

Centesimus Annus Pro-Pontifice Foundation General Assembly and International Conference 2026

28th – 29th and 30th May 2026

PROGRAMS (Draft 24-4-2026)

**FCAPP General Assembly,
Thursday 28th May
Pontificio Collegio Internazionale Maria Mater Ecclesiae
Rome, Largo Girolamo Minervini 3**

**Catholic Social Thought Facing the Challenges to Freedom
and Pluralism in a Disordered Economy and Society
Renewing the Vision of *Centesimus Annus***

9.00 – 10.00: Holy Mass

10.00 - 10.05 Welcome and Introduction: Paolo Garonna, President FCAPP

“A General Assembly structured as a corporate and spiritual retreat, inspired by the Synodal method and aiming at renewing the vision of *Centesimus Annus*”.

10.05 - 10.20 Meditation H.E. Msgr. Claudio Maria Celli, FCAPP International Ecclesiastical Counsellor.

10.20 - 10.40 Key-note Address: H.E. Msgr. Giordano Piccinotti, President of APSA

“How to strengthen the cohesion and motivation of the FCAPP members and their stakeholders? How to provide leadership and build consensus in diverse and pluralistic economies and societies? How to enhance freedom tolerance and peer dialogue facing the challenges of despotic illiberal and confrontational trends?”

10.40 - 11.40. The Encyclical *Centesimus Annus* by St. John Paul II: its historical importance for the SDC and its relevance for today’s threats and aspirations.

- **Sr. Nathalie Becquart, xmcj, Undersecretary to the General Secretariat for the Synod:** “Post-conflict reconciliation and peacebuilding: synodal processes and spiritual conversations”.
- **Flavio Felice, Professor, University of Molise:** “How to respond to the persecution of Christians and other Faith communities in the context of the “democratic recession”, secularization and the attack on religious freedom and pluralism”.

- **H.E. Card. George Jacob Koovakad**, Prefect of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue: “Progress in Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue in the time of the geopolitical crisis”.

11.40 – 11.50. “2025 Report on the State of the Centesimus Annus Foundation”, Oliver Galea (Secretary General FCAPP) – Main results and prospects for the Foundation and its missions, at the central level and at the level of the different Chapters.

11.50 – 12.05 “The themes of the Parallel Sessions”, Giovanni Marseguerra (Coordinator of the FCAPP Scientific Committee).

12.05 – 13.15 Parallel Sessions (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H):

Session A: Le origini della Centesimus Annus e della FCAPP: lezioni dalla storia

Organizers: **Fabio Fedi** (*Past FCAPP Board Member*), **Robert Nalewajek** (*CAPPF USA Chapter and Past FCAPP Board Member*).

Keynote Speaker: **H.E. Msgr. Claudio Maria Celli** (*FCAPP International Ecclesiastical Counsellor*).

Speakers: **Roberto Mazzotta** (*Past President FCAPP*), **Lorenzo Rossi di Montelera** (*Past President FCAPP*), **Anna Maria Tarantola** (*Past President FCAPP*), **Paolo Galardi** (*Presidente Soges Firenze, Past FCAPP Board Member*), **Massimo Gattamelata** (*Past Secretary General of FCAPP*), **Fr. Nazario Costante** (*Ecclesiastical Counsellor FCAPP Milan*), **Costantino Coros** (*FCAPP Press officer*), **Stefano Baietti** (*Historian and writer*), **Flavio Felice** (*Professor, University of Molise*).

Session B: Research and Training on Catholic Social Doctrine: New Topics, Gaps and Opportunities.

Organizers: **Danielle Morin** (*FCAPP Canada Chapter*), **John Dalla Costa** (*Ethics and trust consultant, writer*).

Keynote Speaker: **Fr. Daniel Groody** (*Dicastery of Integral Human Development and Vice President Notre Dame University*).

Speakers: **Giovanni Ferri** (*Professor at LUMSA, and Rome FCAPP Chapter leader*), **Mary Glen Tupas** (*International Justice Mission, Philippines and Australia*), **Paola Albrito** (*Director, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – UNDRR*), **Stephen Young** (*Global ED, Caux Round Table for Moral Capitalism, FCAPP Advisory Board Member*), **Adrian Pabst** (*University of Kent, UK*).

Session C: How to Expand and Spread FCAPP Membership among Young People.

Organizers: **Gert-Jan Boon** (*FCAPP Young Members group*), **Cristina Mahne Finocchi** (*Catholic University of Milan, FCAPP Scientific Committee Member*).

Keynote Speaker: **Fr. Alexis Leproux** (*President, Institut Catholique de la Méditerranée Marseille*).

Speakers: **Sebastian Panreck** (PhD student and FCAPP scholarship award winner), **Rita Carisano** (Director General, Luiss University), **Mary Webb** (Lumen Gentium Forum, Toronto Canada).

Session D: Fund Raising: How to Channel Resources towards FCAPP and Support the Holy Father's Charitable Activities.

Organizer: **Joseph Bonnici** (Professor in Economics, former Governor of Central Bank Malta).

Speakers: **Stephanie zu Loewenstein** (FCAPP Germany Chapter), **Francesco Vanni d'Archirafi** (FCAPP Board of Directors Member), **Simone Scettri** (FCAPP Board of Directors), **Patrick Brennan** (Private and alternatives finance expert, London), **Mario Rusack van Rossum** (FCAPP Germany Chapter).

Session E: How to Expand and Spread FCAPP Membership in Vulnerable Countries and Communities.

Organizer: **Lawrence Gonzi** (former Prime Minister of Malta).

Speakers: **Fr. Manuel Barrios** (SG of COMECE), **Fr. Albert Alejo** (Pontifical University Gregoriana), **Thomas Rusche** (FCAPP Advisory Board Member), **Fr. Oleh Zymak** (Ukrainian Orthodox Church), **Ondrej Sokuvka** (Brussels), **Carla Stamegna** (Bank of Italy, Brussels), **Francesco Giani** (FCAPP San Miniato Chapter).

Session F: Communication and Evangelization in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, Social Media and Fake News.

Organizer: **Giacomo Mazzone** (FCAPP Advisory Board Member).

Keynote Speaker: **Msgr. Lucio Adrian Ruiz** (Secretary of the Dicastery for Communication, Vatican).

Speakers: **Ezequiel del Corral** (Film Director, Aldeas Scholas Films), **Matt Connors** (President, Yellow Line Digital, USA), **Didier Barbé** (Financial Advisor, Boulogne-Billancourt), **Benedetta Liberatore** (Director of the Digital Services and Protection of Fundamental Rights AGCOM), **Johannes Studinger** (Head of Department at UNI Global Union).

Session G: Peacebuilding and Post-conflict Reconciliation: Practical experience and implications for the integration of migrants and interreligious dialogue.

Organizers: **Sr. Nathalie Becquart xmcj** (Under-Secretary to the General Secretariat for the Synod), **Christophe Deage** (FCAPP Luxembourg Chapter).

Speakers: **Cesare Trevisani** (President JIACC - Joint Italian Arab Chamber of Commerce, FCAPP Advisory Board Member), **Michele Coduri** (Former Swiss Diplomat), **Viola Menghini** (Luiss), **Fr. Josep Maria Serrano** (Professor ESADE), **Fr. Marcel Uwineza** (Principal, Hekima University College, Nairobi Kenya), **Fr. James Channan** (Director Peace Centre, Lahore Pakistan), **Vincenzo Bassi** (President of the Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe).

Session H: Synodality among Catholics in theory and practice: how can FCAPP and the SDC, contribute to avoiding and/or overcoming polarizations among Catholics.

