

8.50 KEYNOTE

United in Purpose: The Mission of All Religions and Cultures to address the Crises of Humanity and Nature

Felix Wilfred (India)

Emeritus Professor, State University of Madras, India, and a former member of the International Theological Commission of the Vatican

Moderator: **Gianni Criveller, PIME**
IACM President

9.45 WORKSHOP SESSIONS (to be held simultaneously)

No simultaneous translation
(Choose ONE)

1. **Interculturality: Learnings and Challenges**

Roger Schroeder, SVD (USA) – English
Professor at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Moderator: **Chris Chaplin, MSC**
General Councillor

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

4. **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: **Nirmala Gnanapragasam, FMM**
General Councillor

10.40 Break (25 minutes)

11.05 TALK – PLENUM

A Missiological Reflection on Cultures

Antonio Pernia, SVD (Philippines)
*Former SVD Superior General,
Divine Word Institute of Mission Studies, Tagaytay*

11.55 TALK – PLENUM

Prospects for an Interreligious Missio Dei

Catherine Cornille (USA)

Professor, Boston College
Moderator: **Mathew Vattamattam, CMF**
Superior General

12.45 Concluding Remarks

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 27 MARCH



8:45 **Opening Prayer**
Society of the Divine Word

8.50 **KEYNOTE**
The Mission of God in Today's World: Healing Wounds, Challenged by Postmodernity, Learning from Cultures, Inspired by Religions
Stephen Bevans, SVD (USA)
Professor Emeritus, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Moderator: **Mary Barron, OLA** – *UISG President*

9.45 **WORKSHOP SESSIONS** (to be held simultaneously)
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- 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**
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

8.50 **KEYNOTE**
Mission of Synodal Church
Tomáš Halík (Czech Republic)
Professor, Charles University, Prague
Moderator: **Mario Zanotti, OSB.Cam**
UISG Executive Secretary

9.45 **WORKSHOP SESSIONS** (to be held simultaneously)
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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) – French
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**
Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit