

PROGRAMME

Friday, 6 March 2026

3:00 p.m. Welcome, arrival and registration

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Greeting by Cardinal Repole, Bishop of Turin.

Greeting by Mr Ernesto Olivero, Founder of SERMIG

Greeting by Rev. Mons. Indunil Kodithuwakku, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

Opening of the Conference: experiences and expectations on Fraternity as a bond of Peace

Moderator: Prof. Sara Silvestri

Young people of different religious backgrounds carry the flag of Peace:

- Young Jain from the UK: Jash, Veer & Hirak

- Young Buddhists: Gaia & Francesco

- Young Catholic from Europe

His Eminence Cardinal Américo Manuel Alves Aguiar, Bishop of Setúbal, Portugal

Rabbi Allyson Zacharoff, Associate Director of Interreligious Affairs at American Jewish Committee, USA

Young people from Bel Espoir

Italian Buddhist Union Youth Committee (UBI)

17:30-18:00 Break

I – Youth leadership

18:00-19:00 Fr Daniele Mazza (Asia), Prof. Sara Silvestri and Mr Shandip Shah (UK)

Analysis of the youth situation in Asia and Europe: the role of young people in building unarmed and disarming peace.

19:00-20:00 Dinner

20:30 Free evening

Saturday, 7 March 2026

9:00-9:30 Meditation: texts on peace from Asian traditions.

II – Spirituality of dialogue and fraternity for peacebuilding

9:30-10:30

His Eminence Cardinal Cristobal López Romero, Archbishop of Rabat (Morocco);

His Excellency Diego Ramón Sarrió Cucarella, M. Afr., Bishop of Laghouat (Algeria)

Dr Gleison De Paula Souza, Secretary of the Dicastery for the Laity

Moderator: Fr Giordano Goccini, Parish Priest of Novellara.

10:30-11:00 Break

III – Testimonials and exchanges among participants

11:00-11:40 Presentation of the topics of the group work on the following themes:

- **Care for our Common Home:** Mr Shandip Shah, Institute of Jainology, UK; Prof. Sara Silvestri; Don Giordano Goccini, Parish Priest of Novellara (RE)

- **Universal Fraternity:** Fr. Paulin Kubuya - Dr. Elena Dini – Cardinal Américo

- **Political Charity:** Dr. Beatrice Rovatti and Sister Sr Josmy Jose Fma

- **Unarmed and Disarming Peace:** Prof. Antonino Drago, Emeritus Professor at the University of Naples, member of the Community of the Ark of Lanza del Vasto, (online) and Prof. Roberto Catalano and Rabbi Allyson Zacharoff

12:00- 13:00 Group Work (p. 1)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Opportunity to visit the Arsenal of Peace

15:00-16.30 Inauguration of the Good Practices stands

16.30-17.00 Break

17:00-18:30 Group work (p. 2) on the same topics as in the morning

19:00 Dinner

20:00-21:00 Continuation of the exchange on Good Practices

21:00 - 22:00 Screening of the film ‘The Heart of the Assassin’.

Sunday, 8 March 2020

8:00–9:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist on the Lord's Day presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Américo Manuel Alves Aguiar, Bishop of Setúbal.

9:00–9:30 a.m. Meditation: texts on peace from the Jewish, Islamic and Christian traditions

IV Testimonies of fraternity for the construction of peace

10:00-11:00 **Presentation of the conclusions of the study groups**

Moderated by Fr Giordano Goccini, Parish Priest of Novellare (RE).

11:00-11:30 Break

V – Institutional Greetings

11:30-12:15

- Dr. Cristiana Mele, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome

VI - Conclusion

12:15-12:45 Cardinal George Koovakad, Prefect of the DDI, concludes the conference.

12:45 Lunch

15:00 Departures

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Venue

Sermig Arsenale della Pace

Piazza Borgo Dora, Turin

<http://www.sermig.org>

Participants will be accommodated at the Sermig Guest House, Piazza Borgo Dora, Turin.

Information and registration on the department's website:

<https://www.dicasteryinterreligious.va/>