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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

Five steps to promote human dignity:

- 1. Fighting poverty**
- 2. Supporting small and medium size businesses**
- 3. Transparent and collaborative use of big data technology**
- 4. Uniting all people of goodwill in new alliances to develop economic models that are inclusive and ecofriendly,**
- 5. Orienting the digital economy to the Common Good**

“Business initiatives in the fight against poverty”, “Digital economy at the service of the common good”, “New alliances in the quest for inclusive economic reforms” are the three themes to which the Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice Foundation devoted the last two years. The 2017 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”*, to be held in the New Synod Hall and the Palazzo della Cancelleria, continues on this path, adding some concrete proposals in order to contribute “to build alternative ways of promoting human dignity”, as pledged in the Declaration drafted by the Foundation’s members, focused on three key points: poverty, jobs and digital technology, new alliances.

The challenges of the digital era had first been confronted at the “Madrid Consultation” last January, the fourth stage of the so called “Dublin process”.¹ The resulting paper looks into how the changes brought about by the digital era impact the future of jobs, education and formation and the use of big data.

¹ Debates are based on documents concerning the implementation of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church. The name “Dublin Process” refers to the first and second consultations that were held in 2013 in the Vatican and in 2014 in Dublin. In both cases H.E. the Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, gave the opening address.

In this era of hyperconnectivity the number of interactions, the amount of information and the volume of available data are growing at an exponential pace. This opens the way to a wide range of new products and services, and to major potential benefits for global society. Organizations and professionals must look at digital innovations not as a threat but as an opportunity to adapt, learn, evolve and develop. To better govern this new reality the reference point is the term “culture of encounter” used by Pope Francis to advocate behaviors that make good use of technological resources and promote human relations.

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

Info on: <http://centesimusannus.org/convegno-new/2017>. See enclosed program.

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