

**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CONGRESS  
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**THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS IN A PLURAL WORLD  
Pontifical Lateran University, 21-24 September 2021**

**Tuesday 21 September 2021 - THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS AND THE  
CHALLENGES OF CULTURES**

- 8.30 Registration and distribution of the Congress folder
- 9.00 **The session is chaired** by H. Em. Card. Joao Braz De Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life  
**Moderator:** Ciro Benedettini CP, President of the Centenary Jubilee
- Enthronement of the Crucifix and prayer.  
**Greetings** from the Rector Magnificus of the Pontifical Lateran University, Prof. Vincenzo Buonomo  
**Presentation:** Fernando Taccone CP, director of the Congress, Pontifical Lateran University  
**Opening Address:** *The wisdom of the cross as a way of reconciliation in a plural world*, Most Reverend Rego Joachim, Superior General of the Passionists
- Interval
- 10.45 Lecture:** *The Wisdom of the Cross and the Challenges of Cultures:*  
*Biblical aspect:* Prof. Antonio Pitta, Pro-Rector of the Pontifical Lateran University  
*Theological aspect:* Prof. Tracey Rowland, University of Notre Dame of Australia
- 11.30  
12.30 Lunch break
- 14.30 Secretariat open
- 14.30 **Opening of the exhibition on the Passion of Christ and photographic exhibition of the socio-apostolic activity of Dr. Frechette Richard CP in Haiti, supported by the Francesca Rava Foundation (MI)**
- 15.00 **Linguistic session:** *The Wisdom of the Cross as a factor of provocation and challenge in today's cultural areopagus*
- Italian section. Moderator:** Prof. Giuseppe Marco Salvati OP, Pontifical Angelicum University  
**Lecture:** *The wisdom of the Cross: crossroads of pastoral discernment*, Prof. Paolo Asolan, Dean of the Pastoral Institute, Pontifical Lateran University
- Communications and dialogue**
- a) *The Cross in the Letter to the Ephesians: unifying force in the fragmented society and in the divided Church*, Prof. Waldemar Linke CP, Cardinal Stefano Wyszyński University in Warsaw
- b) *Cross and seeds of the Logos: foundations of Christian culture in Justin*, Prof. Gianni Sgreva CP, Theological Institute of Galilee - Israel (PUL), Director of the magazine *La Sapienza della Croce*

- c) *The dimensions of freedom in the mystical experience of Paolo della Croce*, Prof. Tito Di Stefano CP, Emeritus, University of Perugia
- d) *Simon Weil: The mysticism of waiting*, Prof. Maurizio Buioni CP, Theological Institute of Galilee - Israel (PUL)

**English section. Moderator:** Prof. Paul Francis Spencer CP

**Lecture:** *What the contemporary ecumenical quest on the Church can learn from the Wisdom of the Cross and the Theology of the Cross ?*, Dr. Ala-OpasTaneli, Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Finland

***Communications and dialogue***

- a) *One Flesh for the Life of the World? How Can a Singular Human Death Redeem all of Humanity?*, Prof. Thomas Joseph White OP, Pontifical Angelicum University
- b) *Let us begin with Christ. Let us begin with his Cross. The Centrality of Christ Crucified in the Writings of St John Henry Newman*, Prof. Donna Orsuto, Pontifical Gregorian University
- c) *Wisdom of Scientia Crucis in the Writings of Edith Stein*, Prof. Shahid Mobeen, Pontifical Urbaniana University
- d) *The daily cross: an apostolic magnet*, Prof. James Mwaura, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross

**Spanish section. Moderator:** Prof. José Luis Quintero CP

**Lecture:** *Paschal wisdom in the face of the 'crosses' of contemporary society*, Prof. Carlos Maria Galli, Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina

***Communications and dialogue***

- a) *To whiten the clothes in the blood of the Lamb. Keys from the Apocalypse for a Theologia Crucis of the XXI century*, Prof. Tarcisio Gaitán CP, Bolivarian Pontifical University of Medellin Colombia
- b) *Cross and faith in contemporary context*, Prof. Philip Goyret, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross
- c) *Wisdom of the cross and religious coping before the persistence of suffering*, Prof. Lluís Oviedo OFM, Pontifical Antonianum University
- d) *Seeking God in oneself or seeking oneself in God: the specific aspect of Christian spiritual life in the light of the seventh chapter of the second book of the Ascent to Mount Carmel of Saint John of the Cross*, Prof. Emilio José Martínez González OCD, Pontifical Theological Faculty Teresianum

