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Comité International Catholique des Infirmières et Assistantes Médico-Sociales  
The International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants

SUMMER  
2023



## From the International President's Desk

It gives me pleasure and joy to invite all of you to celebrate the blessings we have as CICIAMS family. On the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, some of us represented CICIAMS in the celebration of International Nurses Day at the United Nations in New York, United States of America, hosted by Nurses with Global Impact, Inc. and CICIAMS.

Coming from Africa, from the small Kingdom of Eswatini, I witnessed this event in a prestigious venue, wherein four CICIAMS Member Association Honourees received awards for the honourable work they are doing in the 4 regions of the world. I found myself having tears of joy for the wonderful opportunity we are blessed with as nurses and health workers; to serve humanity. I would like to seize this opportunity to thank Nurses with Global Impact for partnering with CICIAMS in organizing this event. The organisers, among whom is Dr Sayers, did a fantastic job. Thank you very much.

May I also congratulate all those who received the awards from everywhere and in a very special way congratulate our 4 members as shown in the Newsletter. Thank you for all that you are doing. You made us all proud. I would also like to encourage all nurses to share their work and stories as I know you are all doing a lot of good work.

Often times we tend to focus on the challenges such as health issues, lack of money, complicated relationship with a family member, disappointment with a friend the list goes on. Today however I would like us to focus on the positive things in our lives. Our life is given to us by God with love and care. We always have reason to celebrate nature renewing itself every day, our friends and family around us, the job that provides our livelihood and the miracles we see every day.

Let us enjoy each one of our blessings. Let us enjoy each moment that life gives us no matter the circumstances. Let us be happy and live life positively. Life is a bag of good and bad things. We all have positives and negatives along the way, but we must always concentrate greater on the positives for a healthy and happy life. Life goes on no matter what, so do not waste your time thinking about the negative. God is Good all the Time. Be blessed as you read the rest of the newsletter.

Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN

*"This Christian way of looking at the infirmities of life does not imply that we must give up all efforts to cure them; on the contrary, caring for the sick was extolled by the Gospel: "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25:36). Modern humanity certainly has lost a lot when secularism drove the Church out of public health-care services. A nursing sister brings to a patient much more than valuable professional competence: her words of comfort, her supernatural tact, and the example of her charity, which sees Christ Himself in the patient. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40)."*

Robert Cardinal Sarah (2022). *Catechism of the Spiritual Life* in Chapter VIII: The Mystery of the Cross, Irondale, AL, EWTN Publishing, 272

## CICIAMS' at the United Nations Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Dr. Patricia Sayers, DNP, RN, CICIAMS Representative to the United Nations Department of Global Communication (UN/DGC), ECOSOC and UNICEF presented the views of CICIAMS before the United Nations Commission on Population and Development on Tuesday, April 12, 2023. The theme of this year's 56<sup>th</sup> Session was "Population, Education and Sustainable Development." Thank you to Dr. Patricia Sayers and Maria Arvonio, UN Team member and President Elect for NACN-USA for your efforts in preparing the statement with short notice and the many trips to the United Nations to present. Also thank you to Executive Board members for your review and input to the statement. This is truly a team effort. The statement follows in full:



The International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants  
Comité International Catholique des Infirmières et Assistantes Médico-Sociales (CICIAMS)  
Oral Statement (3 minutes) Presented by Dr. Patricia Sayers DNP, RN  
56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Population and Development  
United Nations Headquarters New York, New York, USA April 10-15, 2023  
Theme: Population, education and sustainable development  
CICIAMS UN NGO Members: Mthethwa, R.K., Ruzicka, D., Arvonio, M., and Sayers, P.

### **Commission Chair, Distinguished Panel Members, National Representatives, & Guests:**

Thank you for this opportunity to address member nations of the 56th Commission on Population and Development. Topics include 1) lifelong health education from early childhood to senior years including the role of individuals, families, schools, communities, and nations  
2) breakthroughs in fertility care crossing multi-generational and cultural barriers, and 3) population dynamics and sustainable populations.

### **Lifelong health education: individuals, families, schools, communities, and nations**

The aim of health education is to foster physical, emotional, social, and spiritual qualities integral to human health and happiness (Pope Paul VI, 1965). Curriculums consistent with "Natural Law", solidarity, and subsidiarity cultivate individual talents, skill potential, sense of human dignity, and achievement of wholistic health (Catholic Church, 2000; Wright, K.S., 2017). Provisions are needed for special needs, vulnerabilities, and barriers to access. Incentives to sustain engagement include nutritious meals, health services, feminine hygiene privacy and products, and remote learning.

The UN Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (2005) states "a central purpose of governments" is to promote" the health and social development for their people." Article 14.2 ... "highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental right of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition". This right obligates health education to promote life, identify risks and benefits, strengthen autonomy, & render informed consent (Article 4, 5, & 6).

Parents / legal guardians are primary and principal educators of children. "Through family, children are led to companionship" with fellow members of society (Pope Paul VI, 1965, Section 5, para 1). Individual and community empowerment is key to success in *settings-based* health education (Stock, C., 2022). As life expectancy increases, cognitive affluence education for the elderly extends work years and societal productivity. Geo-mapping and digital education are tools for planning, delivering, and evaluating hot spots, and outcomes.

### **Breakthrough in fertility care crossing multi-generational and cultural barriers.**

The Creighton Method of fertility care, is 95% effective, natural, risk free, easily taught from mother to daughter, father to son and crosses multi-generational and cultural barriers. (Pope Paul VI Institute, 2019). The current method of fertility care is suppression and hormonal manipulation via estrogen (a Class I carcinogenic) and progesterone (linked to blood clotting causing stroke and heart attacks in women).

NaproTECHNOLOGY is a scientific advancement. Research revealed “the normal and abnormal states... From these findings, NaproTECHNOLOGY *identifies problems and cooperates* with the menstrual and fertility cycles to correct the condition, maintain the human ecology, and sustain the procreative potential”. (<https://naprotechnology.com>)

### Population dynamics and sustainable populations

Lai (2016) reports fertility decline is the “driver” of the aging population. A dearth of young people contributing to society while elder populations life expectancy lengthen leads nations to post-dividend demographic winter. We propose immediate promotion of fertility and elimination of contraception and abortion mandates to enable by 2035 a healthy stream of young adults to rebalance the population age structure (CICIAMS, 2015-2017).