Organizer: **Giovanni Marseguerra** (*Coordinator of the FCAPP Scientific Committee*).

Keynote Speakers: **Luigi Paganetto** (*Professor Emeritus of Political Economy,*

University of Rome Tor Vergata), **Giovanni Farese** (*Università Europea di Roma*):

“How in polarized political systems the SDC promotes moderation and dialogue and unites in defense of universal values”.

Speakers: **Fr. Gianni Fusco** (*Past Ecclesiastical Counsellor for Italy*), **Fr. Giuseppe**

Pagano (*Presidente Centro Studi Internazionale Leone XIV, Firenze*), **Maurizio Gallo**

(*FCAPP Board Member*), **Silke Schmitt** (*Director, Hans Seidel Foundation*),

Alessandro Rizzo (*FCAPP Rome Chapter*), **Frederick Fakharzadeh** (*CAPPF USA*

Chapter and FCAPP Board Member), **Paolo Alli** (*Fondazione De Gasperi*), **Paolo**

Magnolfi (*Nuova Camaldoli*).

13.15 - 14.30 Working Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 Parallel Sessions (continuation)

16.30 – 16.45: Coffee Break

16.45 - 18.15: Plenary Session: Presentation of the outcome of the group discussions by the Rapporteurs and general discussion.

18.15 - 18.35 Conclusions: H.E. Msgr. Andrea Migliavacca (*FCAPP Ecclesiastical Counsellor for Italy*): “What does it take to promote freedom, responsible leadership and constructive dialogue in fragmented and conflictual communities? How can Spirituality help?”

18.35 – 18.45 Sum up and follow up

FCAPP 2026 International Conference

Friday 29th May 2026

New Synod Hall, Vatican City

A Fragmented World in Search of Spirituality: Freedom and Pluralism from Within the Social Doctrine of the Church

Ore 8.00: Holy Mass

9.00 – 9.05. Welcome: Paolo Garonna, President FCAPP

9.05 – 9.10. Presentation of the Conference topics: Giovanni Marseguerra, Coordinator of the FCAPP Scientific Committee.

9.10 – 9.30. Introductory Address: H.E. Card. Pietro Parolin, State Secretary of the Holy See.

9.30 – 11.30: First Plenary Session: The Dramatic Challenges to Freedom and Pluralism in Today's Fractured and Disoriented Societies; how Spirituality Enlightens Personal Development and Community Engagement.

Moderator: Barbara Carfagna, RAI, Italian Public Services Broadcaster.

Keynote Addresses:

- **Sr. Alessandra Smerilli**, Secretary of the Dicastery of Integral Human Development: "The historical importance of the Encyclical Centesimus Annus and its continuing relevance for today's challenges".
- **Giuseppe De Rita**, President of CENSIS: "The Spirituality Foundations of Integral Human Development from L. J. Debret to the Fratelli Tutti".
- **Pupi Avati**, Film Director: "In Search of Spirituality: Cinema, Art, Music".

Panel discussion:

- **Isabel Capelo Gil**, President of SACRU and Rector of the Catholic Portuguese University: "Knowledge and Education to Promote Spirituality Freedom and Pluralism".
- **Roland Dubertrand**, Chair of the Mediterranean, Religions & Society at PISAI.
- **Etienne de Rocquigny**, Expert in AI and Business Leader, Marseille.
- **Philip Jennings**, Secretary General of UNI Global Union, "New forms of integration, valorization, alienation and exploitation at the workplace".
- **Francesco Valeriani**, President of the Italian Society of Training in Psychiatry.
- **Prälat Dr. Peter Klasvogt**, Rector, Campo Santo Teutonico, Vatican.

11.30 - 13.30 Coffee break and start of the Parallel Sessions (PS)

PS 1. Artificial intelligence, freedom and spirituality: *can AI Enhance Freedom and Pluralism? And the Search for Spirituality? Under what conditions?*

Organizers: **Augustin Destremau** (*Rerum Novarium, Marseille*), **Paul Twomey** (*Co-Chair, Global Initiative for Digital Empowerment*).

Speakers: **Anna Maria Tarantola** (*Past President FCAPP*), **Fr. Fabio Pasqualetti** (*Professor of digital media, Università Pontificia Salesiana*), **Oliver Roethig** (*Regional Secretary UNI Europa - The European Services Workers Union, FCAPP Member*), **Alberto Oddenino** (*FCAPP Chapter Leader Turin, Professor University of Turin*), **Andras Toth** (*President, Stanley Jaki Society, Budapest*), **Gabriele Carboni** (*FCAPP Member, entrepreneur and author in digital marketing and sustainability*).

PS 2. Peacebuilding in Europe: *Political Integration as a Way to Peace*

Keynote Speakers: **H.E. Msgr. Mariano Crociata** (*President COMECE*), **Gen. CA Salvatore Cuoci** (*Esercito Italiano*).

Organizer: **Christophe Deage** (*FCAPP Luxemburg Chapter*).

Speakers: **Sergio Arzeni** (*INSME, European League for Economic Cooperation*), **Fr. Oleh Zymak** (*Ukrainian Orthodox Church*), **Alessandro Politi** (*FCAPP Luxembourg Chapter*), **Robert Leblanc** (*FCAPP Paris Chapter*), **Umberto Triulzi** (*University of Rome, La Sapienza*), **Alessandro Manzato** (*LUISS*), **Silke Schmitt** (*Director, Hans Seidel Foundation, Rome*), **Paolo Alli** (*Secretary General, Fondazione De Gasperi*), **Paolo Cancelli** (*Professor, Antonianum Pontifical University*), **Jean-Pierre Darnis** (*Professor, Université Cote d'Azur*), **Michele Coduri** (*Retired Swiss Diplomat*), **Ody-Marc Duclos** (*Fondation Coeur Vert, Abidjan*), **Francesco Clementi** (*Law Professor, University La Sapienza*).

PS 3: Liberty and Liberation: *the experience of popular movements in Latin America. The double challenge of development from below and populism.*

Keynote Speaker: **Msgr. Guy-Réal Thivierge** (*CAPPF Scientific Committee*).

Organizer: **Fr. Peter Lah** (*Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, Gregorian University*).

Speakers: **Fr. Josep Maria Serrano** (*Professor ESADE*), **Diego Meza** (*Pontifical Gregorian University*), **Emilce Cuda** (*Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America PCAL*), **Julio Fernandez** (*Rector of the Catholic University of Montevideo, Uruguay*), **Alice Lucarelli** (*LUISS*), **Guillermo Sandoval Vasquez** (*Centro de gestion del conocimiento, CELAM*).

PS 4. The Asian Way to the SDC: *religious pluralism, good governance and responsible leadership.*

Keynote Speaker: **Ki-Chan Kim** (*Professor at the Catholic University of Korea and President, Korea Indonesia Management Association*).

Organizer: **Lawrence Chong** (*Group CEO of Consulus Singapore, Consultor at Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue*).

Speakers: **Fr. Albert Alejo** (*Pontifical Gregorian University*), **Benjamin Lee** (*FCAPP Hong-Kong Chapter*), **Sergio Lugaresi** (*CESPI, former Asian Development Bank*), **Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ** (*Director, Indian Social Institute, Bangalore*), **Vittorio Alberti** (*Gregorian University*), **Fr. James Channan** (*Director, Peace Centre, Lahore, Pakistan*), **Richard Wood** (*Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California*), **Fr. Rene Cabag** (*CICM, Mayhill School of Theology, Philippines*).

PS 5. Abrahamic dialogue from the Mediterranean on the “Rerum Novarum” and human development: moving on from the 2023 Manifesto towards common approaches to social and economic issues”.

