



The Future of Theology: *Legacy and Envisioning*

International Congress promoted by the Dicastery for Culture and Education

December 9-10, 2024

Pontificia Università Lateranense, Aula Magna

Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano 4 - Roma

Monday December 9, 2024

WELCOME SESSION

- 09:00 Meeting with His Holiness Pope Francis in the Vatican City
- 12:00 Lunch at the Congress venue
- 13:30 Opening prayer
- 14:00 Introduction to the Congress – His Eminence Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça
Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education

SESSION I: **WHERE**

Chair: H.E. Mons Paul Tighe

Secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education

14:30 **The “where” and the focus of theology – Part I**

Introduction:

- Prof. Geraldo de Mori
Faculdade Jesuíta de Filosofia e Teologia de Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- The liturgical *locus* of Theology, H.E.R. Prof. Vittorio Viola
Secretary of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

Inputs from the 7 geographical-theological areas

- **Africa:** Prof. Caroline Mbonu
University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria
- **Asia:** Prof. Ruben Mendoza
Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines
- **Oceania:** Prof.ssa Robyn Horner
Australian Catholic University, Australia
- **Europe:** Prof. Michel Deneken
Université de Strasbourg, France
- **North America:** Prof.ssa Nancy Pineda-Madrid
Loyola Marymount University, USA
- **South America:** Prof. Carlos María Galli
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Argentina, Argentina
- **Oriental Churches:** Prof. Gabriel Hachem
Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon

Group work: “Conversation in the Spirit Method”

16:50 Coffee break

17:20 **The “where” and the focus of theology – Part II**

18:30 End of the session

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SESSIONE II: HOW

Chair: Mons. Carlo Maria Polvani

Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education

09:00 Opening Prayer

09:20 **Listening to non-theological reasoning – Part I**

Introduction:

Prof. Benjamin Akotia, Université Catholique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest, **Ivory Coast**

Prof. Juan Chapa, Universidad de Navarra, **Spain**

Musical Prelude:

Riccardo Ballerini (piano) Gianluca Persichetti (guitar)

Stefano Rossini (drums and percussion) Marco Siniscalco (bass)

Music: Prof. Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF, musician and composer

Australian Catholic University, **Australia**

Literature: Prof. Éric-Emmanuel Schmitt, **France**

Physics: Prof. Carlo Rovelli, Aix-Marseille Université, **France**

Cinema: Alice Rohrwacher, director, **Italy**

Moderator: Mons. Carlo Maria Polvani

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 **Listening to non-theological reasoning – Part II**

Theological interactions

- Prof. Christoph Theobald SJ, Centre Sèvres, **France**
- Prof. James Keenan SJ, Boston College, **USA**
- Prof.ssa Mary Jerome Obiorah, University of Nigeria, **Nigeria**

13:00 End of session and Lunch

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SESSION III: WHY

Chair: Mons. Matthias Ambros

Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education

14:00 **Theology for the Church and the world – Part I**

Introduction:

Prof. Andrea Toniolo, Facoltà Teologica del Triveneto, Italy

Prof.ssa Estela Padilla, CBCP-BEC Committee, Philippines

Inputs from the 7 geographical-theological areas

- **Africa:** Prof. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator SJ
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, USA

- **Asia:** Prof.ssa Stephanie Ann Y. Puen
Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

- **Oceania:** Prof. Gerard Kelly
Catholic Institute of Sydney, Australia

- **Europe:** Prof. Piero Coda
Istituto Universitario Sophia, Italia

- **North e Central America:** Prof. Mark Yenson
King's University College, Canada

- **South America:** Prof. Waldecir Gonzaga SJ
Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- **Oriental Churches:** Prof. Željko Paša SJ
Pontificia Università Gregoriana - Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Rome

Group work: “Conversation in the Spirit Method”

17:20 Coffee break

17:50 **Theology for the Church and the world – Part II**

19:00 **First fruits:** H.E. Mons. Giovanni Cesare Pagazzi

Secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education

Prof.ssa Isabella Guanzini

Katholische Privat - Universität Linz, Austria

19:30 Conclusion of the congress

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