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Gattamelata: “promote dialogue between religions on themes in the Church’s Social Doctrine”

“Today there is an increasingly fruitful dialogue being developed between different religions. There is greater interest and widespread positive feedback linked to the values found in the Church’s social doctrine”, according to Massimo Gattamelata, secretary general of the Centesimus Annus – Pro Pontifice Foundation. He was speaking on the eve of the international conference *Rethinking Key Features of Economic and Social Life* sponsored by the Foundation, now taking place in the New Synod Hall (Vatican City) and the Palazzo della Cancelleria (Rome).

He went on to say that “the Foundation is helping to spread awareness of the principles of social doctrine by addressing all men and women of good will including dialogue with representatives of other religions”. This choice follows the path indicated by the Holy See to build bridges of communication in pursuit of the common good.

The Compendium of the Church’s Social Doctrine reminds us that the document “*is also addressed to our brethren in other Churches and Ecclesial communities, the followers of other religions as well as those men and woman of good will who are committed to serving the common good: all those who wish to accept it as the fruit of universal human experience full of countless signs of the presence of God’s Spirit. It is a treasure of things old and new (cfr. Mt. 13,52) which the Church wishes to share in order to thank God from whom comes “every good and every perfect gift”(James 1,17). It is a sign of hope that today’s religions and cultures show themselves open to dialogue and feel the urgent need to unite their efforts in the cause of justice, brotherhood, peace and the growth of the human person (Point 12). Web site: www.centesimusannus.va - www.centesimusannus.org*

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