Organizers: **Massimo Gargiulo** (*Card. Bea Centre for Judaic Studies*) and **Giovanni Ferri** (*Professor at Lumsa Univesity and FCAPP Rome Chapter leader*).

Speakers: **Roland Dubertrand** (*Chair of Mediterranean, religions and society, PISAI*), **Ruth Dureghello** (*Rome Jewish Community*), **Recep Senturk** (*Dean of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar*), **Br. Francesco Zecca** (*Oikos and Antonianum Pontifical University*), **Peter Hefele** (*Martens Centre Brussels*), **Massimo Deandreis** (*SRM, Studi e Ricerche sul Mediterraneo, Naples*).

PS 6. Development Opportunities and spirituality in Africa: Lessons from Pope Leo’s vision.

Keynote Speaker: **H.E. Msgr. Fortunatus Nwachukwu** (*Archbishop of Aquaviva, Secretary of the Dicastery for Evangelization*).

Organizer: **Pietro Sebastiani** (*LUMSA University*).

Speakers: **Father Pierre Cibambo Ntakobajira** (*Presidente Caritas Africa*), **Domenico Fanizza** (*Former Executive Director at the African Development Bank and at IMF*), **Fabio Petroni** (*Catholic University of Milan, E4Impact Foundation*), **Rym Ayadi** (*President Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association*), **Fr. Marcel Uwineza** (*Principal, Hekima University College, Nairobi Kenya*), **Andrea De Marco** (*UNIDO*), **David Chaboryot** (*FCAPP Kenia Chapter*), **Pietro Piccinetti** (*FCAPP Treviso Chapter, Infratel Italia, Ceo*), **Alessandro Simoneschi** (*FCAPP Lugano Chapter*), **Federico Bonaglia** (*OECD Development Centre, Paris*).

13.30 – 14.30: Lunch

14.30 – 15.30: Plenary Session: Reports from the Parallel Sessions and General Discussion

15.30: Second Plenary Session: How to Mobilize Conscience and Action to Build New Frameworks for Multilateralism and International Law

15.30– 16.30: Keynote Addresses:

- **H.E. Card. Silvano Tomasi**, Cardinal Deacon of *San Nicola in Carcere*, and **H.E. Mons. Ettore Ballestrero**, Permanent Representative of the Holy See at the UN and Specialized Agencies in Geneva
- **Paschal Donohoe**, Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer, World Bank Group
- **Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Acting Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Guilherme Canela De Souza Godoi**, Director Digital Inclusion and Transformation, UNESCO
- **Bernard Snoy**, President, Robert Triffin International Foundation, Brussel

16.30 – 18.30: Panel Discussion:

- **Paola Albrito**, Director, United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction Office, Geneva
- **Javier Arias**, President, European League for Economic Cooperation, Brussel
- **Michael Driessen**, Professor of Political Science at John Cabot University, and Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, University of Notre Dame, USA
- **Hubert de Vauplane**, Professor at Science Po and Lawyer, FCAPP Paris
- **Jan Figel**, Former Prime Minister, Slovakia
- **Lawrence Gonzi**, Former Prime Minister, Malta
- **Federico Ottavio Reho**, Research Director, Martens Centre, Brussel
- **Luigi Paganetto**, Professor of Economics, University of Rome Tor Vergata
- **Olivier Vedrine**, Director, Jean Monnet Association, Paris

18.30 – 19.00: Plenary Session: Conclusions

- **Sum-up and follow up.** **Paolo Garonna**, FCAPP President
- **Concluding Meditation.** **H.E. Msgr. Fortunatus Nwachukwu** (Archbishop of Aquaviva, Secretary of the Dicastery for Evangelization).

Saturday 30th May

- **Meeting Point: Petriano Gate Entrance, Piazza Sant'Uffizio**
- **Holy Mass: Altare della Cattedra, Basilica of St. Peter**
- **Private Audience with the Holy Father, Palazzo Apostolico**