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VIth Assembly of the International Forum of Catholic Inspired Organizations
Rome Villa Aurelia 26th – 27th November 2025

***Pilgrims of Hope for the Promotion
of Human Dignity, the Common Good and Peace***

Wednesday 26 November 2025

7:00am-8:30am Breakfast

8:45am-9:00am Morning Prayer *(prepared by the Strasbourg Platform)*

9:00am-9:15am **Welcome and Introduction of Nuncios/Permanent Observers of the Holy See to the Intergovernmental Organizations** -Johan Ketelers

9:15am--9:45am **Opening Address**

-Msgr. Daniel Pachó, Under-Secretary for Multilateral Affairs of the Secretariat of State's Section for Relations with States and International Organizations.

9:45am-11:05am **Human Dignity Panel Part 1**

Moderator: Prof. Juan Andrés Mercado (Pontificia Università della Santa Croce)

-*Introduction of the Rome Platform* -Vincenzo Conso and the New York Platform

- Mary. E Stewart

-*Introduction of the Panel Theme* - Prof. Juan Andrés Mercado

Subtheme One: Human Dignity

-*International Solidarity: Principle or Right?* - Mara Rossi (APG23)

-*Educating to Human Dignity* - Brian Bond (Edmund Rice International)

Subtheme Two: Healthcare

-*Maternal Health and Maternal Rights* - Bogdan Chazan (Mater Care International)

-*Synodality in Action: A Multi-Congregational Collaboration Bridging the Digital Divide and Advancing Girls' Wellbeing* - Andrea Curreri (Good Shepherd

International Foundation) + Jennifer Donovan (Misean Cara)

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Subtheme Three: Social and Economic Empowerment

-*Defense of the Right to Dignified Work* - Sigrid Marz (UNIAPAC International)

- *Economic Strengthening Programs* - Giampaolo Silvestri (AVSI)

-*Social and Economic Empowerment of Women in Vulnerable Conditions through Cooperation* - Macarena Coteló (Fundación Promoción Social)

11:35pm-1:15pm **Human Dignity Panel Part 2**

Subtheme Four: Migration and Integration

-*Migrant women's access to justice in Mexico* -Lavinia Rocchi Carrera (WUCWO)

Subtheme Five: Ethical Challenges and Faith-Based Perspectives

-*How Can AI Affect Human Dignity?* - Eric Castelnaud (CCIC -Paris Platform)

-*The Role of Faith in Advocacy* - Sr. Michelle Loisel (Daughters of Charity)

Discussion and Conclusion Prof. Juan Andrés Mercado

1:15pm-2:30 pm Lunch

2:45pm-3:45pm

Common Good Panel Part 1

- Introduction of the Geneva and Brussels Platforms* -Mara Rossi
- Introduction of the Topic* -Maria Waszkiewicz
- Meaning of the Common Good based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church*
– Sr. Sarah Garcia, FMA + Video

Subtheme One: International Solidarity

- The Common Good: International Solidarity* -Victor Genina (Caritas Internationalis)

Subtheme Two: Development

- Collaboration and sharing of resources for the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals: The Daughters of Charity initiatives* - Sr. Franca Oqua (Daughters of Charity)

4:15pm-6:15pm

Common Good Panel Part 2

Subtheme Three: Family and Demography

- Optimising demography from a Catholic perspective: why and how should we support procreative plans and their successful implementation?* -Bogdan Chazan (Mater Care)
- Le regard de Femina Europa sur la démographie et le bien commun* -Marion Sénellart de Vrière (Femina Europa)
- The Family: A Place of Hope* -Vincenzo Bassi (FAFCE)

Subtheme Four: Migration

- The Common Good and Migration: At the Intersection of Global Solidarity and Rights for All* – Oumou Diallo (ICMC)
- Regular migration, vocational training and social integration* – Rev. Antoine Farrugia (DBI)

Discussion and Conclusion

6:15pm-7:45pm

Time for informal conversations

7:45pm-8:45pm

Holy Mass (*Prepared by the Geneva Platform*)

8:45PM

Supper

Thursday 27 November 2025

7:00am-9:00am

Breakfast

9:15am- 9:30am

Prayer (*Prepared by the New York Platform*)

9:30am-9:45am

Welcome

9:45am-11:15am

Peace Panel Part 1

Moderator: Diana Huchon Colunga – (FIDESCO)

I. Introduction of the Platforms of Paris (UNESCO) -Isabelle Chaperon and Strasbourg (Council of Europe) –Daniel Guéry

II. Introduction to the Peace Panel – Connection with the Jubilee of Hope
Daniel Guéry (Strasbourg Platform)

III. Contemporary Issues of Peace & the Role of NGO's
François Mabilie (Paris Platform)

IV. *Paths of Peace, Sources of Hope - Roundtable* Moderator: Diana Huchon Colunga

A. Presentation of Four Field-Based Projects

- *Peace and Democracy* -Alfonso Zardi (PAX CHRISTI for the Strasbourg Platform)
- *Youth, Education, and Peace* – Paulette Diakit -Lacroix (OIEC)
- *Peace and Development* - Mara Rossi (Associazione Comunit  Papa Giovanni XXIII)
- *Fraternity, Human Dignity, and Peace* – Rev. Patrick Dolan (AMI)

11:45am-1:15pm

Peace Panel Part 2

IV. *Paths of Peace, Sources of Hope - Contributions from the Audience*

B. Other projects submitted to the Peace Panel -Moderator: Isabelle Chaperon
NGO's that submitted their written contribution via the dedicated form before November 1st briefly, (2 Min each) present their project from the audience.

C. Participatory Exercise – Moderator: Rodrigo Whitelaw
Small group discussions and feedback sharing. Reflection topics may include advocacy dynamics for the promotion of peace, exchange of best practices, possible forms of support from the Forum to encourage NGO efforts around peace, etc.

Conclusion – Moderator: Isabelle Chaperon

1:15pm-2:30 pm

Lunch

3:00pm-4:00pm

Future of the Forum Discussion Part 1

Roundtable with Permanent Observers:

Mgr. Bernardito Auza (Brussels), Mgr. Ettore Balestrero (Geneva), Mgr. Gabriele Caccia (New York), Mgr. Roberto Campesi (UNESCO), Mgr. Fernando Chica Arellano (FAO, IFAD, WFP) -Moderator: Mara Rossi

Suggestions on How to Strengthen the Collaboration between the Missions of the Holy See to the Regional Platforms and the International Bodies

4:30pm-6:00pm

Future of the Forum Discussion Part 2

Short history -Daniel Gu ry

Proposal of the working group "Future of the Forum" Moderator: Augusto Reggiani

6:00pm-6:45Ppm

Assembly Conclusions (*Daniel Gu ry*)

6:45pm-7:45pm

Time for informal conversations

7:45pm

Holy Mass (*Prepared by the Brussels platform*)

8:45pm

Supper

9:45pm-10:45pm

Regional Platforms Coordinators Meeting