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 – CIHSAC

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 Kapanaih 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
  Consultant 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
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 Eichstädt-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 Eichstädt-Ingolstadt (Germany)

Dialogue

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

The Anthropological Roots of the Ecological Crisis

H.E. Msgr. Ignacio Carrasco de Paula
President of the Pontifical Academy for Life (the Holy See)

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

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 Šačok, S.I.*
Prelate Theologian of the Apostolic Penitentiary (the Holy See)

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