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**“LET US JOIN HANDS AND  
WALK TOGETHER TO OUR  
HEAVENLY HOMELAND”**

*Greetings  
to all participants of the  
IVE Meeting*

Rome (Italy) July 30th, 2019

**LET US JOIN HANDS  
AND WALK TOGETHER  
TO OUR HEAVENLY HOMELAND<sup>1</sup>**

*Directory of the Third Order, 119*

Dearest Third Order members and friends:

Welcome to all!

Blessed be God who grants us this joyful meeting with you, laity and friends of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, who have come from more than 58 different countries! I am so very happy to be able to receive you and personally express our appreciation and gratitude for your splendid contribution towards the cause of Christ.

The fact that we are here in Rome, the seat of Christ's Vicar on earth, as «a single Family, united by the same faith, the same ends, the same mission, the same charism, the same nature and the same spirit»<sup>2</sup> makes our encounter more significant. This represents an unparalleled occasion to witness together our perfect communion with the Church and confess that our motto is «with Peter and under Peter»<sup>3</sup> and that we have no greater aspirations than that of serving the propagation of Christ's Kingdom.<sup>4</sup>

You – who have chosen to be the leaven that renews humanity from within – are the answer of God, always close to men, to the innumerable needs of the evangelization of this world and an irreplaceable support for our Institute's mission.

Because it is our purpose to bring the Incarnate Word to all men, to permeate the values of society with the aroma of Christ, to transform the hearts of men with his adorable Presence, to undertake epic works for his cause,



to make the love of Christ reign in families, to light the blazing lamp of truth of the Incarnate Word in the four corners of this world, even in the most difficult situations and the most adverse conditions. And you are the valiant and coherent witnesses of the duty and mission of the evangelization of cultures, who help us to bring Christ to the remotest regions and to take possession of reality for the Lord, inculturating the Gospel in the most hidden places of human life.

Your collaboration in all our missions, tertiaries and friends, is a very important and efficacious help so that the mission entrusted to us within the Church might spread to and arrive in those remotest places and areas of society (and those pertaining to the life of the laity) to which it would be very difficult for us to arrive in any other way. I assure you that your help in our missions is vital.

Without a doubt, these are days of special blessings for all. It is my fervent prayer for each one of you that in this first international meeting of the members of the Third Order and friends of the IVE, the spirit of family may grow among us and act as a stimulus so that when you return to your countries, you may continue working with great commitment, «ordering temporal matters according to the plan of God<sup>5</sup>»<sup>6</sup>, knowing that you are not alone in the mission, but that you have a whole Religious Family that supports you and expects great things of you. Because, believe me, «the extension of the Kingdom of God and the mission of our Religious Family in the world depends in great part»<sup>7</sup> on committed laity like you, since only the close union of strengths is capable of fully achieving all the aims of the Institute's apostolate and firmly protecting its interests.<sup>8</sup>

As Saint Don Orione said to his religious: “Let us join hands and walk together to our Heavenly Homeland. Let us edify one another through our mutual good example.»<sup>9</sup> I wholeheartedly encourage you to continue witnessing Christ, the Incarnate Word, always and everywhere.

I cannot conclude before expressing my profound and heartfelt gratitude to all those who organized this event: priests, religious, the sisters Servants of the Lord, benefactors, and of course, once more: our beloved laity and friends.

Thank you all for the great effort that you have made to come. Please take my words of encouragement and great appreciation home to all the members of the Third Order who were not able to come and my most sincere thanks for their support for our missions.

Invoking the protection of Mary, Queen of Apostles and Star of the new evangelization, upon each one of you, I wish you all well in time and in eternity.

In Christ, the Incarnate Word,

*Fr. Gustavo Nieto, IVE*





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# INTRODUCTION

*The spirit of this meeting*

*There is no point in extending ourselves to many countries  
or having numerous members  
if we lose our spirit.*

*We will not lose our spirit  
as long as we are faithful to the Church,  
in the person of Peter...  
integrally conserving everything related to the patrimony of the  
Institute.*

*Cf. Constitutions, n. 35*



Dear IVE Meeting participants, welcome!

In this introduction we want to explain the goals of this first international meeting of the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word and the activities that we will do to reach them during these days.

### **1- Principle Goal: Public Profession of Faith to Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The principle goal is the profession. It is a profession with a single voice, of our convicted and ardent desire that Jesus Christ, man's Only Savior, be explicitly present in every aspect of human reality, since there is no other name under heaven given to the human race by which we can be saved.<sup>10</sup> As early as 1925, Pope Pius XI noted that the great «manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics.»<sup>11</sup> The Pope sternly declared that «as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.»<sup>12</sup> Jesus Christ wants to reign because for this he came into the world.<sup>13</sup> This is what we must ask him during these days: «Reign, Lord, over every man and all human reality!» With this desire we want, here, «to offer him our persons for this work... and to distinguish ourselves in his service»<sup>14</sup> so that He might reign.<sup>15</sup> And we do this with complete confidence and with the courage that comes from the knowledge that it is He who calls everyone<sup>16</sup> to «follow him in suffering, in order to rejoice later with Him in his victory.»<sup>17</sup>

With one voice, as one Family, both laity and consecrated, «we pledge all our strength to inculturate the Gospel, that is, to extend the Incarnation to all men, in the whole man, and in all of the manifestations of man.»<sup>18</sup> These days should be a public testimony that only by reaffirming the urgent necessity of Jesus' Reign in today's world will man be able to find the way towards a hope that will no longer disappoint,<sup>19</sup> and satisfy the emptiness and anguish left in his soul by the dramatic atheism of our time.

In a world deaf to the voice of Jesus, we want our profession to resound through all the earth, and so we must be united by the close bond which is Christ, made brothers and sisters in Him, both consecrated persons as well as tertiaries and lay friends of our Religious Family.

## **2- Second Goal: To Renew the Impulse of Lay Apostolate.**

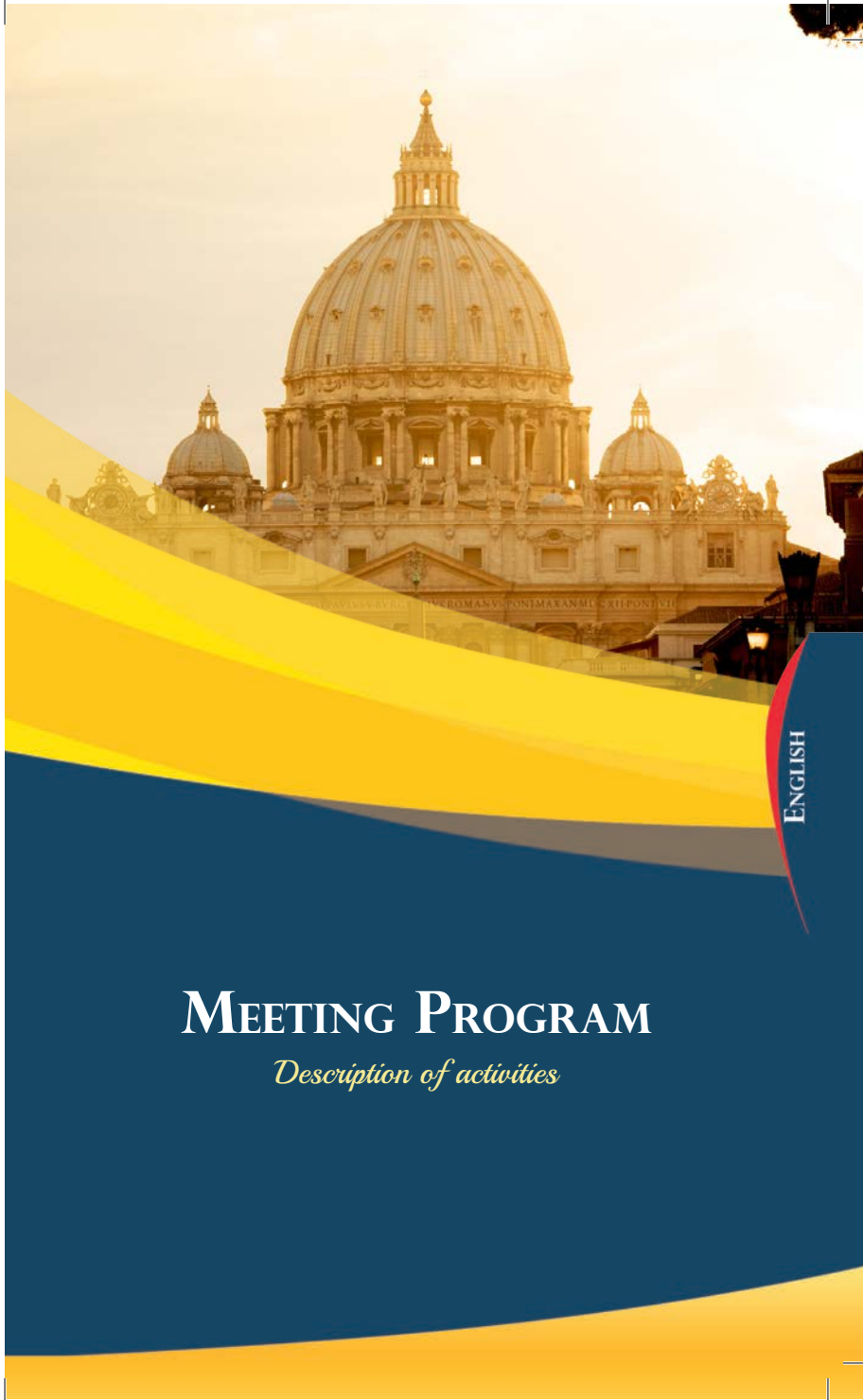
As a Religious Congregation we are truly «convinced that the sanctification of the laity is of immense value to the Church's life.»<sup>20</sup> From this conviction it follows that the Institute should «give priority to the formation of lay leaders»<sup>21</sup> «so that they can direct temporal matters according to the plan of God.»<sup>22</sup> If their proper temporal duties are neglected the evangelization of culture cannot be carried out. Fidelity to our specific purpose demands that we work together with our Third Order members and, in general, with all our friends who are convinced by the importance of the inculturation of the Gospel. This common effort cannot be optional for us, rather it is «an essential and constitutive part of the Institute... that cannot be overlooked, insofar as it is the prolongation of the Institute's actions in the proper spheres of the life of the laity.»<sup>23</sup>

