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The International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants

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From the International President's Desk

At the end of the and as begin a new calendar year, I would like to appeal to all Catholic Health Workers and especially Nurses to endeavour to reclaim the Catholic Social teaching that requires deep cultural transformation at a time of loss of social trust in institutions and organizations sometimes including the church unfortunately.

These days in our small Christian communities, parishes, countries and even globally we increasingly see violence, poverty, homeless single parents and child headed families to mention just a few of the many social atrocities. My question to the Catholic Health Workers is: can we do something to curb these moral injustices and ethical dilemmas in our communities? I believe that if each one of us, in our small community can do something, however small, then when our efforts are put together, they can make a significant difference to our dioceses, countries and even globally. This is possible because CICIAMS is in all the regions of the globe.

I was touched by an article in the LA Croix International, written by Nuala Kenny OC, MD/Canada entitled, *The Manger, the Homeless and the Cry of the Poor*. This article challenged me to do an introspection. Considering my expertise, the resources, exposure and networks I have access to, I was compelled to ask, "Am I doing enough to reach out to the needy and assist where I can".

In same article Nuala K. reveal the power of the image of the Nativity. He quotes from the Gospel of St Luke 2:7, *She laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the Inn*. He continues to explain that the scene of the manger portrays a simple, politically oppressed family celebrating the birth of a baby in a shelter of animals. This impoverished scene contrasts to the glaring displays of Santa Claus and the consumer excesses of lighted trees, piles of gifts and warm homes with lavish meals.

I appeal to you, my brother and sister nurses, that we should all ponder the lesson of the NATIVITY. Let us do what we can to make the lives of those who are needy in our midst better. As health workers we are called upon to carry on the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. We know this requires providing holistic care to all regardless of their socio-economic and political status.

As we begin the new year, let us include in our plans activities that we can do as individuals and organizations to promote Universal Health Coverage and leave No One Behind.

Let us encourage each other to pray for one another. Let us remember our members who lost their loved ones, and pray for the departed souls within our organization. Let us pray for those who are sick and those caring for sick relatives. In a special way let us pray for our Secretary General underwent a major surgery earlier this month. We trust the Lord's healing hand over her.

May we all have a blessed and prosperous 2024. Thank you.

Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN

CICIAMS 7th African Regional Congress with Executive Board (EB) and CICIAMS General Council Meeting (GCM)

Enhancing Nursing and Midwifery Education for
Improved Health Care Services in the Spirit of *Laudato Si* and Synodality

info@catholicnurseskenya.org; www.catholicnurseskenya.org

Schedule:

5 August 2024 – Executive Board Meeting (EB), 1000-1700

6 August 2024 – General Council Meeting (GCM), 1000-1700

7 August 2024 – CICIAMS 7th African Regional Congress Opening Ceremony, Keynote Address and
1-2 papers (*CICIAMS EB elections last session 7 or 8 Aug, TBD*).

8 & 9 August 2024 – Presentations

10 August 2024 – Departure or Excursion

Executive Board Meeting 5 August 2024:

The CICIAMS Executive Board Meeting includes the 14 elected members of the Executive Board and the International Ecclesiastical Assistant.

General Council Meeting 6 August 2024:

The CICIAMS GCM is the supreme governing body of CICIAMS and consists of the full Executive Board and the Presidents of national associations/guilds 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.

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

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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)



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Chair, Statutes
Committee

***Nominees provide the following to CICIAMS Secretary General –

ciciamsinternational12@gmail.com:

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.

The Outline of Responsibilities for CICIAMS Executive Board Members are available at:

<http://ciciams.org/ciciamsworldplanningcttee.html>

PLEASE SUBMIT AS SOON AS YOU KNOW YOU OR A MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO SERVE. Representation from all regions desired.

Bioethical Issues – International Perspective

St. John Paul II Shrine
October 13, 2023, Washington, D.C.



