

**THE FUTURE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY: THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT
TO PRACTICE AND BE TRAINED ACCORDING TO CONSCIENCE
AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CATHOLIC OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS**

ROME, June 17th-20th, 2001

ORGANISERS

World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations (**FIAMC**)
MaterCare International (**MCI**)

SPONSOR

The Pontifical Council for
Health Pastoral Care

PATRONAGES

The Office of the Secretary
of State of the Vatican
The Congregation for the Doctrine of
the Faith
The Pontifical Council for the Family
The Pontifical Academy for Life
The Congregation for Catholic
Education

OBJECTIVES

To consider the **PRESSURES** on
obstetricians/gynaecologists and
specialists in training arising from
the anti-life philosophy and policies
that currently dominate obstetric
practice.

To examine the **CONSEQUENCES**
arising from the serious decline of
Catholic/Pro-life obstetricians and
gynaecologists world-wide.

To discuss **SOLUTIONS** to the
present situation.

The meeting is intended to be a
friendly and open forum for

discussion, as much time as possible
will be given to discussion, both
formally and informally. For this
reason we encourage people to reside
in the meeting place.

DATES AND PLACE

June 17th - 20th, 2001
Istituto "Maria SS. Bambina"

Via Paolo VI, 21 - Rome
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FAX: +39 06 698 93540

The place is close to St. Peter's
Square. Either take a taxi directly
to the place or take the train from
Fumicino (Rome) airport to Termini
(Rome mainline station), then take
bus #64 to St. Peter's.

PARTICIPANTS

An international representative group
of 100, including
obstetricians/gynaecologists
representatives from MCI, FIAMC,
CICIAMS, World Federation of
Doctors Who Respect Human Life,
specialists in training, medical
students, Catholic Women's
Organisations, pro-life groups,
political leaders.

SECRETARIAT

Registration: you are advised to
register early with:

Mrs. Isabelle Biondi
FIAMC
Palazzo San Calisto
00120, The Vatican City
Tel: 396-69 88 7372 -
FAX: 396-90 87 191 -
Email: giflb@libero.it

Registration fee: US \$100.00
(includes workshop kit, coffee/tea
breaks, wine and cheese, concert)
Accommodation: Full board for three
nights includes continental
breakfast, lunch and dinner US \$
250.00 per person mostly in double
rooms.

Deposit: Registration fee US\$100 +
US \$70.00 deposit for
accommodation at time of
registration

It is possible to extend your stay
before or after the meeting upon
specific request and arrangements
with the Secretariat.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Free communications: Free
communications are encouraged of
personal experiences relevant to the
meeting concerning local situations in
various countries. There is time for
a maximum of 16 communications
each lasting 8 minutes. Time will be
allotted on a first come first served

basis and each presenter is asked to
forward an abstract before May
20th.

Posters: Those not presenting papers
or free communications may present
posters.

Proceedings: It is intended to
provide each registrant with a copy
of the proceedings of the meeting.
CME Credits: Requested from the
Italian Ministry of Health

PROGRAMME

JUNE 17th, 2000

5.00 pm: Registration

6.00pm: Informal wine and cheese
"get acquainted" reception.
(Residenza Madri Pie garden) 100m.
from the meeting place.

JUNE 18th, 2001

8.30 am: Mass

9:15 am: **Opening Address:**
H. E. Javier Lozano Barragan,
President, The Pontifical Council for
Health Pastoral Care.

9:35 am: **The State of Health of**

Motherhood; Trends and Policies Affecting Obstetric Practice.
Robert L. Walley, Medical Director, MCI - MaterCare International (Canada).
9.55 am: **The Importance of the Practice of Obstetrics and Gynaecology to the Health Ministry of the Catholic Church.**
Gian Luigi Gigli, President, FIAMC - World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, (Italy).

10.15 am: Discussion

10.45 am: Coffee break

11.00 am: **Keynote Address**
H.E. Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

11.20 am: **Human Rights and Obstetric Practice: Legal Issues.**
Alberto Mazza, Specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Former Minister of Health, (Argentina).

11.40 am: The Particular Witness of a Catholic Obstetrician and Gynaecologist: A Sign of Contradiction in the Culture of Death, Nicholas Tonti-Filipini, Bioethicist, Australia

12:00 pm: **Free communications** and discussion

1:30 pm: Lunch

3:00 pm: **Keynote Address:**

H.E. Elio Sgreccia, Vice-President, Pontifical Academy for Life.

3:20 pm: **The Current Political Climate and the Rights of Mothers.**
Dana Rosemary Scallon, Member of the European Parliament (Ireland).

3.40 pm: Discussion

4:00 pm: **The Freedom of Obstetricians to Practice according to their Consciences.**
Lorenzo Chieffi, Professor of Constitutional Law, II University of Naples (Italy).

4.20 pm: Discussion

4.40 pm: **The Practice of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Natural Law.**
Eamon O'Dwyer, Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Galway, (Ireland).

5:00 pm: Discussion

5:30 pm: **Free communications** and discussion

6:00 pm: **Workshops** (4 groups):
- What is the reason for the decline in the number of Catholic obstetricians/ gynaecologists and midwives?
- What are the solutions?

7.00 pm: Dinner: Informal discussions

JUNE 19th 2001

8.30 am: Mass

9:15 am: **The Training of Obstetricians: a Residents view.**
Susanne van der Velden, Resident in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Germany).

9:35 am: **Access to Appointments: The Effect of Discrimination of Careers.**
T. Everett Julyan, General Practitioner, Glasgow, Scotland (UK).

9.55 am: **The Problems Faced by Catholic Midwives in Training and Practice.** Representative from World Federation of Catholic Nurses & Midwives (CICIAMS). To be announced.

10.15 am: Discussion

10.45 am. Coffee break

11.00 am: **Keynote Address:**
Card. Zenon Grocholewski, Prefect, Congregation for Catholic Education.

11:20 am: **The Role of Catholic Universities and Hospitals in Specialist Training Programmes.**
Pilar Vigil, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Santiago de Chile (Chile).

11.40 am: Discussion

12:10 pm: **Free communications** and discussion

1:30 pm: Lunch

3:00 pm: **Keynote Address:**
Card. Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, President, The Pontifical Council for the Family.

3:20 pm: **Politics of Abortion: Political Processes affecting Obstetricians**
Janne Haaland Matlary, Professor of International Politics, University of Oslo, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs (Norway).

3.40 pm: Discussion

4:00 pm: **National and International Organisations in Support of Pro-Life Obstetricians: Possibility of Future Actions.** Nuala Scarisbrick, Honorary President, LIFE (UK)

4.20 pm: **Modern Communication Technologies for Distance Learning and Training.** Gonzalo Miranda, Institute of Bioethics, Catholic University, Rome (Italy)

5:00 pm: Discussion

5:20 pm: Tea break

5.35 pm: **Free communications** and

discussion

6:00 pm: **Workshops** (4 groups):

- What is the extent of discrimination against trainees who decline to perform abortions?
- What are the actions to be done and the possible remedies?

7.00 pm: Dinner: Informal discussions

JUNE 20th 2001

8.30 am: Mass

9:15 am: **Keynote Address**

Card. Dionigi Tettamanzi
Ecclesiastical Assistant AMCI

9:40 am: **Reports on Workshops** by Reporters.

11:00 am: **Future Actions and Conclusions.**

Audience with Pope John-Paul II
requested (time to be announced).

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

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ACCOMPANYING PERSON:

NAME: _____

SURNAME: _____

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SINGLE BED ROOM:

DOUBLE BED ROOM:

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Registration fee: US\$100:

Accommodation: US \$70.00: