lorenzo 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

Each 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. Prof. Dr. Martin ILLERT
- 15:30 6th Presentation: **VARIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS OF HOPE**
Paths of progress on international and national level
 - CONFERENZA EPISCOPALE ITALIANA – *Bishop Derio Olivero (IT)*
 - GLOBAL CHRISTIAN FORUM – *Dr. Natasha KLUKACH (GCF, GB) and video message Rev. 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)*
- 17:30 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
 - *Archbishop 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