



2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION *draft 37*

**Solidarity, Cooperation and Responsibility:
the antidotes to fight injustices, inequalities and exclusions**

OCTOBER 21-22-23, 2021, Vatican City

General Assembly

Thursday October 21st, 2021

The Foundation's action at the service of integral human development

2.30 – 2.45 pm	Opening addresses
2.45 – 3.15 pm	Meditation led by H.E. Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli , International Counsellor of CAPP Foundation (CAPPF)
3.15 – 3.30 pm	Chairwoman Anna Maria Tarantola - <i>Synthesis of the Foundation's work over the past year and outline of ongoing projects</i>
3.30 – 3.40 pm	<i>Presentation of 2020 Financial Statements</i>
3.40 – 3.55 pm	Giovanni Marseguerra , Coordinator of CAPPF Scientific Committee - <i>Presentation of papers submitted by the Groups</i>
3.55 – 5.15 pm	Round table (2 rounds of questions from the moderator to the Groups' coordinators presenting their papers). Moderator: Cristina Finocchi Mahne , member of CAPPF Scientific Committee
5.15 – 5.45 pm	Questions from the floor
5.45 – 6.00 pm	Closing address by H.E. Msgr. Nunzio Galantino , President of APSA
7.30 pm	Concert

International Conference October 22nd – 23rd, 2021

The 2021 International Conference will be held at the delicate post pandemic time and coincide with the 30th anniversary of *Centesimus Annus*, the end of the year Pope Francis is devoting to *Laudato Si* and the new Encyclical *All Brothers*. From these Encyclicals and from *Caritas Veritate*, which together represent a fundamental part of the Magisterium, we can draw many fruitful teachings; they reflect the continuity of the Social Doctrine of the Church, capable of renewal while remaining faithful to its inspiring principles. This ability to renew itself while remaining faithful to its founding values is the compass by which we shall be able to work out how to address the devastating impact of Covid-19 and the many other pandemics that afflict our planet: poverty, injustice, inequality, wars.

Thirty years ago St. John Paul II in *Centesimus Annus* taught us that “*Man fulfils himself by using his intelligence and freedom. In so doing he utilizes the things of this world as objects and instruments and makes them his own* (CA, 43) but at the same time stated “*It is not wrong to want to live better; **what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards "having" rather than "being"**, and which wants to have more, not in order to be more but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself.*²⁵ *It is therefore necessary to create life-styles in which the quest for truth, beauty, goodness and communion with others for the sake of common growth are the factors which determine consumer choices, savings and investments. I am referring to the fact that even the decision to invest in one place rather than another, in one productive sector rather than another, is always a moral and cultural choice.* (CA, 36). Pope John Paul II also points out that “*Equally worrying is the ecological question which accompanies the problem of consumerism and which is closely connected to it*”. “*Instead of carrying out his role as a co-operator with God in the work of creation, man sets himself up in place of God and thus ends up provoking a rebellion on the part of nature, which is more tyrannized than governed by him*” CA, 37). And further on “*In this regard, humanity today must be conscious of its duties and obligations towards future generations.*” (CA, 37)

Caritas in Veritate and *Laudato Si* invite and urge us likewise. In 2015, twenty four years after *Centesimus Annus*, Pope Francis remarked that man had not changed his lifestyle, consumerism still prevailed, the planet was devastated ... and launched a pressing appeal: “*The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.*” (LS, 13).

In 2020 the devastating coronavirus pandemic dramatically evidenced that thirty years after *Centesimus Annus*, twelve years after *Caritas in Veritate* (June 29, 2009) and five after *Laudato Si* nothing had changed; in some way things are even worse.

Now we have to deal with reconstruction. What kind of a world should we be aiming for? Pope Francis urges us not to go back to the old but build a new one through a process of **regeneration**. A regeneration that must begin from man, responsible behaviors conducive to the common good and guided by solidarity, charity and truth. Development needs truth, without it, Pope Benedict XVI

says, “social action ends up serving private interests and the logic of power, resulting in social fragmentation” (CV, 5).

The thread linking the three encyclicals is the belief that the crisis of our society is rooted in an anthropological problem: the way man relates with God, with oneself, with the others and with nature. The integral ecology, forcefully advocated by Pope Francis and firmly inserted in the patrimony of the Social Doctrine of the Church, allows us to address this situation by going to the root of our problems and difficulties.

The three encyclicals invite us to reflect on the meaning of our existence, on the use we make of the instruments at our disposal. They emphasize the utter interdependence of the earth’s inhabitants, among themselves and with nature. They show the way towards inclusive economic and political institutions and new educational and cultural models that must be put in place to promote new behaviors and lifestyles, abandoning the individualistic and relativistic paradigm of consumption, waste, short term profit.

On the basis of the teachings of these encyclicals and continuing in the wake of previous International Conferences, in 2021 we will address the perennial problems of injustice, inequality and exclusion in the light of three antidotes at our disposal: solidarity, cooperation and responsibility. Enhancing sustainable, inclusive and just development towards thriving it is necessary to change educational models, governance, business models and lifestyle – we have already examined these aspects, during our past International Conference. But these changes cannot be pursued without a convinced and strong rootedness to the principles of solidarity, cooperation and responsibility.

