



***“MOTHERS ARE WOMEN TOO!”***



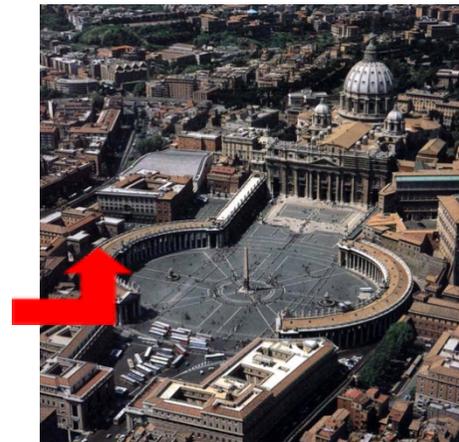
**MATERCARE INTERNATIONAL'S ELEVENTH ROME CONFERENCE**

Date: September 12-14, 2022

Place: Istituto Maria Sanctissima Bambina. Via Paolo VI, 21 – Rome

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The centre is next to St. Peter's Basilica. (see below where red arrow points)



**The 11<sup>th</sup> MaterCare International Rome Conference**

**Rome 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

Istituto Maria Sanctissima Bambina



## Day 1 Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>

- 2: 00 pm**      **MaterCare International Board meeting**
- 3: 00 pm**      **Registration** (Lower level -1)
- 4: 00 pm**      **Retreat: Fr. Professor George Woodall**
- 6: 30 pm**      **“Welcome” Main Conference Hall**  
Professor Bernard Ars, President, FIAMC (World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations)  
Dr. Vincent Defilippis, President, FEAMC (European Federation of Catholic Medical Associations)  
Mr. Simon Walley, Executive Director, MaterCare International  
Professor Bogdan Chazan, Medical Director, MaterCare International  
A/Professor Elvis Šeman, treasurer & past Chairman MaterCare Australia
- 7: 00 pm**      **Opening address**  
Professor. Bernard Ars (Belgium)
- 7: 30 pm**      **Wine and cheese celebration**
- 9: 00 pm**      **“Getting acquainted”** (on the roof). Informal. BYO drinks.

## Day 2 Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 - 9:30 am**    **Holy Mass (main Chapel)**

- 9:30 am**      **Keynote address: “You Don’t Function as a Mother, you are a Mother”**  
His Eminence Willem Jacobus Cardinal Eijk, Archbishop of Utrecht, Physician and Bioethicist (Netherlands)

- 10:00 - 10:05 am**    **Q & A**

### **SESSION I      COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

*An examination of the clinical, ethical and spiritual implications of COVID-19 for patients and Catholic healthcare workers.*

- 10:05 - 10:10 am**    **Introduction**

- 10:10 - 10:30 am**    **“Covid – 19 and Maternity “**  
Professor Rok Čivljak (Croatia)

- 10:30 - 10:35 am**    **Q & A**

- 10:35 - 10:55 am**    **“Be with me – Challenges of Medical, Psychological and Spiritual Care during Covid 19 Pandemic”**  
Professor Jakub Pawlikowski (Poland)

- 10:55 - 11:00 am**    **Q & A**

- 11:00 - 11:30 am**    **Coffee break**

- 11:30 - 11:50 am**    **“Clinical and Ethical Implications in Gynaecology, including Tele-abortion”**  
A/Professor Elvis Šeman (Australia)

- 11:50 - 11:55 am**    **Q & A**

- 11:55 - 12:15 pm**    **“Producing Ethical COVID-19 Vaccines”.**  
Professor Jozef Glasa (Slovakia)

- 12:15 - 12:20 pm**    **Q & A**

- 12:20 - 12:40 pm**    **“Spiritual Care during the Pandemic”**  
Fr. Professor George Woodall (UK)

- 12:40 - 12:45 pm**    **Q & A**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm Lunch**

**SESSION II UPDATE ON SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RELATED TO FAMILY PLANNING METHODS**

*An update of the most recent literature on the many risks of hormonal contraception, an ethical approach to family planning, and reflection on Humanae Vitae.*

**2:00 - 2:05 pm Introduction**

**2:05 - 2:25 pm “Hormonal Contraception- Medical Risks”**  
Deacon Professor William Williams (USA)

**2:25 - 2:30 pm Q & A**

**2:30 - 2:50 pm “Hormonal Contraception- Social, Spiritual & Environmental Risks”**  
Deacon Professor William Williams (USA)

