



**DICASTERIUM PRO LAICIS, FAMILIA ET VITA**

**Serving, Accompanying, Guiding.**

**Foundations and Practice of government in Associations**

*Annual Meeting with the Moderators of the International Associations of the Faithful, Ecclesial Movements and New Communities*

21-22 May 2026 - New Synod Hall (Vatican City)

**PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 21 May 2026**

- Ore 7:15 Registration for participants. Coffee.
- Ore 8:30 Initial Greeting and Prayer
- Ore 9:00 **Greeting from the Prefect, H.E. Card. Kevin Farrell**
- Ore 9:15 **I Conference**
1. Theological Characteristics of Government  
*Professor Gill Goulding*
  2. Principles of Government in Associations of the Faithful  
*Professor Paolo Gherri*
- Ore 10:30 Questions to the Speakers
- Ore 11:00 **Holy Father's Allocution**
- Ore 12:30 Buffet Lunch in the Atrium of Paul VI Hall
- Ore 14:00 **II Conference**
- Characteristics and Challenges of Government in Associations of the Faithful: The Dicastery's Experience
- Mrs Linda Ghisoni*  
*Mr Philip Milligan*  
*Mrs Isabelle Cassarà*

- Ore 15:00 Questions to the Speakers
- Ore 15:30 **Working Groups – Session I**
- Ore 17:15 Coffee Break
- Ore 17:45 Report on Work in Groups
- Ore 18:15 Rosary in Vatican Gardens
- Ore 20:00 Evening Meal in the Atrium of Paul VI Hall

### **Friday 22 May 2026**

- Ore 8:00 Holy Mass in the Saint Peter's Basilica
- Ore 9:15 Coffee Break and Entrance to New Synod Hall
- Ore 9:45 **Testimonies**
1. The Relationship between Moderators and Bishops  
*H.E. Mgr. José Ángel Saiz Meneses*
  2. Conciliation as a Style of Government  
*Mr Giovanni Borgna*
- Ore 11:00 Coffee Break
- Ore 11:30 **Working Groups – Session II**
- Ore 13:15 Buffet Lunch
- Ore 14:40 **Information and News from the Dicastery**
- Ore 15:30 Exchange on Work Done in Groups
- Ore 16:45 Coffee Break
- Ore 17:15 Plenary Session: Open Debate
- Ore 18:30 **Concluding Remarks**