Diana Ruzicka, MSN, MA, MA, RN
CICIAMS Secretary General

On October 13, 2023 at the Pope St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, D.C., USA, Diana Ruzicka, MSN, MA, MA, RN, Secretary General, International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants (CICIAMS) was invited to present on a bioethics panel hosted by International Nurses with Global Impact. First viewed was the Award Winning Bioethics Film: *Caring Corrupted: The Killing Nurses of the Third Reich*. This can be viewed on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz8ge4aw8Ws>.

Following the viewing, Mary Dixon, DNP, RN, Conway School of Nursing, Catholic University of America (CUA) gave a short presentation on Bioethics in Nursing Education. This was followed by Assistant Professor DiAnn Ecret, PhD, MSN, RN from the Ave Maria University, Adjunct Faculty of the National Catholic Bioethics Center and

member of CICIAMS Ethics Committee who discussed the Film Bioethics and Cathy Rozmus PhD, RN, FAAN, Cizik School of Nursing, University of Texas, Houston who discussed the Production of the Film. The panel presentation concluded with Diana Ruzicka, CICIAMS Secretary General sharing Bioethical Issues from a Global Perspective.

Thank you to all the Regional Presidents and National Association/Guild Presidents for sharing your concerns. Also thank you to Dr. Patricia Sayers, CICIAMS UN Representative who hosted the event and to Helen McGhee, President, National Association of Catholic Nurses, Canada who attended. This was truly an international event/presentation. You will see many of your words verbatim in the presentation below that was given virtually.

The Award Winning Bioethics Film: *Caring Corrupted: The Killing Nurses of the Third Reich*, mentioned above, is an excellent resource for National Association/Guilds to show to members followed by discussions. Unfortunately, it is the nurse, who many times will be asked to practice in an unethical manner. Perhaps we can educate through this film. It could also be used as a fund raiser to assist national association/guilds in raising money for the annual subscription. May our Lord Jesus Christ guide us all in the Truth. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz8ge4aw8Ws>.

----- Bioethical Issues – International Perspective

Diana Ruzicka, MSN, MA, MA, RN
Secretary General, International Catholic Committee of
Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants (CICIAMS)
October 13, 2023, St. John Paul II Shrine, Washington, D.C.

I bring greetings from the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico Social Assistants, CICIAMS. This is a worldwide, international organization composed of National Catholic Associations and Guilds of Nurses, Midwives and Health Workers. We were conceived in 1928 in Switzerland and held our first World Congress in Lourdes, France in 1933. At our second World Congress on August 27, 1935, Pope Pius XI addressed 2000 nurses assembled in Rome. At that time, he stressed the importance of nurses not only bringing health for the body but most importantly to bring life to the soul stating, “...the treasure which your assistance must bring to the infirm is precisely that of spirituality, of the Christian supernatural, Christ.” In his address two years later, at the third International Catholic Nurses World Congress in London, His Holiness Pope Pius XI specifically charged Catholic Nurses to guard against the eugenics and population control movements and wrote to the assembly that it was the duty of every Catholic nurse to belong to Catholic associations of nurses and to promote them in every way possible. Both Pope Pius XI and his successor Pope Pius XII had exceptional vision in anticipating the assaults on human dignity which were to come. For this presentation, I surveyed the Presidents of the four CICIAMS Region: Europe, Asia, Africa and Pan America. Let me share with you some of their concerns.

CICIAMS Europe Region

In the Europe Region, there is a concerted push by legislators to introduce Assisted Suicide with or without a conscience clause. Countries long assumed to be Christian are now allowing assisted suicide/euthanasia, for example, Portugal. For Catholic nurses and healthcare workers this is really problematic. Not every country has a good palliative

care system in place - and even where one does exist, for example in the United Kingdom, there are many legal and communication problems in trying to halt the introduction of legislation that would allow assisted suicide. Crucial at this point is fighting to keep the conscience clause in the legislations which are being pushed. No easy task, but essential.

Another problem common across Europe are issues surrounding treatments at the beginning and end of human life. Currently the courts are prepared to support maintaining the life of patients if families and patients want to preserve life and the healthcare team are of the same opinion that this is a strategy worth supporting. But if the healthcare team disagree - and consider that this particular life is not worth supporting - then no matter what the patient or family say and want and are prepared to fight for - this will not be taken into account. In other words, there is an inbuilt bias in favour of the opinion of healthcare workers as to the value of individual human life - rather than what the patient themselves or their family want. Such breakdowns in treatment vision and planning communications while rare - are still too frequent and they demonstrate an understanding of human life which is devoid of any significance other than the physical reality of the present biological life. Religion and notions of the sanctity of life do not come into the equation. These hard cases make the headlines, but many more are happening all the time which we do not hear about. For Catholic nurses it is almost impossible to support patients and their families with sound nursing care in such a secular climate.

Common over all of Europe are ethical concerns about the actual work ethos of nurses and the conditions in which they have to work. Negative work conditions lead to burnout and professional apathy and are not conducive to practising the profession with the additional Christian vocational aspect. Catholic nurses are also negatively affected by these appalling working conditions. From making it difficult to practice one's faith – for example long 12 hour shifts over a whole weekend - to absence of hospital chapels and chaplains, to prohibiting saying prayers with patients and providing spiritual support themselves. This all affects the daily practice of their work - they become less affective and tend to violate patients' rights to compassion, consideration and a caring approach.

CICIAMS Asia Region

In Asia region, nurses have expressed concern with understanding “wokeism” and its impact on Catholics. The term “woke” is often used by Western conservatives to describe various liberal ideas including cancel culture and transgender activism. Learning about wokeism’s potential impact on Catholic engagement and disaffiliation in Asian countries and the West, along with best practices for Catholic Communicators is an increasingly sensitive and politically correct environment is a concern.

In other Asian countries, suicide is a problem. In addition, youth unemployment and abortion are a concern. Pregnancy among technical trainees, one of whom abandoned her fetus was a bioethical concern for which the nurses planned to offer online consultations with midwives.

CICIAMS Africa Region

International organizations have paid girls \$200 to harvest their eggs. For what purpose, we do not know? What will be the impact on these girls fertility? Are they being used for implantation in other women, or research? In 2013/2014, several International organizations collaborated to develop and administer a tetanus vaccine combined with BHCG which caused young women to develop anti-BHCG antibodies and thus they sterilized women in both Africa and Asia without their consent. This was disguised as a tetanus vaccine program. Now an anti-fertility vaccine has been developed and openly marketed.

CICIAMS Pan America Region

God bless Mexico where euthanasia and Mercy killing are illegal. In the United States and Canada it’s different stories. The Canadian Catholic Nurses recently met with a health minister asking that they not be required to refer for questionable procedures. I would like to defer to the other panelists to discuss issues in the United States.

Healthcare is based on the original Hippocratic Oath and Biblical Principles which include that every single person has dignity as created in the image and likeness of God and we are to protect life from the moment of conception until the time of death ordained by God. I bring greetings from the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico Social Assistants (CICIAMS). If you are not already a member, please join your National Catholic Nurses Association and you will automatically be a member. Join us in Kenya in 2024 for the 7th Africa Regional Congress and in Thailand in 2026 for the XXII World Congress. May God bless all nurses with wisdom, understanding and courage as we encounter bioethical issues around the globe.

Theme 2024

A Great “symphony” of Prayer

In his February 11, 2022 letter to Msgr. Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization for the Jubilee 2025, His Holiness Pope Francis expressed a great desire that 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee of 2025, be devoted to a great “symphony” of prayer. He stated:

In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great “symphony” of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single “heart and soul” (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God’s grace and to make the “Our Father,” the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.

The complete letter is available at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2022/documents/20220211-fisichella-giubileo2025.html>

Annual Meeting of International Associations of the Faithful, Ecclesial Movements and New Communities June 13, 2024

Rev. Giovanni Buontempo, from the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, responsible for relations with Ecclesial Movements and Associations of the Faithful, has notified CICIAMS that the next Annual Meeting of International Associations of Faithful, Ecclesial Movements and New Communities will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 (for the entire day) in the New Synod Hall in Vatican City on the topic “The Challenge of Synodality for the Mission.”