**French section. Moderator:** Prof. Patrick Valdrini, former Pro-Rector, Pontifical Lateran University; Rector emeritus of the Institut Catholique de Paris

**Lecture:** *Thinking about the Future of Christianity in a globalized world The point of view of Stanislas Breton*, Prof. Mvumbi Ngumba Pierre CP, St. Augustine University of Kinshasa

***Communications and dialogue***

- a) *The moral implications of Christ's passion in today's world*, Prof. Aristide Gnada CSsR, Alphonsian Academy
- b) *The Cross, Place of Meeting of Cultures*, Prof. Elie Muakasa CP, Pedagogical University Kinshasa National
- c) *The Wisdom of the Cross and of spiritual childhood as a cultural challenge in the correspondence between Mgr. Charles Gay (1815-1892) and Mother Thérèse-Emmanuel (1849-1888)*, Prof. Arthur Adrien, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross
- d) *The pierced heart of Christ, between universal symbolism and historical singularity*, Prof. Denis Biju-Duval, Pontifical Lateran University

- 17,30 Round table in assembly with the Moderators of the Sections  
**Moderator:** Prof. Vincenzo Battaglia OFM, Pontifical University Antonianum
- 18.30 End
- 20.30 **SS. Giovanni e Paolo, Concert on the songs of the Passion**, Choir of the Vicariate of Rome directed by M<sup>o</sup> Marco Mons. Frisina.

<p><b>Wednesday 22 September 2021 - THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS IN THE PROMOTION OF HUMANISM AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE</b></p>
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- 8.30 Secretariat open
- 9.00 **The session is chaired** by H. Em. Card. Gualtiero Bassetti, President of CEI.  
Morning prayer  
**Moderator:** Prof. Lubomir Zak, Pontifical Lateran University  
**Lecture:** *The Wisdom of the Cross and the promotion of integral humanism*, Card. Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot MCCJ, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue  
**Lecture:** *The Wisdom of the Cross: ecological problems and the challenges posed to religions in a secularized world*, Prof. Maria Isabel Pereira Varanda, Catholic University of Portugal
- 10.45 Break
- 11.00 Dialogue on the two conferences
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 14.30 Secretariat open
- 15.00 **Linguistic session. The mystery of suffering: obstacle or path to the search for wisdom in religions?**

**Italian section. Moderator:** Prof. Angela Maria Lupo CP, Pontifical Urbaniana University  
**Lecture:** *Re-reading of suffering in the Abrahamic-Christian tradition*, Prof. Frédéric Manns OFM, Emeritus, Faculty of Biblical Sciences and Archeology of Jerusalem

**Communications and dialogue**

- a) *First image of God in Chinese culture*, Prof. Zhao Hontgao, Pontifical Urbaniana University
- b) *The crucifixion of Jesus presented in medieval Arab-Christian literature*, Prof. Diego Sarrio Cucarella, Dean of the Pontifical Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies
- c) *The meaning of Jesus' death beyond the sacrificial interpretations*, Prof. Nicola Ciola, Pontifical Lateran University
- d) *For a kenotic theology of peoples starting from the election of Israel*, Prof. Adolfo Lippi CP, Emeritus, Pontifical Antonianum University

**English section. Moderator:** Prof. Welle Jason OFM, Director of the Pontifical Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies  
**Lecture:** *Redemption and suffering: in dialogue between Islam and Christianity*, Prof. Sihem Djebbi, Professor of Political Science and International Relations in Paris

**Communications and dialogue**

- a) *A Crucified God? Christian anthropological considerations and the challenge of Islam*, Prof. Joseph Ellul OP, Pontifical University Angelicum
- b) *Night: The potential of a symbol for universal dialogue*, Prof. Iain Matthew OCD, Pontifical Theological Faculty Teresianum

- c) *Image of the Cross and inculturation. The Syro-Malabar Tradition*, Prof. McNamara Edward LC, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum.
- d) *Human suffering and human Liberation from a Hindu Perspective*, Prof. Benedict Kanakappally, Vice Rector of the Pontifical Urbaniana University

**Spanish section. Moderator:** Prof. Xabier Larrañaga Oyarzabal, CMF, Claretianum Institute of Theology of Consecrated Life

**Lecture:** *The suffering of the victims and the earth: revelation of the suffering of God*, Prof. Maria Clara Lucchetti Bingemer, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

***Communications and dialogue***

- a) *Mary and the sapientia crucis in the spiritual life of the priest*, Fr. Florián Rodero LC, Prof. Emeritus, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum
- b) *The mystery of suffering in popular mysticism: a plural spirituality*, Prof. Yolanda Valero Cárdenas, Pontifical Urbaniana University
- c) *To Christophany, memoria passionis in Samaritan praxis. From an intercultural and interreligious perspective*, Prof. Antonio G. Fidalgo CSSR, Alphonsian Academy
- d) *The Passion of Christ in the Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, Prof. Juan Miguel Vicente OFMConv, Pontifical Theological Faculty Seraphicum

**French section. Moderator:** Prof. Emile Kouveglo, Pontifical Lateran University

**Lecture:** *Looking at the world from the cross: scandal or wisdom in the face of the mystery of suffering*, Prof. Léonard Santedi, Rector of the Catholic University of Congo

***Communications and dialogue***

- a) *Suffering of the Crucified and suffering of the Christian: the example of the victim spirituality of Bishop Gaston de Ségur (1820-1881)*, Prof. Laurent Touze, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross
- b) *Saint Hilaire de Poitiers, man of Wisdom and apostle of the Cross*, Prof. Patrick Descourtieux, Augustinianum Patristic Institute
- c) *The cross and the crosses in the ministry of St. John Mary Vianney*, Prof. Vincent Siret, Rector of the French Seminary in Rome
- d) *The paradigms of vulnerability. A Balthasarian look*, Prof. André Marie Jerumanis, Theological Faculty of Lugano

<p><b>Thursday 23 September 2021 - THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS IN THE NEW SCENARIOS OF EVANGELIZATION</b></p>
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- 8.30 Secretariat open
- 9.00 **The session is chaired** by H. Em. Card. Antonio Tagle, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples
- Morning prayer
- Moderator:** Prof. Denis Biju-Duval, Pontifical Lateran University
- Lecture:** *The Joy of the Gospel and the Ethics of the Cross: Biblical Reflections on the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis*, Prof. Donald Senior CP, President Emeritus, Catholic Theological Union of Chicago
- Lecture:** *Proclaiming the Word of the Cross in a Changing World*, Prof. Carla Roverselli, University of Tor Vergata in Rome
- 10.45 Interval
- 11.00 Dialogue on the two conferences
- 12.30 Lunch break

14.30 Secretariat open

15.00 **Linguistic session: *The "outgoing" church between new challenges and crucial emergencies: family and young people, human beings and post-modernity, digital culture, existential peripheries, integral ecology***

**Italian section. Moderator:** Prof. Marcella Farina FMA, Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium

**Lecture:** *Posthumanism and the wisdom of the Cross*, Prof. Carlo Maria Baldini CP, Toniolo Institute of Religious Sciences of Pescara

***Communications and dialogue***

a) *The post-modern atmosphere and the grace of the cross*, Prof. Tiziano Tosolini, Pontifical Gregorian University

b) *The Gospel of the Cross and the techno-human condition*, Dr. Marco Staffolani CP, Pontifical Lateran University

c) *The existential peripheries and the Church in some television series. The case of Suburra*, Dr. Tito Paolo Zecca CP

d) *The Passionist charism for a better future with the laity*, Dr. Monica Cogliandro, social worker and head of socio-educational services; Lay Provincial Coordinator of the MAPRAES Passionist Family

