

**XXX International Conference of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers
(for Health Pastoral Care)**

***‘The Culture of “Salus” and Welcome
at the Service of Man and the Planet’***

Vatican City, 19-21 November 2015

Thursday 19 November

MORNING SESSION

7.30 **Celebration of Holy Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter’s Basilica**
His Eminence Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson
President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (the Holy See)

9.00 **A prayer for our earth** (Encyclical Letter *Laudato si’*, 246)

Introduction

**The Promotion of Human Life and Pastoral Care in Health: Thirty Years of Activity of
the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers**

H.E. Msgr. Zygmunt Zimowski

President of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers (the Holy See)

Chairman:

His Eminence Cardinal Elio Sgreccia

Emeritus President of the Pontifical Academy for Life (the Holy See)

9.30 **Greetings of the Authorities**

Hon. Beatrice Lorenzin

Minister of Health of Italy (Italy)

Dr. Matshidiso R. Moeti

World Health Organization Regional Director for Africa (Botswana)

10.00 **The Value and Contemporary Relevance of the Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* Twenty
Years after its Publication**

Fr. Wojciech Giertych, O. P.

Theologian of the Papal Household (the Holy See)

10.30 **The Theology of Life in the Teaching of Pope Benedict XVII**

His Eminence Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller

Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (the Holy See)

11.00 **Break**

12.00 **GENERAL AUDIENCE WITH THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS**

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairman:

Prof. Anthony R. Tersigni

President and Executive Director of the Office of the Ascension Health Alliance – USA

President of the International Committee of Catholic Health-Care Institutions – CIISAC

15.30 **The Encyclical *Laudato si'*: a Hymn to the Gospel of the Creation**

H.E. Msgr. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo

Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (the Holy See)

16.00 **Creation, Decreation, Recreation: a Scientific and Theological-Biblical Analysis in the Light of *Laudato si'***

Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Vyakuno

Biblicist and Academic Secretary of the Catholic University of Graben - Butembo (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

16.20 **The World Scenario of Contemporary Climate Change and the Imperative to Safeguard Biodiversity**

Prof. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber

Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research –PIK (Germany)

Member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences

16.50 **Break**

Chairman:

Prof. Francesco Trapasso

Professor of Pathology at the Department of Experimental and Clinical Medicine, the 'Magna Graecia' University of Catanzaro (Italy)

17.20 **Pollution, Refuse and the Throwaway Culture**

Msgr. Dario Edoardo Viganò

Prefect of the Secretariat for Communications (the Holy See)

17.40 **Biological Innovation Starting with Research: Animal Experiments and Genetically Modified Organisms**

Prof. Romano Marabelli

General Secretary of the Ministry of Health (Italy)

18.00 **Towards a Responsible Political Approach to Perceiving, Assessing and Reducing Risk Due to Environmental Stress**

Msgr. Tony Anatrella

Psychoanalyst and Specialist in Social Psychology, Paris (France)

Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers (the Holy See)

18.20 **The Prevention of Viral and Bacterial Pathologies Connected with Changes to the Environment**

Dr Raniero Guerra

*Director of the General Directorate for Health-Care Prevention of the Ministry of Health
(Italy)*

18.40 **Dialogue**

19.10 **End of the Session**

Friday 20 November

MORNING SESSION

Chairman:

9.00 **Waves of Heat and Cold with an Acute Impact on Frail Individuals (the Elderly, Children, those with Immunity Deficiencies, and People with Debilitating Pathologies)**

Dr Antonio Maria Pasciuto

President of the Italian Association for Environmental Medicine and Health (Italy)

9.20 **The Incidence of Endocrinal Interferents on Health**

Dr Costanzo Moretti

Director of the Operational Unit of Endocrinology of the Polyclinic of Tor Vergata (Italy)

9.40 **Clinical Environmental Medicine with Special Reference to the Work Environment**

Prof. Peter Ohnsorge

President of the European Academy of Environmental Medicine (Germany)

10.00 **Ethics and Legislation in Relation to the Environment at an International Level**

Prof. Francesc Torralba

*Professor of Philosophical Anthropology and Ethics at the Ramón Llull University of
Barcelona (Spain)*

Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Culture

10.20 **Break**

10.50 **Round Table: Round Table: Pathways of Dialogue for the Safeguarding of the Life of Man and the Creation.**

Chairman:

H.E. Mr. Mysore Kapanaiah Lokesh

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of India to the Holy See (India)

- **The Challenges of World Summits**

H.E. Mr. Denis Fontes de Souza Pinto

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Brazil to the Holy See (Brazil)

