

**DICASTERY FOR LAITY, FAMILY, AND LIFE**

**“Pastors and Lay Faithful  
Called to Walk Together”**

*Conference for Bishops  
and Referents of Episcopal Commissions for the Laity*

***Program***

*New Synod Hall, Vatican City  
February 16 – 18, 2023*

## Thursday February 16, 2023

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- 8:00am – 8:45am EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION  
*Altar of the See - Saint Peter's Basilica*
- 9:15am – 9:30am **Arrival of Delegates**  
**Prayer: Terce**
- 9:30am – 9:45am INTRODUCTION: “**Lay Corresponsibility in the Synodal Church**”  
*His Eminence Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect, Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life*
- 9:45am – 10:30am CONFERENCE: “**The Corresponsibility of the Lay Faithful: Nature and Foundation**”  
*Fr. Luis Navarro, Rector, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome*
- 10:30am – 11:00am **Discussion**
- 11:00am – 11:30am *Coffee Break - Paul VI Audience Hall*
- 11:30am – 12:00pm **Summary of Questionnaire Responses** - *Fr. Giovanni Buontempo, Official, Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life*
- 12:00pm – 12:10pm *Angelus*
- 12:10pm – 1:00pm **Sharing Experiences on the Corresponsibility of the Lay Faithful**  
**Introduction:** *Fr. Giovanni Buontempo, Official, Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life*
  - *Jorge and Marta Ibarra – Guatemala*
  - *Paul Metzloff – Germany*
  - *Sergio Durando – Italy*
  - *Ana María Celis Brunet – Chile*
- 1:15pm – 3:30pm *Lunch - Paul VI Audience Hall*
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm **Introduction to Afternoon Session**
- 3:45pm – 4:15pm CONFERENCE: “**The Corresponsibility of the Lay Faithful: Areas and Modalities of Exercise**”  
*Professor Carmen Peña García, Professor of Matrimonial Law, Faculty of Canon Law, Pontifical University Comillas, Madrid*
- 4:15pm – 5:00pm **Dialogue on the Corresponsibility of the Lay Faithful**  
**Moderator:** *Linda Ghisoni, Under-Secretary, Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life*
  - *S.E. Mons. Dario Gervasi – Italy*
  - *Aleksandra Brzemia Bonarek – Poland*
- 5:00pm – 5:30pm *Coffee Break - Paul VI Audience Hall*
- 5:30pm – 6:45pm **Dialogue on the Corresponsibility of the Lay Faithful**
  - *Helen Patricia Oa – Papua New Guinea*
  - *Leticia Calmeyn – France*
- 6:45pm – 7:00pm **Vespers and Conclusion of First Day of Conference**

## Friday February 17, 2023

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- 8:00am – 8:45am EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION  
*Altar of the See - Saint Peter's Basilica*
- 9:15am – 9:30am **Arrival of Delegates**  
**Prayer: Terce**
- 9:30am – 10:10am CONFERENCE: “**For Effective Corresponsibility: The Training of Lay Faithful**”  
*Professor Hosffman Ospino, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, Boston*
- 10:10am – 10:15am *Brief Break*
- 10:15am – 10:55am CONFERENCE: “**For Effective Corresponsibility: The Role of Pastors**”  
*His Eminence Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, Archbishop of Québec*
- 10:55am – 11:25am *Coffee Break - Paul VI Audience Hall*
- 11:25am – 12:00pm **Discussion**
- 12:00pm – 12:10pm *Angelus*
- 12:10pm – 1:00pm **Sharing Experiences on Formation of the Lay Faithful**  
  
*Introduction: Fr. Giovanni Buontempo, Official, Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life*
  - *Shoy Thomas – India*
  - *Benoît and Véronique Rabourdin – France*
  - *Andrea Poretti – Argentina*
  - *José Prado Flores – Mexico*
- 1:15pm – 3:30pm *Lunch - Paul VI Audience Hall (Atrio dell' Aula Paolo VI)*
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm **Introduction to Afternoon Session**
- 3:45pm – 4:45pm **Dialogue on the Formation of the Lay Faithful and the Role of Pastors**  
  
*Moderator: His Eminence Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, President of the Italian Bishops' Conference*
  - *Miguel Garrigós Domínguez – Spain*
  - *Sônia Gomes de Oliveira – Brazil*
- 4:45pm – 5:15pm *Coffee Break - Paul VI Audience Hall (Atrio dell' Aula Paolo VI)*
- 5:15pm – 6:15pm **Dialogue on the Formation of the Lay Faithful and the Role of Pastors**
  - *S.E. Mons. Richard Moth – England*
  - *S.E. Mons. Jean De Dieu Raelison – Madagascar*
- 6:15pm – 6:45pm **Vespers and Conclusion of Second Day of Conference**
- 7:30pm – 10:30pm *Cultural Evening –Visit Sistine Chapel and dinner at Vatican Museums*

## **Saturday February 18, 2023**

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9:00am – 9:45am	<b>EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION</b> <i>Altar of the See - Saint Peter's Basilica</i> <i>His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State</i>
10:00am – 10:30am	<i>Coffee Break - Paul VI Audience Hall (Atrio dell'Aula Paolo VI)</i>
10:30am – 11:00am	<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>
11:00am – 12:30pm	<b>Audience with the Holy Father</b> <i>New Synod Hall</i>
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Conclusion of Conference

*(This schedule is subject to change. Please be advised, the schedule for Saturday morning remains tentative.)*