**English section. Moderator:** Prof. Martin Coffey CP

**Lecture:** *Welcoming the 'other' and the foreigner*, Prof. John Kathoka Muthengi CP, UN sectoral executive director

***Communications and Dialogue***

a) *The Law of the Cross and the Dark Night of Culture*, Prof. Paul O'Hara, Sophia University Institute

b) *The Cross and the 'Orientation' of Christian Identity*, Prof. Declan O'Byrne, Sophia University Institute

c) *The Future of Religions in the Digital Era. A Critical Study on the Phenomenon of Religious Violence*, Prof. Valentinus Saeng CP, Widya Sasana Philosophical and Theological Institute of Malang Indonesia

d) *Speaking of God's Love And Passion, -Between Mystery, Understanding and Imagination*, Prof. Mark Robin Hoogland CP, Utrecht University

**Spanish section. Moderator:** Prof. Nuria Calduch-Benages, Pontifical Gregorian University

**Lecture:** *Digital culture: between communication and isolation*, Prof. Martin Carbajo Núñez OFM, Pontifical Antonianum University

***Communications and dialogue:***

a) *The Passionist Mission created for the centenary review El PASIONARIO*, Prof. José Luis Quintero Sánchez CP, Regina Apostolorum of Madrid, of the Pontifical University of Salamanca

b) *Beauty and pain. The aesthetic elaboration of the sacrifice in the proclamation of the gospel*, Prof. Antonio Cabello Escudero SDB, Pontifical Salesian University

c) *The abandonment of the contemporary man: between disconnections and mediations*, Prof. Cristina Montoya, Sophia University Institute

d) *The first Passionist publication. The Meditations on the Passion of St. Paul of the Cross*, Camerino, 1750, Prof. Antonio Maria Artola CP, Emeritus, Deusto-Bilbao University

**French section. Moderator:** Fr. Wellington Santos Pires CP

**Lecture:** *The suffering of the creation and the promotion of an integral ecology (Rom 8,18-22)*, Dr. Fabien Revol, Catholic University of Lyon

**Communications and dialogue**

a) *The Cross and dialogue between believers and non-believers*, Mons. Carlo Maria Polvani, Undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture, with delegation to the Cortile dei Gentili

b) *Announce Jesus Crucified, apparent or real failure of the Christian mission*, Prof. Samuel Komlanvi Amaglo SDB, Pontifical Salesian University

c) *The Crucified, revelation of divine wisdom as salvation (1 Cor 1,18ff)*, Prof. Gérard Rossé, Sophia University Institute

d) *The pedagogy of the Cross for the fulfillment and fullness of Christian life*, Sr Martha Séide FMA, Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium

17.30 Round table with the Moderators of the Sections. **Moderator:** Prof. Lorella Congiunti, Pontifical Urbaniana University

18.30 End

<p><b>Friday 24th September 2021 - THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS IN THE CHARISM OF ST PAUL OF THE CROSS FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD</b></p>
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8.30 Secretariat open

9.00 **The session is chaired** by the Most Reverend Arturo Sosa Abascal, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, President of the Union of Superiors General  
Morning prayer

**Moderator:** Mother Maria D'Alessandro, Superior General Passionist Sisters of St. Paul of the Cross

9.15 **Lecture:** *The Wisdom of the Cross in the charism of St. Paul of the Cross for the present and future of the world*, H. Em. Card. Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, Prefect for the Dicastery for Integral Human Development

10.00 **Lecture:** *A Charism among the Charisms for a Church open to the Future*, Prof. Robin Ryan CP, Catholic Theological Union of Chicago

10.45 Interval

11.00 **Lecture:** *S. Pablo de la Cruz: actualidad de un charisma profético*, Prof. Octavio Mondragon Alanis CP, Simón Bolívar University of Mexico City

11.45 **Lecture:** *The memory of the Passion in the founding charism of St. Paul of the Cross. Origin and development*, Prof. Cristiano Massimo Parisi CP, ISSR Mater Ecclesiae (Angelicum)

12.30 Lunch break

14.30 Secretariat open

**15.00 THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS LIGHT AND THE WAY OF FULLNESS OF LIFE**

**Round table:** representatives of the Passionist Family

**Moderator:** Ciro Benedettini CP, President of the Centenary Jubilee

18.00 **Eucharist in St. John Lateran**, Presided over by the Most Reverend Joachim Rego Superior General of the Passionists. Diocese of Rome choir, M<sup>o</sup> Marco Mons. Frisina

End of the Congress.