### In Closing

...A quote from St Mother Teresa’s (1994): “...Each child is created in the special image and likeness of God for greater things - to love and to be loved... our children are the only hope for the future. As older people are called to God, only their children can take their places.” (February 3, 1994).

**Thank you: The International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.**

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## Committee on the Family Submits Grant for Education in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaproTechnology

In March 2023, Sr. Cecilia Adache OSF, RN, MPH, CFCP, CFCE, Chair, Committee on the Family, in collaboration with the Executive Board, submitted a grant to educate two nurses per region in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaproTechnology, a natural method to assist families with infertility and also to space the conception of children.



CICIAMS submits grants to the Papal Foundation through the Papal Nuncio in Geneva. The grant then moves through the Vatican Secretariat of State to the Papal Foundation, the deadline for submission is August 2023.

Nurses selected will complete the Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program designed by Dr. Hilgers at the St. Paul VI Institute. <https://popepaulvi.com/education/>

Association/Guild Presidents, Do you have nurses who would like to complete this training and subsequently work in this field? Please send names and CV’s to the CICIAMS Secretary General at [ciciamsinternational12@gmail.com](mailto:ciciamsinternational12@gmail.com)

Refer any questions about the training program to Sr. Cecilia Adache, Chair, Committee on the Family at [cessiemark@yahoo.com](mailto:cessiemark@yahoo.com).

- 1) The Education Program for FertilityCare Practitioners is 13 months in duration
- 2) Those who are accepted into the program are required to attend an eight-day total immersion course. Once that is successfully completed, the applicant then becomes an Intern and serves a six-month internship. During those six months, each Intern must have follow-up sessions with a minimum of six clients. There are also assignments they must complete.
- 3) The initial Internship is followed by a seven-day total immersion training during which the Advanced Techniques are taught.
- 4) The Interns then serve another six-month time frame in which they must teach a minimum of 6 more clients.
- 5) After they have 12 clients, there is an On-Site Visit during which the FertilityCare™ Educator attends one of the Interns Introductory Sessions and one of their Follow-ups. The Educator will review all of the Intern’s client charts at this time.
- 6) The Intern, then, must teach another six clients.
- 7) Once the Intern has a total of 18 clients and has successfully completed all of the assignments, they must sit for a six-hour final international exam. Upon successful completion of this exam, the Intern becomes a Practitioner. The new Practitioner is eligible to apply for certification with the American Academy of FertilityCare™ Professionals.

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**LEGACY GIVING:** Families and individuals can leave a legacy/donate monies to fund the mission and aims of the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants by giving now or in your estate plans/will. Your good deeds here on earth can live on in the actions of nurses across the world. Consider supporting CICIAMS. For more information about financial ways of supporting CICIAMS, please contact the Secretary General at: [CICIAMSInternational12@gmail.com](mailto:CICIAMSInternational12@gmail.com)





## Save the Date – CICIAMS 7<sup>th</sup> African Regional Congress



**CICIAMS VII AFRICAN  
REGIONAL CONGRESS**

Date: **7th - 9th August 2024**  
Venue: **Kenya School of Monetary Studies Nairobi**

**CALL OF ABSTRACT:**  
1<sup>ST</sup> CALL DEADLINE: 30TH JUNE 2023 | 2<sup>ND</sup> EXTENSION DEADLINE: 30TH AUGUST 2023

### ***THEME:***

**Enhancing Nursing and Midwifery Education for improved health care services in the Spirit of Laudato si and Synodality.**

### ***SUB THEME:***

1. Nursing and Midwifery Education
2. Nursing practice
3. Spirituality in Nursing and Midwifery care
4. NCDs and Emerging diseases; The role of the Catholic Health Workers
5. End of life care
6. COVID-19 pandemic
7. Sustainable health and development in Africa
8. Technology and innovation
9. Ethical dilemma
10. Mental wellness
11. Scientific Methods of Natural family planning
12. Synodality

### ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

*All abstracts must be submitted via the congress abstract email address:*

**abstract2024@gmail.com**

### **For more information:**

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Dr. Anne Wawire (+254) 0725 411 421 [annekabimba@yahoo.com](mailto:annekabimba@yahoo.com)

Visit our website: [www.catholicnurseskenya.org](http://www.catholicnurseskenya.org) (for registration and accommodation details)



## Election 2024

Nominations are solicited for the following 2024 Executive Board positions:

International President (2024-2028)

Treasurer/Financial Manager (2024-2028)

Region Presidents:

Africa (2024-2026, then 4 year terms resume)

Asia (2024-2028),

Europe (2024-2028) /

Pan America (2024-2028)

Chairpersons:

Ethics (2024-2026, then 4 year term resumes),

Midwives (2024-2028),

Professional (2024-2028),

Statutes (2024-2026, then 4 year term resumes)

Representative to the United Nations

(UN/DGC/ECOSOC and UNICEF) (2024-2028).

\*\*\*Nominees will need to provide:

- 1) Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume,
- 2) Nomination form signed by national president and
- 3) a brief description of their vision and how they will fulfill their role.

Official Announcements will be sent to Regional Presidents and Association/Guild Presidents in January 2024.

Nominations may be submitted at any time to the Secretary General.

Contact the Secretary General for a list of duties and the nomination form at [ciciamsinternational12@gmail.com](mailto:ciciamsinternational12@gmail.com)



Jane Buncuan, Chair,  
Statutes Committee

## CICIAMS 7<sup>th</sup> African Regional Congress hosting General Council Meeting (GCM)

**General Council Meeting 6Aug2024:**

The CICIAMS GCM is the supreme governing body of CICIAMS and consists of the full Executive Board and the presidents of national associations or their representatives (Art. 8). GCM are held every two years at the World Congress and at one of the Region Congresses. The Member Associations are represented at the GCM by the association/guild presidents or their delegates.

The president may be accompanied by one or several members of their Association. A total of four (4) will have a right to speak. Other members are welcomed to attend the GCM as observers with no right to speak.

The members of the Executive Board who are not designated as official delegates of their Associations assist at the General Council as observers with the right to speak but do not have a vote.

Full Member Associations in good standing, with current paid annual subscription, have voting rights. Any Member Association with membership exceeding one thousand are entitled to a second vote.

### Schedule:

5 August – Executive Board Meeting (EB)

6 August – General Council Meeting (GCM)

7 August – Opening ceremony, keynote address and 1-2 papers

8 & 9 August – Presentations

10 August – Departure or Excursion

**Congress Theme:** Enhancing Nursing and Midwifery Education for improved Health Care Services in the Spirit of *Laudato Si* and Synodality

**Venue:** Kenya School of Monetary Studies (accommodates 100), will add surrounding hotels.

**Host:** The Catholic Nurses Guild of Kenya

Abstract submission email: [abstract2024@gmail.com](mailto:abstract2024@gmail.com)

## Are you a Nurse who is Catholic or a Catholic Nurse?

On August 27, 1935 at the International Catholic Nurses' World Congress held in Rome, His Holiness Pope Pius XI addressed the 2000 nurses assembled at Castel Gandolfo. After expressing concerns about paganism and materialism penetrating everywhere, His Holiness stated, *"Therefore you must be first and foremost and at all costs, full of the spirit of spirituality, of Christianity, of the Christian supernatural... We can never give to others that which we do not ourselves possess... And the treasure which your assistance must bring to the infirm is precisely that of spirituality, of the supernatural."* He expressed the importance of nurses also bringing material bodily comfort and having technical expertise. However, first and foremost we must possess the Christian supernatural ourselves. Here are 5 Catholic disciplines recommended by Our Lady. Might we adopt some or all of these, to help us deepen our prayer life?

Scripture / Eucharist / Rosary / Fasting / Confession  
(Daily Reading) / (Every Sunday) / (Daily) / (Twice weekly) / (Monthly)

St. John of God, St. Camillus de Lellis, Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN  
patron saints of nurses and nursing association, Pray for us.





Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President

## CICIAMS and Nurses with Global Impact, Inc. Alliance 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Nurses Day Celebration – May 12, 2023 Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations, NYC, New York, USA

NWGI connects, supports and celebrates the work of nurses everywhere, bringing visibility to nurses doing extraordinary work and their projects that make a global impact on healthcare. Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN & Midwife, CICIAMS International President was invited to address the honorees and guests. She discussed “*Global Trends in Nursing Practice.*” Four members of CICIAMS received this prestigious award. Their stories can be read at <https://nurseswithglobalimpact.org/> A very brief summary follows.

**Sister Stella Tan**, a religious Sister of St. Francis of Sarawak and long-term member of CICIAMS who has attended at least three CICIAMS World Congresses, cared for the poor of the Malaysian rainforest delivering food, healthcare, and necessities to people in remote areas of the rain forest using her station wagon, wagon and sometimes



### 2023 - CICIAMS Member Association Honorees



2023

Sr. Stella Tan, SSFS, RN, RM  
CNG-Malaysia



2023

Sr. Cecilia Uwane Adache, OSF,  
RN, RM, RPHN, BNSC, MPH,  
CFCP, CFCE - CNG-Nigeria



2023

Sylwia Juskiewicz, RN  
KSPiPP – Poland



2023

Lucy Wangu Thang’a, RN  
CNA-Kenya

traveling by boat down rapids to reach remote regions. **Sr. Cecilia Uwane Adache** from the FertilityCare Center, Our Lady and St. Francis Hospital in Nigeria, is improving the fertility health of women and men in her care with child spacing and healthy child conception being primary components of her dedicated work. She is certified in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTechnology both as a practitioner and educator and has authored a grant to educate and certify nurses across CICIAMS four regions. **Sylwia Juskiewicz** from Poland, a nurse who works in neurosurgery and volunteers on an ambulance crew to care for people injured in the War in Ukraine. **Lucy Wangu Thang’a** from Kenya who served as the CICIAMS Africa Region President and brought together nurses across Africa and implemented several projects to include the Faithful House Project to encourage chastity and fidelity in marriage to stop the transmission of HIV/AIDS in heterosexual marriages.



Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, PhD, RN, OCV, CICIAMS President, Europe Region; Sylwia Juskiewicz, RN & Dr. Iwona Malinowska -Lipień, RN (Poland)



Diana Ruzicka, CICIAMS SG & Marylee Meehan, MA, RN, CICIAMS Int'l President 2007-2012 (USA)



Catherine Pero, RN (Malaysia) and Sr. Cecilia Adache, OSF, RN (Nigeria)

## 2023-Nurses with Global Impact Honorees

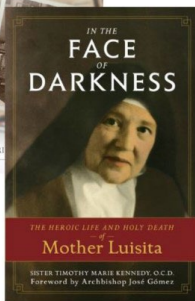
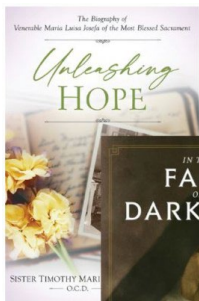


2023 NWGI Honorees, United Nations, New York City, New York, U.S.A.

Dr. Patricia Sayers, DNP, RN, CICIAMS UN Representative and Rep. to NWGI, Setenay Sustenceli, RN (Hackensack Meridian Health Palisades Medical Center); Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN FAAN (Professor and Dean Rory Meyers College of Nursing, NYU); Patricia Starck, PhD, RN, FAAN – Dean Emerita (Film Caring Corrupted: The Killing Nurses of the Third Reich); Ryan Turner, RN (Nurses with Global Impact “Rising Star”); Natalia Grodzcka representing great grandmother Stanisława Leszczyńska, RN and Midwife (The Nurse of Auschwitz); Sr. Cecilia Adache, RN, RM, RPHNO, BNSC, MPH, CFCP, FCEI (Franciscan FertilityCare Center, Our Lady and St. Francis Hospital, Nigeria-CICIAMS); Laura L. Hayman, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAHA (Professor, Department of Nursing, University of Massachusetts, Boston); Sylwia Juskiewicz, RN (Krakow Ambulance Service – CICIAMS); Carrie Furberg, BA, BSN, RN, CRN (University of North Carolina Medical Center); Sr. Stella Tan, RN (Sisters of St. Francis of Sarawak, Malaysia – CICIAMS); Lucy Wangu Thang’a, RN & Midwife (Executive Director, Catholic Nurses of Kenya-CICIAMS); Margaret Moss, PhD, JD, RN, FAAN (Professor and Director, First Nations House of Learning); Ellen Gianoli, President, NWGI (Left to Right); Hayat Odeh, Operating Room Nurse (Volunteer Liaison: Palestinian Refugees & Holy Family Mobile Unit)-Not pictured; Deborah O’Hara Rusckowski, MC and Founder of NWGI (front)

### Nurse Saints, Blessed, Venerable & Servants of God

**Ven. Mother Luisa Josefa (Mexico/USA) (1866-1937)** established, with her husband, the little Hospital of the Sacred Heart. She learned how to nurse and care for the sick working alongside her husband and took her place as a nurse on a rotating schedule with the other women.



Following her husband’s death, Luisa founded the Carmelite Sisters of the of the Sacred Heart of Mexico, a contemplative-active community dedicated to the care of the poor, sick, abandoned, and orphaned children and to establish schools. She fled Mexico to Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. as a religious refugee during the persecution of the Catholic

Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She covertly traveled back and forth to Mexico starting schools, orphanages, hospitals and clinics. She founded a second religious order in the United States: the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

### Saint André International Center for Ethics and Integrity



Joyce Asufi, Chair Ethics Committee

**Ms. Joyce Asufi, RN, CICIAMS Chair Ethics Committee recommended the following be shared with CICIAMS members:**

Dr. Jozef Welie, MA, MMedS, JD, PhD, FACD invited members of CICIAMS to the 2023 Summer/Fall

Ethics seminars. Among the four is *Health care ethics – Catholic perspective* (July 19-27, 2023) at the Notre Dame de Grace Conference Center in Rochefort-du-Gard in the south of France, located 15 minutes from the city of Avignon. The Center exists to a) develop scholarly conferences and academic courses in ethics and related subjects and b) make available ethics resources, both physical (e.g., scholarly documentation) and virtual (e.g., network) for research in ethics. The Center was established May 6, 2019 as a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization in Nebraska, USA and has an international board.

[www.chateausaintandre.center/](http://www.chateausaintandre.center/) or [info@chateausaintandrecenter](mailto:info@chateausaintandrecenter)

**NEW:**

**Note:** All inclusive registration fee for graduate students reduced to \$995 or Euro 930 due to recent gift.



## From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

From Catholic Nurses Guild of Zambia

Stella Chisunka →  
Chair Professional Committee-Zambia



Catholic Nurses Guild of Zambia (CNGZ) nurses and student nurses providing First Aid at the Cathedral of the Child Jesus where His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Alick Banda, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lusaka met with the Holy Childhood and Thom youths from several parishes for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, games, singing and competitions - 2023

From Catholic Nurses Association of Kenya



### Jesus My Patient – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Dearest Lord, may I see you today and every day in the person of your sick, and, whilst nursing them, minister unto you. Though you hide yourself behind the unattractive disguise of the irritable, the exacting, the unreasonable, may I still recognize you, and say: "Jesus, my patient, how sweet it is to serve you." Lord, give me this seeing faith, then my work will never be monotonous. I will ever find joy in humoring the fancies and gratifying the wishes of all poor sufferers. O beloved sick, how doubly dear you are to me, when you personify Christ; and what a privilege is mine to be allowed to tend you. Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my high vocation, and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience. And O God, while you are Jesus, my patient, deign also to be to me a patient Jesus, bearing with my faults, looking only to my intention, which is to love and serve you in the person of each of your sick. Lord, increase my faith, bless my efforts and work, now and forevermore. Amen



## From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds



*Catholic Nurses Guild from  
Keningau, Tambunan and Tenom, Sabah,, Malaysia*



*Reviving back hospital Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,  
CNG Sibu, Sarawak, Malaysia*



*Participants attended the 44th Annual Guild Meeting of the  
Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild (BCNG) at  
National Training Centre, Jashore, Bangladesh*



*Sr. Sarla, President of Catholic Nurses Guild of India  
celebrating Nurses' Day on May 12, 2023*

### HOLY FAMILY MASS FOR THE SICK 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023



*Catholic Nurses Guild of Singapore*



*Catholic Nurses Guild of Singapore*



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# From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

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## From the Catholic Nurses Guild of Malaysia

### Post Covid News: The Catholic Nurse's Guild of Malaysia

Since its formation in 1947, the Catholic Nurse's Guild of Malaysia (CNGM) has conducted activities around the country. Members are encouraged to come together, enabling them to pray and remain close to God through the giving of moral and spiritual support. Unfortunately, as in all countries, activities were restricted during the Covid19 pandemic. We only managed to meet via zoom and initiated the 24-hour Rosary for pandemic on every Wednesday. It was only towards the end of 2022 that we were able to continue our activities. So far, we have successfully organised four major events:

The 51<sup>st</sup> CNGM Annual General Meeting and Nursing Seminar held at *the Pilgrimage of the Holy Family Centre Nulu Sosopon* in Keningau, Sabah on 8 to 11 September 2022



2. A Workshop on CNGM's Strategic Planning held at Blessed Sacrament Church BDC in Kuching on 4 to 6 November 2022



3. The first Solidarity Mass organized in several churches around the country on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in conjunction with Day of the Sick



4. Celebrated mass in conjunction with the International Nurses Day on 12 May 2023



We have also started several activities:



Christmas carols @ hospitals



Blood Donation



Visiting the sick



Health Screening

Compiled by Jane Buncuan

We are committed to move forward offering love and caring services to people in need regardless of religion, race, colour and language. We look forward to continuing to serve our members and the community in need around us. Let us remember what Mother Teresa said, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."



President, CNG Malaysia



## From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

### From the Catholic Nurses Guild of Thailand

On February 12, 2023, at the Redemptorist Church, the Catholic Nurses Guild of Thailand joined with the Catholic Health Association of Thailand and organized a mobile clinic and a workshop on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of the automatic external defibrillator (AED). There were two medical doctors doing health checks and a Chinese doctor provided acupuncture. A priest, three Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres (SPC) and team also joined these activities.



Nurses and healthcare Outreach





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## From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

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From the Catholic Nurses Guild of Pakistan

CICIAMS Pakistan nurses and physicians involved with pastoral care work. Pictures from planning meeting below.





# From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

From the Association of Catholic Nurses of England and Wales (ACNEW)



Teresa Lynch, President ACNEW, Fr. Michael Stacks, Geraldine Yates, Mary Farnan, Angela de Souza, Ethel Corduff, Gosia Brykczynska and Sandra Broom, Walsingham, England, Wednesday, June 14, 2023

“When  
England  
returns to  
Walsingham,  
Our Lady  
will return to  
England.”

Pope Leo XIII in 1893

“The Faith  
will flourish in  
England  
when the  
Shrine of  
Walsingham  
flourishes”

Cardinal Griffin in 1954



Welcome to the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham “England’s Nazareth”

Founded – 1061 A.D.  
Destroyed – 1538  
Restored – 1897

[www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)



Location of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass





## From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

From the Association of Catholic Nurses of England and Wales (ACNEW)

At the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham “England’s Nazareth,” June 14, 2023



*“This is Your Dowry, O Pious Virgin Mary” --- King Richard II – 15<sup>th</sup> June 1381*

*“All who are in any way distressed, or in need, let them seek me there in that little house you have made at Walsingham. To all that seek me there shall be given help. And there at Walsingham in this little house shall be held in remembrance the great joy of my salvation, when Saint Gabriel told me I should, through humility, become the mother of God’s Son.” --- Our Lady to Richeldis de Faverches - 1061*

From the Catholic Association of Polish Nurses and Midwives

### Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN – Poland

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Beatification; 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death, 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Baptism  
by Helena Matoga, MA, RN, Vice Postulator for the Cause of the Canonization of Blessed Hanna



Helena Matoga

The Catholic Association of Polish Nurses and Midwives (*Katolickie Stowarzyszenie Pielęgniarek I Poloznych Polskich [KSPiPP]*) along with many dedicated priests, religious and laity solemnly celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing away with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered at three times and locations. The first took place in the morning before the conference at the John Paul II Centre. The second in the afternoon at the dedication of the square near dedicated to her near the place of residence, at the church of the Carmelite nuns. It was here that Cardinal Wojtyla said farewell to her with the words *“Thank you, Mrs. Hanna, for being with us (...)”*. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered a third time in the evening at St. Nicholas Church, 9 Kopernika Street, Krakow, Małopolskie 31034, Poland where the relics of Blessed Hanna are located. June 2023 marked the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Hanna’s baptism in the Church of Wiązowna.





## From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

From the National Association of Catholic Nurses, Canada



The National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada held several events this spring to invite nurses to join as members. Clockwise from top left: 1) On the World Day of the Sick, nurses from St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish in Scarborough, Ontario met for brunch after Mass and described their clinical, teaching and student experiences. On April 29, 2023, nurses from the same parish met Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, PhD, RN, OCV, CCIAMS President, European Region, for Lunch. 2) Nurses in Lindsay, Ontario celebrated Nurses' Week with a brunch hosted by the Catholic Women's league. 3) Fr. Mark Kolosowski of St. John Henry Newman Parish, and 4) Fr. Boris Hemon, Fr. Christopher Huynh and Dr. Christopher De bono of St. Joseph Health Centre were happy to receive Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska's relics, kindly brought to us in Toronto on April 27 and 28, 2023 by Dr. Gosia Brykczynska.



NACN-Canada members participated in the National March for Life in Ottawa, Ontario on May 11, 2023.



Ottawa nurses at the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' and Societies' (CFCPS) 2023 annual conference. Most of them joined NACN-Canada's AGM the evening before. The group is seen here with Bishop Gregory Bittman of the Diocese of Nelson, British Columbia.



## From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

From the Movimiento de Enfermeras de Accion Catolica (M.E.A.C.) / Catholic Action Nurses Movement, Mexico



*We continue to work in a home for people who are totally unprotected by their families and who live on the streets. We provide them with cleaning and healing items, teach spiritual issues, self-esteem, and support them in caring for Nursing. This is done in the Diocese of Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico*  
*Seguimos trabajando en un asilo de personas totalmente desprotegidas por su familia y que viven en situación de calle, se les proporciona artículos de limpieza y para curación, se imparten temas de espirituales, de autoestima y se les apoya en la atención de cuidados de enfermería. Esto se realiza en la Diócesis de Guadalajara, Jal, Mex.*



*In Ciudad Juárez, Chih., Mex. border with the United States of America, continuous support for emigrants, mainly Central Americans, waiting to be accepted by that country, spiritual, economic and emotional support /*  
*En Ciudad Juárez, Chih., Méx. frontera con Estados Unidos de Norteamérica, continua el apoyo a emigrantes, principalmente centroamericanos, en espera de ser aceptados por ese País, apoyo espiritual, económico y emocional*

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**2023**

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**National Assembly DELAI Movements Associations and Lay Institutions.**

**Theme: It is the Time for Big Risks!**

*Comprehensive training in Pastoral Health is maintained, in the defense of life, since it is very important that the Nurse is prepared and with moral and ethical principles.*

*Se mantiene una formación integral en Pastoral de la Salud, en la defensa de la vida, ya que es muy importante que la Enfermera esté preparada y con principios morales y éticos.*



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## From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds – M.E.A.C.

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From the Movimiento de Enfermeras de Accion Catolica (M.E.A.C.) / Catholic Action Nurses Movement, Mexico



Attendance at a meeting in the City of Monterrey, N.L., Mex. Coordinated by the Episcopal Dimension for the Laity, with the purpose of preparing ourselves to work in the face of the great challenges that we are facing in a time of lack of values and faith and to be able to evangelize in the area that corresponds to us / Asistencia a un encuentro en la Ciudad de Monterrey, N.L., Méx. Coordinada por la Dimensión Episcopal para los Laicos, con la finalidad de prepararnos para trabajar ante los grandes retos y desafíos que estamos enfrentando una época de falta de valores y de fe y poder evangelizar en área que nos corresponde.



Movimiento de Enfermeras (os) de Acción Católica  
Diócesis Aguascalientes  
Invita al  
**RETIRO NACIONAL**  
Fecha: 2, 3 Y 4 de Junio 2023



**"La Gran Misión de la Misericordia  
en el ámbito de Enfermería"**

**TEMATICA:**

- Fortalecimiento de la Espiritualidad.
- Trabajar por y con la Gente.
- Objeción de Conciencia
- La Misión de Enfermería, reflejo del Buen Samaritano.
- Retos y compromisos para Enfermería, después de la pandemia.



On June 2, 3, and 4 of this year, we organized a spiritual retreat in San Juan de los Lagos, Jal., Mex. This event is held annually and is attended by all the dioceses attached to the Movement of Catholic Action Nurses, which had as its main theme **"The great Mission of Mercy in the field of Nursing"** and in order to strengthen our spirituality.

Los días 2, 3 y 4 de junio del presente año organizamos un retiro espiritual en San Juan de los Lagos, Jal., Méx. este evento se realiza anualmente en donde asisten todas las diócesis adscriptas al Movimiento de Enfermeras de Acción Católica, que tuvo como tema principal **"La gran Misión de Misericordia en el ámbito de Enfermería"** y con el fin de fortalecer nuestra espiritualidad.

## From the Vatican – Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

### Family Global Compact

**Sister Cecilia Adache, OSF is the Chair of the CICIAMS Committee on the Family. She would like to share the following from the Vatican.**

“The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life headed by Kevin Cardinal Farrell, Prefect and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences headed by Sr. Helen Alford, President have teamed together preparing a Family Global Compact. The Family Global Compact is a shared program of actions for the promotion of the family throughout the world in light of the Social Doctrine of the Church. A common commitment is needed to foster the leading role of the family in the economy, society, the development of the human person and the common good.

The 4 action points include: 1) The quality of family relationships, 2) Promoting the family, a social subject, 3) Public Policies for Families and 4) Challenges for all.” (from Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life email). The Family Global Compact is described in a 53 page document at <https://familyglobalcompact.org/family-global-compact-home-eng/#ACTION..>



*Sr. Cecilia, Chair, Committee on the Family*

### Excerpt from the Holy Father’s Message

The goal is synergetic: to enable the pastoral care of families in the particular Churches to benefit from the research and the educational and training programmes in Catholic universities. Together, the universities and programmes of pastoral ministry can more effectively promote a culture of family and life in this time of uncertainty and a certain shortage of hope...

The Family Global Compact is not meant to be a static programme aimed at crystallizing a few ideas, but a process structured in view of four goals, namely:

1. Initiating a process of dialogue and greater collaboration among university study and research centres dealing with family issues, in order to make their activities more productive, particularly by creating or reviving networks of university institutes inspired by the social doctrine of the Church.
2. creating greater synergy of content and goals between Christian communities and Catholic universities.
3. promoting the culture of family and life in society, so that helpful public policy resolutions and objectives can emerge.
4. harmonizing and advancing proposals that result from this, so that service to the family can be enhanced and sustained in spiritual, pastoral, cultural, legal, political, economic and social terms. It is in the family that many of God’s dreams for the human community are realized. Hence, we cannot resign ourselves to the decline of the family in the name of uncertainty, individualism and consumerism, which envision a future of individuals who think only of themselves. We cannot be indifferent to the future of the family as a community of life and love, a unique and indissoluble covenant between a man and a woman, a place where generations meet, a source of hope for society. The family, it should be recalled, has a positive effect on everyone, since it is a generator of common good. Healthy family relationships represent a unique source of enrichment, not only for spouses and children but for the entire ecclesial and civil community.



## Annual Meeting of Moderators of Ecclesiastical Movements and New Communities Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, June 22, 2023, Rome, Italy



*Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN  
CICIAMS International President*

On June 22, 2023, Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President and Dr. Małgozata (Gosia) Brykczyńska, PhD, RN, OCV, CICIAMS President, Europe Region will represent CICIAMS at the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, June 22, 2023 meeting of Moderators of Ecclesiastical Movements and New Communities. The theme is: *On mission with Peter – apostolicity at the heart of the identity of the ecclesial movements*. Twenty-five years after the First International Congress of Ecclesial Movement held in May 1998, the group is returning to the topic of the specific ‘vocation’ of the ecclesial movements. All participants were asked to read ahead the lecture given by the then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger on their ‘theological positioning.’ “Cardinal Ratzinger stated in his

*lecture that ‘If the position or placement of the movements in the Church is ‘apostolicity’, then it follows that in every age it will be fundamental for them to want to live an apostolic life.’ He went on to explain in more detail what the essential components of ‘wanted to live an apostolic life’ are in any era. There are essentially three: an evangelical life, a missionary life, charity and service.”* Dr. Mthethwa has prepared a reflection on how CICIAMS is facing the challenge of apostolic life which will appear in the Fall newsletter.



*Dr. Gosia Brykczyńska, PhD, RN, OCV  
CICIAMS President, Europe Region*





### Message from the Holy Father

Dear brothers and sisters!