- **The Promotion of National and Local Policies Based on Great Principles and the Common Good**
H.E. Mr. Dennis Anthony Savoie
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Canada to the Holy See (Canada)
- **Transparency and Dialogue to Foresee the Environmental Impact of Business Initiatives and Development Projects**
- **The Dialogue between Politics and Economics for Human Fullness**
H.E. Mr. John Anthony Gerard McCarthy
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Australia to the Holy See (Australia)
- **Africa and Business: a Proposal for Development that Respects the Life of Man and the Environment**
H.E. Mr. Armindo Fernandes do Espirito Santo Vieira
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to the Holy See (Angola)

12.10 **Dialogue**

13.00 **End of the Session**

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairman

H.E. Msgr. Krzysztof Józef Nykiel
Regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary
Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers (the Holy See)

15.00 **The Ethical and Social Responsibilities of Companies in the Management of Environmental Resources**
Prof. Stefano Zamagni
Professor of Political Economy at the University of Bologna (Italia)

15.20 **The Diplomatic Contribution of the Holy See to Negotiations about the Environment**
H.E. Msgr. Paul Richard Gallagher
Secretary for Relations with States (the Holy See)

15.40 **The Dialogue of Religions with the Sciences in Matters Relating to the Environment**
Prof. Enrico Mairov
President of the Mount Sinai Association (Israel)

16.00 **Projects and Innovative Initiatives in Favour of a ‘Healthy World’**

16.30 **The Promotion of the Culture of Life of the Planet**

17.00 **Break**

17.20 **Round Table: Education and Ecological Spirituality: a Different Lifestyle**

- **Educating in the Alliance between Humanity and the Environment in a Spirit of Solidarity and Care Based upon Compassion**
Prof. Dr. Arndt Büssing
Lecturer in Medical Theory and Integrative and Anthroposophic Medicine at the University of Witten/Herdecke (Germany)
- **Joy and Peace as the Foundations of Ecological Spirituality**
Fr. Michael A. Perry, O.F.M.
Minister General of the Franciscan Order of the Minor Friars (USA)
- **Towards a Pastoral Care of Ecology Founded on the Reconciliation of Man with Himself, with the Creation and with God**
H.E Msgr. Gregor Maria Hanke, O.S.B.
Bishop of Eichstätt (Germany)
- **Civic and Political Love. A Renewed Responsibility for Humanity and the World**
Prof. Fr. Janusz Surzykiewicz
Lecturer in Pastoral Theology and General Psychology at the Faculty of the Pedagogy of Religion and Ecclesial Formation of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Germany)
- **A New Contemplative Outlook: the Sacramental Signs and Celebratory Rest**
Prof. Fr. Artur Zuk
Free lecturer at the Faculty of the Theology of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Germany)

18.45 **Dialogue**

19.15 **End of the Session**

Saturday 21 November

Chairman:

Prof. John M. Haas

President of the National Catholic Bioethics Center of Philadelphia (USA)
Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers

9.00 **The Anthropological Roots of the Ecological Crisis**

H.E. Msgr. Ignacio Carrasco de Paula

President of the Pontifical Academy for Life (the Holy See)

9.20 **Access to Drinking Water and Clean Water: an Essential, Fundamental and Universal Human Right**

9.40 **A Healthy Environment for Integral Human Development**

10.00 **Educating in Relation to the Environment: Formation and Teaching of a General and Specialist Character in all the Domains of Knowledge**

Dr. Lilian Corri

President of the “Asociación Argentina de Médicos por el Medio Ambiente” (Argentina)

10.20 **Break**

Chairman:

Dr. Mary Healey Sedutto

Founder and Executive Director Hope for a Healthier Humanity Foundation (USA)

10.50 **Water is Life: Towards Safe Swimming for Children**

Her Most Serene Highness the Princess Charlene of Monaco (Principality of Monaco)

11.10 **Towards an Ecology of Health-care Systems that Place Man and not Profit at the Centre of Things: the Contribution of Three Experts on:**

▪ **Health-care Policy**

Dr Konstanty Radziwill

Secretary General of the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists (Polonia)

▪ **Health-care Legislation**

Hon. Dr. Anna Záborská

Member of European Parliament (Slovakia)

▪ **Health-care Insurance**

Prof. Carl A. Anderson

Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus (U.S.A.)

12.00 **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Msgr. Renzo Pegoraro

Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy for Life (the Holy See)

Fr. Ján Ďačok, S.I.

Prelate Theologian of the Apostolic Penitentiary (the Holy See)

A Christian prayer in union with creation (Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'*, 246)