**2:50 - 2:55 pm Q&A**

**2:55 - 3:15 pm “Training of Medical Personnel in Fertility Awareness Methods and Naprotechnology in Nigeria”**  
Dr Henrietta Williams (Nigeria)

**3:15 - 3:20 pm Q&A**

**3:20 - 3:40 pm “Particular Situations in Natural Family Planning Practice”**  
Dr Ewa Ślizień Kuczapska (Poland)

**3:40 - 3:45 pm Q & A**

**3:45 - 4:05 pm “Humanae Vitae: the Courageous and Prophetic View of Paul VI”**  
Willem Jacobus Cardinal Eijk (Netherlands)

**4:05 - 4:10 pm Q&A**

**4:10 - 4:40 pm Coffee break**

**SESSION III “TRAINING CATHOLIC DOCTORS AND DEALING WITH MAJOR CONTROVERSIES”**

*Forming and arming the next generation of Catholic doctors*

**4:40 - 4:45 pm Introduction**

**4:45 - 5:05 pm “The Catholic who Practices Medicine Today: The Christian Coherence of Life”**  
Professor Bernard Ars (Belgium)

**5:05 - 5:10 pm Q & A**

**5:10 - 5:30 pm “Assisting the Formation of Catholic Doctors”**  
Professor Jakub Pawlikowski (Poland)

**5:30 - 5:35 pm Q & A**

**5:35 - 5:55 pm “Pharmacological Abortion - How and When to Offer Progesterone Reversal”**  
Dr Dermot Kearney (UK)

**5:55 - 6:00 pm Q & A**

**6:00 - 6:20 pm “IVF and Surrogacy - How do I Help a Couple Requesting It?”**  
Dr Ludmila Laznickova (Czech Republic)

**6:20 - 6:25 pm Q & A**

**6:25 - 6:45 pm “Clinical Controversies in Gynecology – a Catholic Approach”**  
Dr Radosław Maksym (Poland)

**6:45 - 6:50 pm Q & A**

**8:00 pm Dinner**

**9:00 pm Informal roof gathering**

### Day 3 Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Holy Mass (Chapel)

#### SESSION IV PRENATAL SCREENING AND THERAPY

*Antenatal diagnosis of severe congenital malformations is associated with profound grief and sadness. Here we spotlight a Catholic approach to medical management, the avoidance of eugenics, & how to accompany those suffering perinatal loss.*

9:30 - 9:35 am Introduction

9:35 - 9:55 am “A Morally Licit Approach to Antenatal Screening and Foetal Therapy”  
Professor Guiseppe Noia (Italy)

9:55 - 10:00 am Q & A

10:00 - 10:20 am “Heritable Genome Editing- a Slippery Slope to the Dictatorship of Eugenics?”  
Professor Andrzej Kocharński (Poland).

10:20 - 10:25 am Q & A

10:25 - 10:45 am “Accompanying Families Suffering Perinatal Loss, both Psychologically and Spiritually”  
Mr. Piotr Guzdek (Poland)

10:45 —10:50 am Q&A

10:50 - 11:20 am Coffee break

#### SESSION V TURNING THE ABORTION TIDE

*A look at what determines success or failure in legally protecting the unborn.*

11:20 - 11:25 am Introduction

11:25 - 11:45 am “How One Case of Septic Miscarriage Changed the Abortion Law in Ireland?”  
Mr. Patrick Buckley (Ireland)

11:45 - 11:50 am Q&A

11:50 - 12:05 pm “How an Attempt to Change the Abortion Law in Poland after a Similar Case of Septic Miscarriage Failed – Medical Aspects”  
Professor Bogdan Chazan (Poland)

12:05 - 12:10 pm Q&A

12:10 - 12:30 pm “How an Attempt to Change the Abortion Law in Poland After a Similar of Septic Miscarriage Failed - Social and Legal Reasons”  
Att. Katarzyna Gęsiak (Poland)

12:30 - 12:35 pm Q&A

12:35 - 12:55 pm “An Update on Overturning Roe vs Wade in USA”  
Mr. Nikolas Nikas (USA)

