SAVE THE DATE - INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES AT A TIME OF GLOBAL TURMOIL
Jobs and dignity of the human person in the digital era. Incentives to solidarity and civic virtue

May 18 – 20
New Synod Hall, Vatican City
Palazzo della Cancelleria – Piazza della Cancelleria 1

“It is my hope that your Conference will contribute to generating new models of economic progress more clearly directed to the universal common good, inclusion and integral development, the creation of labour and investment in human resources.” Pope Francis, addressing the Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice Foundation, May 13, 2016.

It is with this objective that the Foundation will open its annual international conference on May 18, 2017 in the New Synod Hall, Vatican City. The theme will be “Constructive alternatives at a time of global turmoil. Jobs and dignity of the human person in the digital era. Incentives to solidarity and civic virtue”. Domingo Sugranyes Bickel, Chairman of the Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice Foundation, will give the opening address.

On the same day the “Economy and Society” Awards will be handed to the winners, whose names were announced on February 15 on the occasion of the press conference held at the Press Room of the Holy See. The ceremony will be chaired by His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State. His Eminence Reinhard Cardinal Marx, President of the Jury, will also participate.

The Conference itself will include three sessions on the following themes: “Addressing the scandal of youth unemployment: opportunities and education in the digital era”; “Fighting human trafficking and economic crime” and “Incentives to solidarity and civic virtue”. The speakers will include well known entrepreneurs, academics and Church representatives.

The event will end on Friday, May 19 with the address of H.E. the Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.

On Saturday May 20 at 11.30 the participants will have the privilege of a private audience with Pope Francis in the Clementine Hall.

**Accreditation**
Press and media operators who wish to attend the Conference should fill and mail the form available online in the accreditation section of the Holy See’s Press Room website: press.vatican.va/accreditamenti.

Accreditations can be collected at the Holy See’s Press Room, via della Conciliazione 54, Monday to Saturday 11.00 – 13.00.

Holders of permanent accreditation should follow the usual procedure.

All applications must be received within 48 hours from the event.

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*N.B. No media coverage on Saturday, May 20*