

XXII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
THE PASTORAL CARE OF SICK ELDERLY PEOPLE

15 – 16 – 17 November 2007

Thursday, 15 November

9:00 **GREETING**

9:15 **Proclamation:** The Pastoral Care of Sick Elderly People in the Light of the Word of God
His Eminence Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragán
President of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, The Holy See

Chairperson: Dr. An Verlinde
Member of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, The Holy See

I. THE REALITY

10:00 **1. History of the Care for Sick Elderly People**
Prof. Peter Crome
Professor of Geriatric Medicine, Keele University (Great Britain)
President, British Geriatrics Society

10:30 Demography of the Elderly Population in the World
Prof. Antonio Golini
Professor of Demography, Faculty of Statistic Sciences, "La Sapienza" University, Rome

11:00 **Break**

2. Major Illnesses afflicting Sick Elderly People

11:20 Emerging Rare Diseases or those that are Re-emerging among Sick Elderly People
Prof. Roberto Bernabei
Director of the Institute of Gerontological, Geriatric and Physical Sciences, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome; President of the Italian Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics

12:00 Globalisation and the Diseases of the Elderly
Dr. Alexandre Kalache
Former Director of the Ageing and Life Course Programme at the WHO, Geneva (Switzerland)

Origin of the Diseases that afflict the Elderly Today

a) Personal

12:20 Human Behaviour

Stile of Life

Diet

Rise in Life Expectancy

Prof. J.M. Ribera Casado

Director of the Geriatrics Service at "San Carlo" Hospital, Madrid (Spain)

b) Technological and Scientific

12:40 Technological Change

Industrial Change

Dr. John J. Turner

Consultant Physician, University Hospital Aintree, Liverpool (Great Britain)

13:00 New Drugs

Gerontological Sciences

Prof Françoise Forette

Professor of Geriatrics, University Paris V

Director of the National Foundation of Gerontology and of ILC-France (International Longevity Centre), Paris (France)

13:20 **End of the Session**

c) Political and Social

16:00 Political Change, Legislations

Old Age and the Health System

Pensions

The Role of the Family

Free Time

Dr. Fernando Antezana Aranibar

President of the Executive Council of WHO, Geneva (Switzerland); Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, The Holy See

d) Ecological

16:20 Ecological Change and Old Age

Pollution of the Water

Pollution of the Environment

Prof. Wangari Muta Maathai, Ph. D. (Kenya)

Nobel Peace Prize 2004

II. WHAT SHOULD BE THOUGHT?

a) Revelation

16:40 The Care of Sick Elderly People in Holy Scripture

Rev. Prof. Hans-Winfried Jüngling, S.J.

Emeritus Professor of Old Testament at the Faculty of Theology of Saint-George, Frankfurt (Germany)

17:10 The Care of Sick Elderly People in the Writings of the Church Fathers

Prof. Gabriele Marasco

Professor of Roman History in the Faculty of Letters and Foreign Languages, University of Studies of Tuscia, Viterbo (Italy)

17:40 **Break**

18:00 The Care of Sick Elderly People in the History of the Church

Prof. Angelo Capparoni

President of the Academy of History of Sanitary Arts, Rome

b) Reflection on Revelation

18:30 Faith, Charity and Sick Elderly People

Rev. Fr. Wojciech Giertych, O.P.

Theologian of the Pontifical House, The Holy See

19:00 **End of the Session**

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Chairperson: Dr. Fiorenza Deriu

Social Researcher, Rome; Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, The Holy See

9:00 The Testimony of Saints Dedicated to the Care of Sick Elderly People

Rev. Fr. Donatus Forkan, O.H.

Superior General of the Order of St. John's of God, "Fatebenefratelli", Rome

9:30 Sick Elderly People and Christian Hope

H.E. Msgr. Rino Fisichella

Auxiliary Bishop of Rome

Rector Magnificus of the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome

10:00 Christian Responsibility and Sick Elderly People. Ethical Aspects

Mgr. Ignacio Carrasco de Paula

Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Life, The Holy See

Director, Institute of Bioethics, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome

10:30 **Break**

11:00 Inter-religious Dialogue on Sick Elderly People

Judaism

Prof. Abramo Alberto Piattelli

Rabbi of the Jewish Community of Rome; Professor of Post-Biblical Judaism, Pontifical Lateran University, Rome

Islam

Rev. Miguel Ángel Ayusio Guixot, MCCI

President of the Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome

Hinduism

Prof. Sukladev Kanango

Department of Social Work, Visva Bharati University, Calcutta (India)

Buddhism

Prof. Cheng, Chen-Huang

Professor, Fo kuang Shan Buddhist University, Taiwan (Rep. of China)

12:00 Post-Modernity:
Rev. Fr. Ján Dačok, S.J.
Professor of Moral Theology and Ethics at the Faculty of Theology, University of Trnava (Slovakia)

III. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

The Pastoral Care of Sick Elderly People from:

a) The Religious Point of View:

12:15 Catechesis and Education in Faith of Sick Elderly People: Maturity in the Faith
H.E. Msgr. Sergio Pintor
Bishop of Ozieri, Italy
Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, The Holy See

12:35 Sacraments for Sick Elderly People. Pastoral Ministry for Sick Elderly People
H.E. Msgr Vittorino Girardi Stellan
Bishop of Tilarán (Costa Rica)

13:00 **End of the Session**

16:00 Pastoral Aspects in Relation to Psychology
Rev. Fr. Bonifacio Honings, O.C.D.
Professor Emeritus of Moral Theology at the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome
Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, The Holy See

b) The Biomedical Point of View:

16:20 * Research, Pharmaceuticals
Dr. Giuseppe Recchia
"S. K" Foundation's Centre for Studies, Verona (Italy)

* Nutrition, Stile of Life
Prof. Ottavio Bosello
Director of the Institut of Geriatric Clinic, "Istituti Ospitalieri", Verona (Italy)

16:40 Treatment, Accompanying, Institutions
Prof. Massimo Petrini
*Director of the Center for Promotion and Development of Geriatric Assistance,
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome*

c) The Political-Social Point of View:

17:00 The Mass Media
H.E. Msgr. John Patrick Foley
*Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem,
The Holy See*

17:20 National and International Healthcare Policies, Legislations, Migrations, Economic,
Scientific and Technological Resources, Food and Diet Policies, Social Hygiene
Prof. Pedro A. Reyes López
Director of Research, National Institute of Cardiology “Ignacio Chávez”, México

17:40 **Break**

c) The Family Point of View

18:00 The Sick Elderly Person, his/her Family, Healthcare Personnel
Law. Goffredo Grassani
*President of the Lombardy Federation of Centres for Assistance to the Family,
Milan (Italy)*

Saturday, 17 November

Chairperson: Mrs. Lillian Fanjul de Azqueta
Founder and Director of the “New Hope” Foundation, Palm Beach (USA)

9:00 The Diocese, Parish and the Sick Elderly Person
H.E. Msgr. Lázaro Pérez Jiménez
Bishop of Celaya (México)

- 9:20 Religious Orders and the Sick Elderly Person
Sr. Maria del Camino Ágos
Superior General of Hospital Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Rome
- 9:40 Particular Care of Sick Elderly Priests and Religious
Rev. Fr. Anthony Frank Monks, M.I.
Member of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, The Holy See
- 10:00 Volunteers and Associations Dedicated to the Care of Sick Elderly People
Rev. Fr. Piotr Krakowiak
National Chaplain of "Hospices", Danzica (Poland)
- 10:20 Spiritual Support for Sick Elderly People: Sacraments and Prayers.
H.E. Msgr. James Wingle
Bishop of Saint Catharines (Canada)
Member of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, The Holy See
- 10:40 Visits to Sick Elderly People
Rev. Mgr. Vitor Feytor Pinto
National Coordinator of Health Pastoral Care, Lisbon (Portugal)
Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers (The Holy See)
- 11:00 **Conclusion**