

## PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 27 MARCH



### 8.45 INAUGURAL SESSION

#### Opening Prayer

*Society of the Divine Word*

#### Welcome address

**Fr. Anselmo Ribeiro, SVD**

*Superior General*

#### Inaugural Address

**Luis Antonio G. Card. Tagle**

*Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization,  
Section for the First Evangelization  
and New Particular Churches*

### 8.55 KEYNOTE

***The Mission of God in Today's World:  
Healing Wounds, Challenged by Postmodernity,  
Learning from Cultures, Inspired by Religions***

**Stephen Bevens, SVD (USA)**

*Professor Emeritus, Catholic Theological Union,  
Chicago*

Moderator: **Mary Barron, OLA**  
*UISG President*

### 9.45 WORKSHOP SESSIONS (to be held simultaneously) No simultaneous translation (Choose ONE)

#### 1. ***Recreating and Empowering Lives of the Wounded and Homeless***

**Flavie Villanueva, SVD (Philippines)** – English  
*Human Rights Activist*

Moderator: **Samuel Komlanvi Amaglo, SDB**  
*Pontifical Salesian University, Rome*

#### 2. ***Transforming Violence and Restoring Human Dignity in Latin American Contexts***

**Petronella Maria Boonen, SSps (Brazil)** – Spanish  
*Human Rights Activist*

Moderator: **Elizangela Chaves Dias, MSCS**  
*Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome*

#### 3. ***Healing the Wounds of Nature: The Role of the Missionary***

**Joseph Kwame Blay, OFM (Ghana)** – English  
*JPIC Activist*

Moderator: **Peter Baekelmans, CICM**  
*Catholic University, Leuven*

#### 4. ***Missio Dei and Migration: Pains of Labor and Healing Wounds***

**Gioacchino Campese, CS (Rome)** – Italian  
*Professor, Pontifical Urbaniana University*

Moderator: **Jan Stefanow, SVD**  
*CBF General Secretary*

### 10.40 Break (25 minutes)

### 11.05 Talk - Plenum

***"...By His Wounds You Have Been Healed"  
(1Pet 2:24): A Living Hope for a Wounded World.***  
**Nicoletta Gatti (Ghana)**

*Professor, University of Ghana, Accra*

### 11.55 Talk - Plenum

***Sanctuary and Savior:  
The Church in the Philippines during the Drug War***  
**Former Senator Leila de Lima (Philippines)**

*Politician, Activist*

Moderator: **Patricia Murray, IBVM**  
*UISG Executive Secretary*

### 12.45 Conclusion of the first day

FRIDAY 28 MARCH



### 8:45 Opening Prayer

*FMM Sisters*

### 8.50 KEYNOTE

***Challenged by Postmodernity:  
Insights for Christian Mission***

**Pavol Bargár (Czech Republic)**

*Associate Professor, Charles University, Prague*

Moderator: **Mario Zanotti, OSB.Cam**  
*USG Executive Secretary*

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#### 1. ***Contextualizing Europe?! Christian Mission Through Theories of Postmodernity***

**Dorottya Nagy (Netherlands)** – English

*Professor, Protestant Theological University, Utrecht*

Moderator: **Sebastian M. Michael, SVD**  
*Professor Emeritus, Mumbai University*

### 2. ***Taizé - A Vital Trust***

**Brother Emile of Taizé (France)** – English

*Teaches Theology at Taizé*

Moderator: **Alain Mayam, CSSP**  
*Superior General*

### 3. ***Paradigm Shifts in Mission for the Local Church in Postmodernity: An English Case Study***

**Canon Dr. Nigel Rooms (England)** – English

*Researcher, Partnership for Missional Church UK,  
Leicester*

Moderator: **Agnes Lanfermann, MMS**  
*Superior General*

### 4. ***Transhumanism, Posthumanism and Missio Dei***

**Tiziano Tosolini, SX (Rome)** – Italian

*Professor, Pontifical Gregorian University*

Moderator: **Roberto Catalano**  
*Focolare Movement, IACM Secretary*

### 10.40 Break (25 minutes)

### 11.05 Talk - Plenum

***The Gospel in the Maze of Postmodern Worlds:  
Choosing Between the Ethical and the Correct?***

**Mika Vähäkangas (Finland)**

*Professor, Polin Institute of Åbo Akademi University*

### 11.55 Talk - Plenum

***Beyond Missio Ad Gentes: Inhabiting Peripheries,  
Crossing Borders, Opening Paths.***

**Estêvão Raschiatti, SX (Brazil)**

*Professor, Studium Theologicum, Curitiba*

Moderator: **Daniel Patrick Huang, SJ**  
*Coordinator (Missiology),  
Pontifical Gregorian University*

### 12.45 Conclusion of the Second Day

SATURDAY 29 MARCH



### 8:45 Opening Prayer

*SSps Sisters*



8.50 **KEYNOTE**  
***Prospects for an Interreligious Missio Dei***  
**Catherine Cornille (USA)**  
*Professor, Boston College*  
Moderator: Gianni Criveller, PIME  
IACM President

Simultaneous Translation  
in English, Italian, Spanish and French

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1. ***Interculturality: Learnings and Challenges***  
**Roger Schroeder, SVD (USA)** – English  
*Professor at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago*  
Moderator: Chris Chaplin, MSC  
General Councilor
2. ***Encountering the O/other...***  
**Ambrogio Bongiovanni (Rome)** – Italian  
*Professor, Pontifical Gregorian University*  
Moderator: Pooda Antoine de Padou  
Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome
3. ***Encounter of Respect: Inspiration from the Taiwanese Folk Religion***  
**Piotr Adamek, SVD (Taiwan)** – English  
*Professor, Fu Jen University, Taipei*  
Moderator: Gaetano Sabetta  
Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome



10.40 **Break (25 minutes)**

11.05 **Talk – Plenum**  
***A Missiological Reflection on Cultures***  
**Antonio Pernia, SVD (Philippines)**  
*Former SVD Superior General, DWIMS, Tagaytay*

11.55 **Talk – Plenum**  
***Promises, Opportunities, and Challenges of Cultures in the Era of Synodality***  
**Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, SJ (USA/Nigeria)** – English  
*Dean and Professor,*  
*Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University*  
Moderator: Mathew Vattamattam, CMF  
Superior General

12.45 **Concluding Remarks**

**PARTICIPATION**  
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