

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

**28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

## **PROGRAMS**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
FCAPP General Assembly**

***Pontificio Collegio Internazionale Maria Mater Ecclesiae  
Largo Girolamo Minervini 3, Rome***

### **Renewing the Vision of *Centesimus Annus*: Catholic Social Thought Facing the Challenges to Freedom and Pluralism**

**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 provide leadership and build consensus in diverse and pluralistic societies?*”

**10.40 - 11.40. The Encyclical *Centesimus Annus* by St. John Paul II: its historical importance 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 ‘democratic recession’, secularization and the attacks on religious freedom*”.

- **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. “2025-2026 Annual Report on the State of the Centesimus Annus Foundation”**, **Oliver Galea**, FCAPP Secretary General.

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

**12.05 – 14.15 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** (FCAPP past Board Member).

Speakers: **Stefano Baietti** (Historian and writer), **Fr. Nazario Costante** (FCAPP Ecclesiastical Counsellor, Milan Chapter), **Costantino Coros** (Journalist, FCAPP Press officer), **Flavio Felice** (Professor, University of Molise), **Paolo Galardi** (Presidente Soges Group Firenze, FCAPP past Board Member), **Massimo Gattamelata** (FCAPP past Secretary General, Rome Chapter), **Gianluigi Longhi** (FCAPP past Board Member), **Pietro Luigi Polidori** (Presidente CdA Link Campus University, Rome), **Lorenzo Rossi di Montelera** (FCAPP past President, Torino Chapter), **Alberto Neri** (FCAPP Bologna Chapter), **Fr. Francesco Pesce** (FCAPP Ecclesiastical Counsellor, Rome Chapter), **Anna Maria Tarantola** (FCAPP past President, Milan Chapter), **Attilio Tranquilli** (FCAPP past Board Member).

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

Organizers: **John Dalla Costa** (Ethics, trust consultant and writer).

Keynote Speaker: **Fr. Daniel Groody** (Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vice President Notre Dame University, USA).

Speakers: **Paola Albrito** (Director, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – UNDRR), **Giovanni Ferri** (Professor at LUMSA Pontifical University, Rome FCAPP Chapter), **Giovanni Leonardi** (Departmental Head One Health, Italian Health Ministry, Rome), **Mauro Mauri** (Psychiatrist, University of Pisa), **Mary Glen Tupas** (International Justice Mission, Philippines and Australia), **Stephen Young** (Caux Round Table for Moral Capitalism, USA, FCAPP Advisory Board Member).

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

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

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

*Speakers: **Federico Bonomi** (FCAPP Rome Chapter), **Carlo Del Buono** (FCAPP Young Member, Malta), **Minerva Freda** (LUISS University, Rome), **Sofia Horsfall** (FCAPP Young Member, Founder Officine Italia), **Donatella Marazziti** (Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Pisa), **Sebastian Panreck** (Ludwig-Erhard-Forum, FCAPP scholarship award winner), **Mary Webb** (Lumen Gentium Forum, Toronto).*

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

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

*Speakers: **Patrick Brennan** (Private and alternatives finance expert, London), **Eddie Catalfamo** (Global CEO & Strategic Orchestrator Cataltheia Group Inc., USA), **Antonio Circosta**, (International Business Lawyer, FCAPP Member), **Stephanie zu Loewenstein** (FCAPP Germany Chapter), **Riccardo Rapezzi** (Presidente Fondo Assistenza Sanitaria FASDAC, Florence/Rome), **Alessandro Rizzo** (FCAPP Rome Chapter), **Mario Rusack van Rossum** (FCAPP Germany Chapter), **Simone Scettri** (FCAPP Board of Directors Member), **Francesco Vanni d'Archirafi** (FCAPP Board of Directors Member, London Chapter).*

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

*Organizer: **Thomas Rusche** (FCAPP Advisory Board Member, FCAPP Germany Chapter).*

*Speakers: **Fr. Albert Alejo** (Pontifical University Gregoriana), **David Chaboryot** (FCAPP Kenya Chapter, Nairobi), **Lawrence Chong** (Consultor at Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, CEO Consul Group, Singapore), **Francesco Giani** (FCAPP San Miniato Chapter), **Benjamin Lee** (FCAPP Hong Kong Chapter), **Ondrej Socuvka** (FCAPP Slovakia Chapter), **Carla Stamegna** (Head of Representative Office Bank of Italy, Brussels), **Domingo Sugranyes Bickel** (FCAPP past President, Madrid Chapter), **Fr. Oleh Zymak CSsR** (Greek Catholic Redemptorist priest, Kiev, Ukraine).*

***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 to the Dicastery for Communication).*

*Speakers: **Didier Barbé** (Senior Advisor, governance committee MEDEF, former IBM executive, Paris), **Matt Connors** (President, Yellow Line Digital, USA), **Ezequiel del Corral** (Film Director, Aldeas Scholas Films, Argentina/Rome), **Benedetta Liberatore** (Director of the Digital Services and Protection of Fundamental Rights AGCOM, Rome), **Adam Nurek** (Film Producer, Germany/Poland), **Johannes Studinger** (Head of Department at UNI Global Union, Brussels).*

**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: **Vincenzo Bassi** (President, Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe, Rome/Brussels), **Fr. James Channan** (Director Peace Centre, Lahore Pakistan), **Fr. Josep Maria Serrano** (Professor ESADE, Barcelona), **Cesare Trevisani** (President, Joint Italian Arab Chamber of Commerce, FCAPP Advisory Board Member), **Fr. Marcel Uwineza** (Principal, Hekima University College, Nairobi, Kenya).

**Session H: Social Cohesion and Dialogue in the Community and the Economy: How can Catholic Social Thought Contribute to Avoiding and/or Overcoming Polarizations.**

Organizer: **Giovanni Marseguerra** (Professor Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Coordinator of the FCAPP Scientific Committee, Milan).

Keynote Speakers: **Giovanni Farese** (Università Europea di Roma), **Sebastiano Nerozzi** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan).

Speakers: **Frederick Fakharzadeh** (FCAPP Board Member, USA Chapter), **Fr. Gianni Fusco** (Professor at LUMSA Pontifical University, FCAPP past Ecclesiastical Counsellor for Italy), **Maurizio Gallo** (FCAPP Board Member, Padova Chapter), **Paolo Magnolfi** (Presidente Associazione Nuova Camaldoli), **Adrian Pabst** (University of Kent, Secretary to the FCAPP Scientific Committee, UK).

**14.15 - 15.30 Working Lunch**

**15.30 – 16.45 Parallel Sessions (continuation)**

**16.45 - 18.15: Plenary Session:** Presentation 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? The Role of Spirituality”.

**18.35 – 18.45 Sum up and follow up**

# FCAPP 2026 International Conference

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

**8.00 – 9.00. 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 – 9.25. Keynote Address: Sr. Alessandra Smerilli**, Secretary to the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development: *“The historical importance of the Encyclical Centesimus Annus and its continuing relevance for today’s challenges”*.

**9.25 – 11.15: First Plenary Session: How Spirituality Enlightens Personal Development and Community Engagement.**

**Moderator: Barbara Carfagna**, Journalist and TV conductor, Italian Public Services Broadcaster (RAI).

**Panel discussion:**

- **Philip Jennings**, Secretary General of UNI Global Union, Union of workers at global level and with international organizations, Nyon, Switzerland.
- **Fr. Peter Klasvogt**, Theologian, Rector of the *Campo Santo Teutonico*, Vatican.
- **Etienne de Rocquigny**, Expert in Artificial Intelligence and Business Leader, Marseille, France.
- **Francesco Valeriani**, Psychiatrist, President of the Italian Society of Training in Psychiatry, Rome.

**11.15 – 11.30. Keynote Address: Giuseppe De Rita**, President of CENSIS: *“The Spirituality Foundations of Integral Human Development from L. J. Lebret to the Fratelli Tutti”*.

**11.30 - 13.30: Parallel Sessions (PS)**

**PS 1. Artificial Intelligence, Freedom and Spirituality: *Can AI Enhance Freedom, Pluralism and the Search for Spirituality? Under what conditions?***

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

Speakers: **Gabriele Carboni** (Entrepreneur and author in digital marketing and sustainability, FCAPP Bologna Chapter), **Fr. Fabio Pasqualetti** (Professor of digital media, Università Pontificia Salesiana), **Oliver Roethig** (Regional Secretary UNI Europa - The European Services Workers Union, FCAPP Advisory Board Member), **Alberto Oddenino** (Professor University of Turin, FCAPP Turin Chapter), **Liviu Stirbat** (European Commission, Head of Unit AI and Science, Brussels), **Anna Maria Tarantola** (Past President FCAPP, Milan Chapter).

## **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** (Italian Army).

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

Speakers: **Sergio Arzeni** (INSME, European League for Economic Cooperation), **Paolo Cancelli** (Professor, Antonianum Pontifical University, Rome), **Francesco Clementi** (Law Professor, University La Sapienza, Rome), **Michele Coduri** (former Swiss Diplomat, Rome), **Ody-Marc Duclos** (Fondation Coeur Vert, Abidjan, Ivory Coast), **Jean-Pierre Darnis** (Professor, Université Cote d'Azur, Nice), **Alessandro Politi** (FCAPP Luxembourg Chapter), **Silke Schmitt** (Director, Hans Seidel Foundation, Rome), **Alessandro Simoneschi** (FCAPP Lugano Chapter), **Umberto Triulzi** (University La Sapienza, Rome), **Fr. Oleh Zymak CSsR** (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Redemptorist priest, Kiev, Ukraine).

## **PS 3: Liberty and Liberation: The Experience of Popular Movements in Latin America. The Double Challenge of Development from Below and Populism.**

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

Keynote Speaker: **Msgr. Guy-Réal Thivierge** (CAPPF Scientific Committee Member, Member of the Chapter of St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican).

Speakers: **Fr. Gonzalo de la Morena Barrio** (Professor, Pontifical University of Santa Croce, Rome), **Rodrigo Guerra López** (Co-Secretary, Pontifical Commission for Latin America), **Fr. Josep Maria Serrano** (Professor ESADE, Barcelona), **Richard Wood** (Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California).

## **PS 4. The Asian Way to the SDC: Religious Pluralism, Good Governance and Responsible Leadership.**

Keynote Speaker: **Ki-Chan Kim** (Emeritus Professor, The Catholic University of Korea, International Chancellor, President University Chairman, International Council for Small Business).

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

Speakers: **Vittorio Alberti** (Writer, Philosopher, Gregorian Pontifical University), **Fr. Albert Alejo** (Pontifical Gregorian University), **Fr. Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ** (Director, Indian Social Institute, Bangalore), **Fr. Rene Cabag** (CICM, Mayhill School of

Theology, Philippines), **Fr. James Channan** (Director, Peace Centre, Lahore, Pakistan), **Benjamin Lee** (FCAPP Hong-Kong Chapter), **Sergio Lugaresi** (CESPI Rome, former Executive Director Asian Development Bank).

#### **PS 5. Human Development Challenges in and from the Mediterranean: Abrahamic Approaches to Social and Economic Issues.**

Organizers: **Massimo Gargiulo** (Card. Bea Centre for Judaic Studies, Gregoriana Pontifical University) and **Giovanni Ferri** (Professor at LUMSA Pontifical University, FCAPP Rome Chapter).

Speakers: **Massimo Deandreis** (SRM, Studi e Ricerche sul Mediterraneo, Naples), **Roland Dubertrand** (Chair of Mediterranean, religions and society, PISA), **Ruth Dureghello** (Scientific Committee of AEC -Amicizia Ebraico Cristiana, Rome), **Peter Hefele** (Martens Centre, Brussels), **Recep Senturk** (Dean of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar), **Br. Francesco Zecca** (Associazione OIKOS, Antonianum Pontifical University).

#### **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 for the Section of First Evangelization in the Dicastery for Evangelization).

Organizer: **Pietro Sebastiani** (Retired Ambassador to the Holy See and The Order of Malta, Professor at LUMSA Pontifical University).

Speakers: **Rym Ayadi** (President, Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, Barcelona), **Federico Bonaglia** (OECD Development Centre, Paris), **David Chaboryot** (FCAPP Kenya Chapter), **Andrea De Marco** (UNIDO, Vienna), **Domenico Fanizza** (Former Executive Director, African Development Bank and IMF), **H.E. Msgr. Joseph-Marie Ndi-Okalla** (Bishop of Mbalmayo, Cameroon), **Zipporah Maureen Kiprono** (Kenya, Pontifical Gregorian University), **Fabio Petroni** (Catholic University of Milan, E4Impact Foundation), **Pietro Piccinetti** (CEO Infratel Italia, FCAPP Treviso Chapter), **Fr. Marcel Uwineza** (Principal, Hekima University College, Nairobi, Kenya).

**13.30 – 14.30: Lunch**

**14.30 – 15.30: Parallel Sessions (continuation)**

**15.30 – 16.45: Second Plenary Session: How to Build New Frameworks for Multilateralism and International Law**

#### **Keynote Addresses:**

- **H.E. Card. Silvano Tomasi**, Cardinal Deacon of *San Nicola in Carcere*
- **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
- **Guilherme Canela De Souza Godoi**, Director Digital Inclusion and Transformation, UNESCO
- **Bernard Snoy**, President, Robert Triffin International Foundation, Brussels

**16.45 – 19.00. Panel Discussion:**

- **Paola Albrito**, Director, United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction Office, Geneva
- **Javier Arias**, President, European League for Economic Cooperation, Brussels
- **Michael Driessen**, Professor of Political Science at John Cabot University, Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, University of Notre Dame, USA
- **Jan Figel**, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Slovakia, and EU Commissioner
- **Christiaan Alting von Geusau**, President, International Catholic Legislators Network, Vienna
- **Luigi Paganetto**, Professor of Economics, University of Tor Vergata, Rome
- **Federico Ottavio Reho**, Research Director, Martens Centre, Brussels
- **Hubert de Vauplane**, Lawyer and Professor at Science Po Paris, FCAPP Paris Chapter
- **Olivier Vedrine**, Director, Jean Monnet Association, Paris
- **Alexandre Widmer**, Chief of Staff, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Berne

**19.00 – 19.15. Concluding Address:**

- *H.E. Msgr. Joseph-Marie Ndi-Okalla (Bishop of Mbalmayo, Cameroon)*

**19. 15 – 21.30. Cocktail**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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