12:55 - 1:00 pm Q&A

1:00 - 2:00 pm Lunch

#### SESSION VI LAW, CONSCIENCE AND PARENTHOOD

*A review of land mark cases highlighting the need for legal protection of conscience for doctors and patients, a focus on the need to protect fatherhood as much as motherhood, and insights into the significance of our body in God’s plan*

2:00 - 2:05 pm Introduction

2:05 - 2:25 pm “A Norwegian Case of Conscientious Objection”  
Dr Katarzyna Jachimowicz (Norway)

2:25 - 2:30 pm Q&A

**2:30 - 2:50 pm** “Choosing Between Conscience and the Law: a Case Study for Doctors”  
Att. Jerzy Kwaśniewski (Poland).

**2:50 - 2:55 pm** **Q&A**

**2:55 - 3:15 pm** "Fetal Pain - the Latest Evidence".  
Dr. Calum Miller (UK)

**3:15 - 3:20 pm** **Q&A**

**3:20 - 3:40 pm** “Fathers(dads) are Men Too!”  
Fr. Piotr Kieniewicz (Poland)

**3:40 - 3:45 pm** **Q&A**

**3:45 - 4:05 pm** “The Beauty of the Male and Female Body in God’s Plan”  
Mr. Vincent Kemme (Belgium)

**4:05 - 4:10 pm** **Q&A**

**4:10 - 4:40 pm** **Coffee Break**

## **SESSION VII INSPIRING CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

*A focus on the lives of holy Catholic healthcare workers, and the purpose and outreach of MaterCare*

**4:40 - 4:45 pm** **Introduction**

**4:45 - 5:00 pm** “Stanisława Leszczyńska- the Midwife of Auschwitz-Birkenau”  
Dr Natalia Suszczewicz (Poland)

**5:00 - 5:05 pm** **Q & A**

**5:05 - 5:20 pm** “Blessed Dr Ewa Nojszewska – Patron of the Polish Society of Catholic Physicians”  
Dr Emilia Cichočka (Poland)

**5:20 - 5:25 pm** **Q & A**

**5:25 - 5:55 pm** “Professor Robert Walley Founder and Executive Director of MaterCare International – His Vision and Work and our Friendship”

Professor Gian Luigi Gigli (Italy)

Professor Bogdan Chazan (Poland)

**5:55 - 6:00 pm** **Q & A**

**6:00 - 6:25 pm** “MaterCare International -Current & Future Projects”.  
Mr. Simon Walley (Canada)

**6:25 - 6:30 pm** **Q & A**

## **CLOSING SESSION**

**6:30 - 7:00 pm** **Free communications & posters.**

**7:00 - 7:15 pm** **Conference statement**

**7:15 - 7:30 pm** **Close. Invitation to the Next (Twelfth) Rome MaterCare International Conference**  
Professor Bogdan Chazan,  
A/Professor Elvis Šeman  
Mr. Simon Walley

**8:00 pm** **Dinner**

**9:00 pm** **Informal farewell roof gathering**

**\*\*\*\* Posters and Free Communication are welcome. Please contact us at [info@matercare.org](mailto:info@matercare.org) for more information.**

**Please note:**

**26th World Congress of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations (FIAMC)**

*“Medicine: Restorative or Transformative? The Mission of the Christian Physician”.*

September 15 – 17th, 2022

Augustinianum

Via Paolo VI 25

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Conference is right after MaterCare Conference and next door!

FIAMC Registration is separate from MaterCare Registration

**For FIAMC program and registration information, please visit: [fiamc.org](http://fiamc.org)**



***MaterCare president Bogdan Chazan and FIAMC president Bernard Ars give you a warm welcome!***

***Papal Audience Requested.***

**MaterCare Registration:**

**Rates**

Full conference: €350

Daily Rate: €200

Accompanying Person: €150

Students/priests: €200

Registration does not include meals.

Meals can be purchased for €16 per person per meal.

**Accommodation:**

**Rates (includes bed/breakfast and 2 meals)**

Single Room: €110

Double Room: €200

Triple Room (limited): €270

Accommodation is limited, first come first served.

Accommodation is set regardless of number meals taken

\*\*\*Accommodation at the Bambina is open to participants attending MaterCare Conference only or attending both MaterCare and FIAMC Conferences.

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