



**PONTIFICAL COUNCIL  
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## Catechesis and Persons with Disabilities

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Pontificia Università Urbaniana

Via Urbano VIII, 16 - Roma - Italia



**Friday, October 20, 2017**

**14:00** Arrival and Welcome

**15:30** Opening prayer (led by the *Fede e Luce Community*)

**15:45** *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** *The protection of persons with disabilities*

**Sheila Hollins**, *Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors*

**18:15** Presentation and the opening of the exhibition on the accessibility of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Pastoral and catechetical tools for the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**9:00** Opening prayer (led by the European Deaf Community)

**9:15** *The celebration of the Christian mystery: Sacraments as precious occasions for catechesis*

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

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

**10:15** Break and move to the Clementine Hall in the Apostolic Palace

**12:00 Audience with Pope Francis**

**13:30 Lunch**

**15:00 Prayer** (led by those with Autism)

**15:15** *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 of France)

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

**Fr. Giuseppe Fabrini and Fiorenza Pestelli**, Parish of Santa Maria di Loreto (together with those with disabilities from the Archdiocese of Pesaro - Italy)

**16:15** *Christian Prayer: The religious dimension*

**Fr. Diego Pancaldo**, *Professor, Italia Centrale, Moderator of the Association Maria Madre Nostra* (together with those with intellectual disabilities from the Diocese of Pistoia - Italy)

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

**17:15 Break**

**17:45** *Christian Prayer: Experiences of catechesis*

**Petites Soeurs disciples de l'agneau**: *Contemplative Community of Religious Sisters with Sisters with and without Down's syndrome* (Le Blanc, 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**

**10:30** Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica

**12:00** *Angelus Prayer* in St. Peter's Square