The Popes’ teachings invite us to look for the authentic and transcendental meaning of man’s doings, of work, business and finance, in order to address health, ecological and socio-economic emergencies; He invite us to be fully aware of our **personal responsibility**, of the need to respect our own and others’ dignity, and to live this responsibility in our daily actions in a spirit of **solidarity and cooperation** because this is how we can make community life more just.

Friday, October 22nd, 2021

- 09.00 – 09.10 am **Welcome address and presentation, Anna Maria Tarantola, CAPPF Chairwoman**
- 09.10 – 09.20 am **Welcome address, Giovanni Marseguerra, Coordinator of CAPPF Scientific Committee**
- 09.20 – 09.50 am **Meditation, His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples - *The lessons of the pandemic and the role of SDC in the path of evangelization***
- 09.50 - 11.00 am **Session 1**
Solidarity joins the fray to fight old and new emergencies and achieve a global integral development
- 09.50 – 10.05 am **Keynote speaker: Joachim von Braun, President of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Director of the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the University of Bonn - *The role of solidarity in pursuing the sustained improvement of people's living conditions and nature***
- 10.05 - 10.20 am **Keynote speaker: Gérard Mourou, Nobel Prize in Physics 2018, IZEST Directeur, Prof. Ecole Polytechnique Haut Collège, Prof. Emeritus University of Michigan USA - *Science's contribution to the pursuit of an integral human development model***
- 10.20 – 11.00 am **Round Table**
Moderator: Robert A. Nalewajek, Director, CAPPF
Panelists:
Maryanne Wolf, expert in cognitive neuroscience and education, Professor-in-residence and Dean of the Center for Dyslexia Diverse Learners and Social Justice, UCLA, member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences - *Education for people with disabilities as a factor of social justice and progress.*
Hans Henri P. Kluge, Regional Director for Europe, World Health Organization - *How can solidarity be put into practice: some concrete cases*
- 11.00 – 11.30 am **Questions from the floor**
- 11.30 – 11.45 am **Coffee break**

11.45 am-1.00 pm	<p>Session 2</p> <p><u><i>The role of cooperation between nations and peoples in the pursuit of a fairer, more supportive and inclusive new world</i></u></p>
11.45 -12.00 pm	<p>Keynote speaker: Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms - <i>Cooperation in Europe, difficulties and solutions</i></p>
12.00-12.15 pm	<p>Keynote speaker: H.E. Msgr. Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with the States - <i>The Holy See's international strategy at government level in an environment fraught with new pandemic induced inequalities</i></p>
12.15-1.00 pm	<p>Round table</p> <p>Moderator: Nick Brown, Principal, Linacre College, Oxford</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Daniel Gustafson, Special Representative of the Director-General at FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) of the United Nations - <i>The importance of cooperation in fighting hunger and poverty</i></p> <p>Irene Heemskerk, Head of Climate Change Centre, ECB - <i>Cooperation in economics is possible in addressing the climate crisis? The role of the ECB</i></p>
1.00-1.30 pm	<p>Questions from the floor</p>
1.30-3.00 pm	<p>Lunch</p>
3.00-5.10 pm	<p>Session 3</p> <p><u><i>Responsibility in the construction of a new model of supportive and sustainable development</i></u></p>
3.00 - 3.15 pm	<p>Keynote speaker: Roberto Cingolani, Minister of Ecological Transition - <i>The responsibility of governments and politics in achieving a just ecological transition</i></p>
3.15 - 3.30pm	<p>Keynote speaker: Fabiola Gianotti, Physicist, Director-General, CERN, Geneva - <i>Science as a value system for a sustainable world</i></p>
3.30 - 4.15 pm	<p>Round table</p> <p>Moderator: Elena Beccalli, Dean, School of Banking Finance and Insurance, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore</p>

Panelists:

H.E. Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary, Pontifical Council for Culture – *Reconstructing consensus and trust in a digital age: dialogue and the search for truth in the context of the pandemic*

Vincent de Rivaz, former CEO, EDF Energy - *The role of management in combining efficiency, sustainability and inclusion*

4.15 – 5.00 pm

Testimonials - Responsibility of the young

Moderator: Gert-Jan Boon, CAPPF YIN Group

Panelists:

Giulio Vittorio Cervi, President of the European Generation Association – *The young's responsibility in pursuing a supportive and cohesive Europe (10')*

Andrea Viola, Adjunct Professor of Banking, Financial and Insurance Science, Università Cattolica del S. Cuore – *Experience of "oeconomicae et pecuniariae questions" laboratories (10')*

Marianna Rusche - *Experience of CAPP's youth group (10')*

5.00 – 5.20 pm **Closing address, His Eminence Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson**, Prefect, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

5.30 pm

End of Conference

7.00 - 7.45 pm

Tour of the Galleria Colonna

8.00 pm

Dinner - Palazzo Colonna, Galleria del Cardinale

Simultaneous translation from English into Italian and vice versa will be available

Saturday, October 23rd, 2021

09.00 am

Holy Mass - Basilica of St. Peter, Altare della Cattedra

10.30 am

Address of His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State

Private Audience with the Holy Father