On behalf of CICIAMS, the International President will be accompanied by another member of the CICIAMS Executive Board. Rev. Buontempo stressed that we should make every effort to be present at this meeting of reflection, sharing and dialogue, which is very important for the life of our association and the Dicastery.

XXXII World Day of the Sick

Sunday, February 11, 2024

**“It is not good that man should be alone”.
Health the Sick by Healing Relationships**

In 1992, Pope St. John Paul II initiated the World Day of the Sick as an observance to remind people to pray for the sick and also their caregivers. The 1st World Day of the Sick was held on February 11, 1993, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a poor peasant girl, in Lourdes, France. They prayed the rosary together and Mary asked her to return to the grotto where she appeared. During one of the 18 visits, the BVM asked Bernadette to dig in the dirt and drink. Initially she only drank muddy water. However, a spring arose on this site and from these waters, “Lourdes water,” thousands of miracles have occurred. Many know this story but few know about the nurse who helped inspire the Day of the Sick.

In Krakow, Poland where Pope St. John Paul II was the Cardinal Archbishop Karol Wojtyla, he encountered Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN (1902-1973). She started parish nursing in Krakow and brought Cardinal Archbishop Wojtyla to visit the sick in their homes. Together they initiated a day for the sick in the Archdiocese of Krakow which, when he became the Holy Father, he made a feast for the universal Church.

The Holy Father’s message for the 32nd World Day of the Sick is available at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/index.html>

Jubilee Year 2025



The motto for the jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope” is available in multiple languages on the jubilee site:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/logo.html>

The Papal Bull for the Jubilee year is expected to be published March 25, 2024, the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord.

The Annual CICIAMS Executive Board meeting, required by CICIAMS statutes, will be held in conjunction with the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers, 5 April 2025.

National Associations who would like to attend the Jubilee should register at the website below and make travel and hotel arrangements early.

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html>

Information: info@iubilaeum2025.va

Committee on the Family

Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaproTechnology Training

CICIAMS members who would like to receive funding to complete the Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program training should apply directly to the Papal Foundation through their respective bishops and nunciature. This is a natural method to assist families with infertility and also to space the conception of children. It was designed by Dr. Hilgers at the St. Paul VI Institute. <https://popepaulvi.com/education/>

On October 27, 2023, CICIAMS regretfully received a letter from Archbishop Ettore Balestrero, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See in Geneva that the Secretariat of State of the Holy See which stated that *“The Papal Foundation only accepts requests for projects coming from developing nations.”* Though he acknowledged the valuable work of CICIAMS, the Secretariat of State indicated that though it would not be possible for CICIAMS to receive funds from the Papal Foundation *“nurses from developing nations who wished to receive financial assistance for such projects would be eligible to apply for a grant through their respective Nunciatures.”*

May I encourage you to apply directly to the Papal Foundation in order to provide this valuable training so that nurses across developing countries can assist couples with fertility issues. A copy of the CICIAMS grant submission is available from the Secretary General at ciciamsinternational12@gmail.com



Papal Foundation Grant Award Process

The Papal Foundation provides grants to Roman Catholic charities, religious and educational organizations serving people in developing nations around the world. The grants support projects and programs recommended and endorsed by the Holy See.

Steps in the Application and Award Process

The Papal Foundation does not accept requests directly. All applicants, including those reapplying for additional funding, must follow these steps:

1. An application form should be requested from the Apostolic Nunciature in the country where the project will be realized. Projects involving construction or major renovations must also include a copy of the architectural plans.
2. The completed application form with the accompanying documentation should be submitted to the Bishop in the Diocese where the project will be realized and/ or to the Major Superior of the relative religious congregation. The Bishop and/or Major Superior must provide a letter of support for the project.
3. With the letter of support from the Bishop and/or Major Superior, the proposal is then forwarded to the Apostolic Nunciature of the country where the project will be realized.

The application form and accompanying documentation are to be sent to the Apostolic Nunciature in both paper and electronic copy.

If the request is approved by the Apostolic Nunciature, it will be sent to the Office of the Assessor in the Secretariat of State for consideration.