“His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth

(cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth Addresses the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the “haste” (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trust that young people, through their relationships with the elderly will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary’s visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves and that God’s presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the *Magnificat*, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he made to Abraham had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God’s way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on “having it all now”, are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present, and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us



and calls us at every moment to *keep pressing forward*. For the young, this means being ready to bread free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing sometime productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God’s grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary’s visit and Elizabeth’s greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation; in their embrace, God’s mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to god’s holy people. The Church, as well

### World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly-July 23, 2023

**Béatrice van Dorsser represents CICIAMS to CRESCENDO – the Worldwide Network for Human and Christian Ageing. She would like to share the following from the Vatican.**

“The Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 23. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is “*His mercy is from age to age*” (Lk 1:50), which expresses the link with World Youth Days which will take place a few days later in Lisbon (1-6 August 2023).

The WYD theme “Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39) shows us, in fact, the young Mary who sets out to go and find her elderly cousin Elizabeth and who loudly proclaims, in the Magnificat, the strength of the alliance between young and old. In the Netherlands, old Catholic ladies help young people as ambassadors go to the world meeting.

On the occasion of the Day, the Holy Father will preside over a Eucharistic liturgy in St. Peter’s Basilica and invites parishes, dioceses, associations and ecclesial communities from all over the world to celebrate the Day in their own pastoral context.” Tool kit for parishes:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2023/iii-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>

The pastoral kit can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/yfuwcp5f>



Béatrice van Dorsser,  
CICIAMS Rep. to  
CRESCENDO  
(Worldwide Network  
for Human and  
Christian Ageing)

## Holy Father's Message – 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (cont'd)

as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside! The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone – diocese parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day. Those young people are God's answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2023

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Francis*



## Preparing for the day with the elderly

- The *Day's* activities are mainly directed towards the elderly. The Holy Father's message is addressed to them.
- It is important to make sure that as many elderly people as possible personally participate in the Sunday liturgy celebrated on the *Day*.
- After the pandemic, in many contexts, participation of the elderly in Sunday Mass has declined. The *Day* can be an opportunity to help the elderly regain the habit of attending Mass in person.
- The elderly people from the parish or from one's own church can be invited for a reflection to discuss the Pope's message for the *Day*, which can be distributed to all participants.
- The elderly people may be asked to offer a special prayer for the youth and, in particular, for those who will attend the WYD in Lisbon as well as for a successful outcome of the event.
- Through visits to the lonely elderly, the text of the message can also be conveyed to those unable to attend the meetings.
- All the grandparents and all the elderly who participate in the Day can be entrusted with the Holy Father's prayer intentions together with the special intentions of their own community.

## Prayer for the Third World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

Virgin Mary

Mother of faith and hope,  
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,  
make me as willing as You  
to accept the will of God,  
to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude,  
you who know my heart  
do not allow me to become discouraged.  
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.  
Heal my wounds.  
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love,  
brings us to experience the joy  
of seeing our families united.  
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God  
to the grandchildren and youth  
so that, in addition to praying for them,  
we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me;  
sustain my weakness  
breathe into my heart the consolation  
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,  
bearing witness to the beauty of life,  
knowing that life has a limit  
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

## Plenary Indulgence

- The Apostolic Penitentiary has promulgated a decree granting Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
- For the elderly, Indulgence can be obtained by attending one of the Masses celebrated to observe the *Day*.
- Given that some elderly people are unable to attend Mass in person for health reasons, Indulgence is also extended to those who take part in it through television, radio or the web.
- Indulgence is also granted to all those who, on the occasion of the *Day*, perform a 'work of mercy by visiting an elderly person.

A plenary indulgence remits the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven and can be gained once a day and applied to oneself or to the soul of the deceased. It requires that a person be in a state of grace with an interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin and the fulfillment of the three usual conditions: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff (i.e., Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be...).



## W.A.S.H. in Catholic Health Care Facilities Initiative (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)

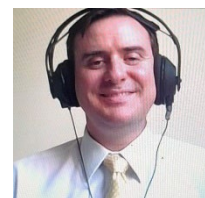
On June 1, 2023, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in collaboration with Caritas Internationalis, The Daughters of Charity International Project Services and The Camillian Sisters Ministers of the Sick hosted an online meeting to hear from leaders across the world on what has been achieved and learned, and to share a common vision for ensuring that all patients in Catholic Health Care Facilities across the world have access to the basic rights of water, sanitation and hygiene. The goal was also to mobilize greater investment and support for the initiative focused on not only the original 150 facilities that were part of the initial assessment but also the remaining thousands of Catholic health care facilities serving the sick and vulnerable across the world.

Sr. Liberty Elarmo, Vicar General, Camillian Sisters, Ministers of the Sick (Italy) opened the meeting in prayer. Cardinal Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (IHD) greeted participants via a



prepared video. He expressed the importance of WASH especially the access to safe drinking water, a basic human right necessary for survival. Basic WASH conditions are important for equal human dignity and integral human development. Needed are donors, technical expertise mentors, training, solidarity, generosity and responsibility. He recognized the Catholic and non-Catholic group collaborating on this project and blessed the meeting.

Tebaldo Vinciguerra, (IHD) presented the background of the project. Realizing that one of every four health care facilities across the world are Catholic, in



2021, the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development cooperated with others calling for improving water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and conducted a survey of 150 facilities in 23 countries to identify the priority WASH problems and the resources needed to address these problems. These included assessments of diverse facilities: mobile clinic, maternity centers, hospitals, eye clinic, homes for the elderly, leprosia etc. More than half of the facilities surveyed did not have adequate WASH facilities.



Assistance was given to draft requests for financial assistance. Fifty one facilities in 14 countries received total or partial funding for improvements, building, training, education and/or maintenance and the process continues. On May 26, 2021, Dr. Anna Cerra, a member of the National Association of Catholic Nurses, U.S.A. (NACN-USA) and Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer in Greenwich Hospital in

Connecticut, USA and Dr. Marian Nowak, CICIAMS President, Pan American Region and NACN-USA member had participated in the prior informative roundtables about WASH in Catholic health care facilities. Thank you both!

