



Yes to Life!
Caring for the precious gift of life in its frailness

International conference

May 23- 25, 2019

Centro Congressi "Augustinianum"
Via Paolo VI, 25 – 00193 Roma

Thursday May 23rd

- 9:00 **Introduction and prayer**
Card. Kevin Farrell
Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life
- Moderator for the day: *Dr. Pietro Damosso, Journalist and Chief Editor of Tg1 Rai, Italy*
- 9:30 **Re-Humanize Diagnosis: from Selective Culture to the Culture of Life**
Prof. Gabriella Gambino
Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life
- 10:00 **Fetal Therapies and Perinatal Hospice: the Science that Opens to Life**
Prof. Giuseppe Noia, Director of Perinatal Hospice of "A. Gemelli" University
Polyclinic Foundation I.R.C.C.S., Founder and President of "Il Cuore in una
Goccia" non-profit Foundation, Italy
- 10:30 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 **The Family Network of "Il Cuore in una Goccia" non-profit Foundation:
a New Model of Solidarity and Care**
Dr. Anna Luisa La Teano
Co-founder of "Il Cuore in una Goccia" non-profit Foundation, Italy
- 11:45 **An Encounter with Experience**
Testimonies
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:45 Brief Closing Remarks for the morning session
- 15:00 **An Encounter with Experience**
Testimonies
- 15:30 **How to Give Hope in Serious Maternal and Fetal Pathologies**
Prof. Antonio Lanzone, Director of Clinical and Pathology Obstetric (U.O.C.)
of the Women and Child's Health Center – "A. Gemelli" University Polyclinic
Foundation I.R.C.C.S., Italy
- 16:00 **Perinatal Palliative Care As Love for Life**
Prof. Ana Martín Ancel, Neonatology Unit. BCNatal, Hospital Sant Joan de
Déu, Spain
- 16:30 Coffee break

17:00 Round Table Discussion:
How to Set Up a "Rescue Network" in a Society with a Hyper-Selective Input: Who to Call, How to Call, Why Calling When in Need
H.E. the Most Rev. Claudio Giuliodori
General Ecclesiastical Assistant of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy
Prof. Alessandro Frigiola
Head of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery - I.R.C.C.S. San Donato General Hospital – Milan, President of the Association "Bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo" non-profit Foundation, Italy
Dr. Vincenzo Papa
Technology Entrepreneur, Italy

18:30 Discussion

19:00 Brief Closing Remarks for the Day

Friday May 24th

9:00 **Outline of the day and prayer**

Moderator for the day: *Amy Kuebelbeck, journalist and author, USA*

9:15 **Accompanying a New Life**
Fr. Vito D'Amato, OFM
Spiritual Director of the Servant of God, Chiara Corbella Petrillo, Italy

9:45 **An Encounter with Experience**
Testimonies

10:00 **Spiritual Support as the Foundation of Hope: from Suffering to the Joy of Life**
Ms. Angela Bozzo
Co-Founder of "Il Cuore in una Goccia" non-profit Foundation, Italy

10:15 **Videoclip screening** (prepared by "Il Cuore in una Goccia" non-profit Foundation)

10:20 **Caring after those who provide care**
Dr. MC Sullivan, Chief Healthcare Ethicist, Archdiocese of Boston, USA

10:50 Coffee break

- 11:30 **Medical Treatment between Euthanasia and Therapeutic Obstinacy**
Prof. Carlo Bellieni, Neonatal intensive care unit, University Hospital of Siena, Italy
- 12:00 **The experience of the “Perinatal Hospice - Imprint of Life” in Ukraine when assisting and supporting families after the diagnosis of prenatal pathologies. I cannot give more days to your life, but I can give more life to your days**
Sr. Giustina Olha Holubets, Geneticist, University of Lviv (Ukraine), Association “Imprint of life”, Ukraine
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:00 Brief Closing Remarks for the morning session
- 15:00 **Perinatal Hospice: What it Means to Do No Harm. Medical Ethics and Pregnancies with Adverse Diagnosis**
Dr. Byron C. Calhoun, M.D. Maternal and Fetal Medicine Specialist, USA
- 15:30 **Paediatric and Obstetric Responses towards Prenatal Surgery for Lethal and Non-Lethal Conditions**
Prof. John Lantos, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri, Founder and Director of Children’s Mercy Hospital, Bioethics Center of Kansas City, USA
- 16:00 **Post-Natal Palliative Treatments**
Prof. Patrizia Papacci, Neonatologist, “A. Gemelli” University Polyclinic Foundation I.R.C.C.S., Italy
- 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:50 **Life at a Crossroads of Mankind: Basics, Breakthroughs and Dilemma**
*Dr. Alexandra Aude Henrion-Caude
Geneticist, Innovative Research Methods for the study of genetic diseases, Inserm, France*
- 17:20 Discussion
- 17:50 **Final Closing Remarks and Special visit to the Sistine Chapel**

Saturday 25th

- 11:00 **Audience with the Holy Father**