The Secretariat of State reviews the request and submits it to the Papal Foundation for consideration and final approval. Once a project is fully approved, the funds are distributed through the Apostolic Nunciature.

Timeline for Submitting Applications

The Apostolic Nunciature sends its recommended projects to the Office of the Assessor in the Secretariat of State **no later than 1 August**.

<https://www.thepapalfoundation.org/grants-award-process/>

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



Miraculous Events

Incorrupt Religious



*Sister Mary Wilhelmina, Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus,
8005 NW 316th Street, Gower, Missouri (MO), 64454 - 2023*

On April 28, 2023, four years after she was buried, the body of Sr. Mary Wilhelmina, the foundress of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, was found to be incorrupt. Sr. Mary Wilhelmina died on May 29, 2019. In order for her body to be moved to the convent chapel, she was exhumed in 2023. Miraculously, her body had not decomposed though it was buried in a simple wooden casket and she had not been embalmed.

Sister Mary Wilhelmina was born “Mary Elizabeth Lancaster” to Ella Theresa (Madden) and Oscar Lancaster. She was of English, African and American Indian descent. Sr. Mary Wilhelmina founded the religious order: Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles.

Also, of interest to CICIAMS members is that Sr. Mary Wilhelmina’s grandfather, Charles Joseph Madden, worked as an orderly at St. Joseph Catholic Hospital where he met Mary Louise LaRose. Mary Louise and Charles both became Third Order Franciscans.

Mary and the Eucharist



On the fiftieth anniversary of Our Lady of Akita, October 13, 2023, the figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in the center of the Eucharist in the large monstrance displayed at a retreat Fr. Chris Alar, Provincial Superior of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, was giving on “Mary and the Eucharist” near San Francisco, California.

The monstrance was 5 ½ feet (167.64 cm) tall and the Eucharist was about 12 inches (30.5 cm) in diameter. Our Lady was seen from all different angles. The sacristan took the above picture. Some questioned whether this was a reflection. However, to get a reflection big enough to fill up the Eucharist, the statue would have to have been 5-10 feet in front of the monstrance. The monstrance was in the middle of the front of the altar and there was NO statue of Mary there.

Akita Message: 2019 - Put on ashes and pray a repentant rosary every day. Pray the rosary for the Pope, Priests and Bishops.

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.

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



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



-----2024-----

57th World Day of Peace (Vatican) – 1 Jan
Word of God Sunday (Vatican) - 21Jan
“Remain in my Word” (John 8:31)

71th World Leprosy Day – 28 Jan 2024
5th World NTD (Neglected Tropical

Diseases) Day, 30 January 2024

- 32nd World Day of the Sick-11Feb2024 (Vatican)
- 17th World Rare Disease Day – 28 Feb 2024
- World Health Day (est. by the 1st World Health Assembly in 1948) – 7 April 2024
- International Nurses Day –Friday, 10 May 2024
- 37th World No Tobacco Day (WHO)–31May2024
- Annual Meeting of Moderators of International Associations of the Faithful, Ecclesiastical Movements and New Communities, Dicastery for Laity, Family & Life, Synod Hall, Thursday, 13 June 2024, Rome
- World Refugee Day (UN) – 20 June 2024
- 26 June 2024 – International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (UN)
- 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024 (4th Sunday of July, close to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus) (Vatican)
- **2024 August 5-9 – CICIAMS 7th Africa Region 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
- World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Theme: “Let Justice and Peace Flow” – 1 Sept 2024 (Vatican)
- International Day of Peace – 21Sep2024 (UN)
- 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 24Sep2024 (Vatican)
- XXXIX World Youth Day, celebrated in the particular Churches (Diocesan World Youth Day) on the Solemnity of Christ the King 24Nov2024 “Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary”(Vatican)
- World Mental Health Day, 10 Oct 2024 (WHO)
- 7th World Day of the Poor, 17 Nov 2024 (Vatican)
- 2025 – JUBILEE YEAR (Vatican) - 5-6April Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers
- 2025 – CICIAMS EB Meeting 3 & 4 April
- **2026 – CICIAMS XXII World Congress – Thailand***
- 2027 – World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea