



PONTIFICAL COUNCIL
FOR PROMOTING
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CATECHESIS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: A NECESSARY ENGAGEMENT IN THE DAILY PASTORAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rome, October 20 – 22, 2017

Friday, October 20, 2017

- 14:00** Arrival and Welcome
- 15:00** Opening prayer
- 15:30** *The Profession of Faith: “To believe” - One’s response to God who reveals Himself*
Archbishop Rino Fisichella
President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization
- 16:30** *Life in Christ: The person made in the image of God*
Stefano Toschi, Association “Beati noi” (Bologna, Italy)
Pia Matthews, Lecturer, St. Mary’s University (London, England)
- 17:30** Break
- 18:00** Presentation and the opening of the exhibition: “The accessibility of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Pastoral and catechetical tools for inclusion”.



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Saturday, October 21, 2017

9:00 Opening prayer

9:30 *The celebration of the Christian mystery: Sacraments as precious occasions for catechesis*

Miguel Romero, Professor, Salve Regina University (U.S)

Bishop Peter A. Comensoli, Bishop of Broken Bay (Australia)

11:00 Break

11:30 *The celebration of the Christian mystery: Experiences of catechesis*

Isabel de la Taste, Service National de la Catéchèse et du Catéchuménat Déléguée aux Pédagogies de Catéchèse pour le Handicap, Episcopal Conference (France)

Mary O'Meara, Executive Director of the Department of Special Needs Ministries, Archdiocese of Washington (U.S.)

12:45 The experience of the *Jubilee of Mercy* – a video testimony

13:00 Lunch

15:00 Prayer

15:30 *Christian Prayer: The religious dimension*

Fr. Diego Pancaldo, Professor, Italia Centrale, Moderator of the Association Maria Madre Nostra, Diocese of Pistoia (Italy)

Fr. Michael Depcik, OSFS, Director of the Catholic Deaf Community, Archdiocese of Detroit (U.S.)

17:00 Break



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- 17:30** *Christian Prayer: Experiences of catechesis*
Petites Soeurs disciples de l'agneau: *Contemplative Community of Religious Sisters with Sisters with and without Down's syndrome* (France)
Cristina Gangemi, *Kairos Forum, Director, Expert in the Field of Disability* (England)
Fr. Gabriele Pipinato, *Diocese of Padova, Founder of the Saint Martin Catholic Social Apostolate of Talitha-Kum and the L'Arche Community of Nyahururu* (Kenya)
Anne Dewulf, *Community of S. Egidio* (Belgium)
- 19:00** *Catechesis and persons with disabilities: conclusions and perspectives*

Sunday, October 22, 2017

- 10:00** Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and procession before the tomb of St. John Paul II
- 12:00** *Angelus Prayer* in St. Peter's Square (for those who wish)



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