Today, Catholic Health Care Facilities interested in participating in the WASH Program should contact Tebaldo Vinciguerra at [t.vinciguerra@humandevlopment.va](mailto:t.vinciguerra@humandevlopment.va) and [jmarkb@assisistrategy.com](mailto:jmarkb@assisistrategy.com). Several groups who have provided grants for the above projects included: Raskob Foundation-International [mpbremer@rfca.org](mailto:mpbremer@rfca.org), Cordaid-[Paul.borsboom@cordaid.org](mailto:Paul.borsboom@cordaid.org) and Water Engineers for the Americas (WEFTA) [timwellman@wefta.net](mailto:timwellman@wefta.net). Information, forms and documents are available on the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/progetti/wash-water-sanitation-hygiene.html>.



At the June 1, 2023 meeting Diana Ruzicka, CICIAMS Secretary General and Dr. Anne Wawire Kabimba, Chair, Midwives Committee represented CICIAMS. The following information is shared. In additions, Dr. Anne Wawire Kabimba will present the WASH at the 2024 CICIAMS 7<sup>th</sup> African Regional Congress in Nairobi, Kenya, 7-9Aug2024.



Dr. Anne Wawire Kabimba, PhD, RN  
Chair, Midwives Committee

The first step in requesting assistance is to conduct an assessment. Tools for an initial assessment are available at <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/progetti/wash-water-sanitation-hygiene.html>

The link to the full meeting recording: [WASH Meeting Full Recording on Vimeo](https://vimeo.com/832625310)  
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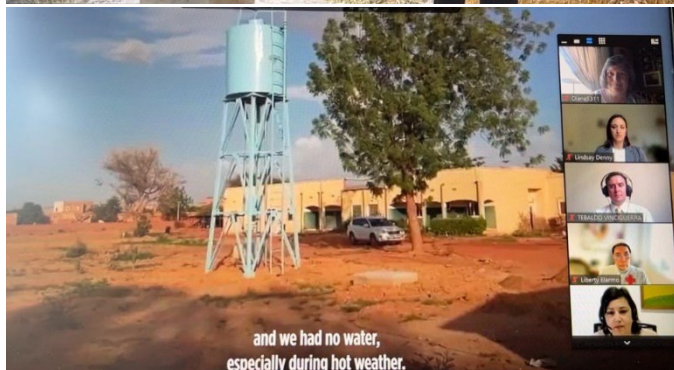
For your convenience, we have also included the individual videos that were shown during the meeting:

1. Cardinal Czerny's Opening Remarks: <https://vimeo.com/830659403>
2. Daughters of Charity, Nigeria: <https://vimeo.com/830215767>
3. Mopti Diocese, Mali: <https://vimeo.com/831461025>
4. Haiti Video: <https://vimeo.com/831778930>
5. Philippines Video: <https://vimeo.com/831583484>
6. SAWA Post Monitoring Program (Tanzania): <https://vimeo.com/828277921>
7. Francois Kangela, CRS Technical Advisor: <https://vimeo.com/830216256>



Diana Ruzicka, MSN, RN  
CICIAMS Secretary General

## Projects across the World and the Importance of Sustainability and Maintenance





# The Business of the Organization

## CICIAMS Official Documents & Links

CICIAMS 2023 Statutes & Standing Orders:  
<http://www.ciciams.org/ciciamsreports.html>

CICIAMS Ethics Guidelines and Principles of Practices for Catholic Nurses: [www.ciciams.org/ethicscommittee.html](http://www.ciciams.org/ethicscommittee.html)



### CICIAMS Mission

§ 1. CICIAMS Mission Statement: Informed by the moral and social teachings of the Church, CICIAMS is committed to the following:

- Giving Christian witness in our lives through guiding and supporting Healthcare workers internationally
- Developing a positive vision of life from conception to death
- Representing Christian and professional values in our work with other national and international associations
- Coordinating the work of member association in their efforts to evangelize the ethos and ideals of the nursing profession
- Promoting the initiation of and participation in professional research and development towards the achievement of optimum care and wellbeing
- Respecting the religious convictions of others and accepting their rights to practice their beliefs.



### CICIAMS AIMS

- Representing the professional & Christian interests of its members
- Promoting members' spiritual welfare & ethical values
- Promoting health & social measures of health in line with Catholic principles and professional development
- Promoting cooperation among member associations

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## Calendar of Events



- Annual Meeting of Moderators of Ecclesiastical Movements and New Communities, Dicastery for Laity, Family & Life, 22 June 2023, Rome
- 26 June 2023 – International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (UN)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 23 July 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of July, close to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus)
- World Youth Day, Lisbon, Portugal 1-6 Aug 2023
- World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Theme: “Let Justice and Peace Flow” – 1 Sept 2023
- International Day of Peace (est. by UN General Assembly in 1981) Theme: Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals – 21 Sep 2023
- 109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 24 Sep 2023
- World Mental Health Day, 10 Oct 2023 (WHO)
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor, 19 Nov 2023 “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor.”  
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- 57<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace – 1 Jan 2024
- 71<sup>th</sup> World Leprosy Day – 28 Jan 2024
- 5<sup>th</sup> World NTD (Neglected Tropical Diseases) Day, 30 January 2024
- 32<sup>nd</sup> World Day of the Sick – 11 Feb 2024
- 17<sup>th</sup> World Rare Disease Day – 28 Feb 2024
- World Health Day (est. by the 1<sup>st</sup> World Health Assembly in 1948) – 7 April 2024
- **International Nurses Day – Nurses with Global Impact Honorees, United Nations, New York City, USA – Friday, 10 May 2024 (sponsored by CICIAMS & NWGI, Inc.)**
- 37<sup>th</sup> World No Tobacco Day (WHO)–31May2024
- World Refugee Day (UN) – 20 June 2024
- **2024 August 5-9 – 7<sup>th</sup> African Regional Congress, Nairobi, Kenya\***  
5Aug – Executive Board Meeting  
6Aug – General Council Meeting (All National Association/Guild Presidents or their delegates)  
7-9Aug – Regional Congress  
10Aug – Optional Excursion
- **2026 - CICIAMS XXII World Congress - Thailand\***

\*Begin the VISA process EARLY