The laity, in turn, must not forget their apostolic vocation. The dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* refers to them in a notably strong text: «But the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world, that is, in each and in all of the secular professions and occupations. They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel they may work for the sanctification of the world from within (... and) in this way they may make Christ known to others, especially by the testimony of a life resplendent in faith, hope and charity. Therefore, since they are tightly bound up in all types of temporal affairs it is their special task to order and to throw light upon these affairs in such a way that they may come into being and then continually increase according to Christ to the praise of the Creator and the Redeemer.»<sup>24</sup>

Saint Don Orione once said «today, whoever is not an apostle of Jesus Christ and the Church is an apostate.»<sup>25</sup> Therefore, we want these days to be a profound prayer and reflection about the laity's apostolic duty, keeping in mind that, now more than ever, «the laity must take up the renewal of the temporal order as their own special obligation. Led by the light of the Gospel and the mind of the Church and motivated by Christian charity, they must act directly and in a definite way in the temporal sphere.»<sup>26</sup>

Our reflection and examination should not be reduced merely to the duty of apostolic activity, but also the «particular style of our apostolate.»<sup>27</sup> We must ask ourselves what it is that Christ and His Church expect of us in order to be faithful to what we are called to as members of this Religious Family. Though it is true that «there is nothing that is strictly new in our apostolate,»<sup>28</sup> but «we are unique in re-proposing existing apostolates which were originated in other congregations, like the Spiritual Exercises, oratories, popular missions, etc.»<sup>29</sup> However, we must not forget that «what we are unique for is the focalizing in the mystery of the Incarnation.»<sup>30</sup>. This particular aspect is what we want to deepen our knowledge upon through the plenary conferences.





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# MEETING PROGRAM

*Description of activities*



**RELIGIOUS FAMILY**  
**OF THE INCARNATE WORD**  
**ROME 2019**

JULY  
30<sup>TH</sup>

15:00

## *Arrival & Registration*

*At the entrance of Fraterna Domus, a religious will confirm your registration. Please then proceed to the reception where a member of the Voces Verbi youth group will accompany you to your room. The room key will be handed to you along with a backpack containing material for the meeting.*

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*Registration  
will be  
confirmed here.*

*Reception*

17:45

*Holy Rosary*

(OPTIONAL)

While waiting for the Opening Act to begin feel free to familiarize yourself with the location, visit our EXPO-CONGRE, or take a coffee.

Remember also that for whoever would like, the rosary will be prayed in the Church.

18:30

*Opening Act**i*

The Opening Act will begin with an invocation prayer to the Holy Spirit sung by the "Totus Tuus" choir. Successively a video greeting from the contemplative branch of the Religious Family will be shown, then a greeting of the participants from every country will take place, where one representative, carrying the nation's flag will process before everyone, thus indicating the Meeting's international character (58 countries!). Shortly after, the choir will sing the Meeting's hymn entitled "Omnia in Christo Instauranda" followed by cultural acts from some of the delegations. Lastly, there will be an introductory video to explain the purposes of the Meeting.

We will finish with a song to Our Lady in different languages.

**Location:** Don Francesco Room

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Don Francesco Room



19:30

*Holy Mass***Main Celebrant:** Fr. Diego Pombo, IVE**Language:** Italian*The daily participation in the Holy Mass constitutes the culmination and heart of our meeting.**i**We will be handing out the missalettes in different languages in front of the church.*

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21:00

## *Festive Dinner*



For those of you who have particular dietary needs (celiacs, allergies, intolerances, etc.) there will be a table, especially indicated with food suitable to your needs. Feel free to serve yourselves from this table.



### *How to connect to the Wifi network at Fraterna Domus?*

- Ask the staff of Fraterna Domus in the reception for a card (a card lasts only 24 hours and the cost is one euro a day)
- Connect to the “Fraterna Domus” network
- Open in the browser the website: [www.libero.it](http://www.libero.it)
- Type username and password (from the card).



22:00

Show

*It is our desire that this meeting progresses in the greatest climate of festive joy, since, joy «the Christian's gigantic secret, is spiritual and supernatural, and arises from meditating on the mystery of the Incarnate Word.»<sup>31</sup>*

*Therefore, we will conduct our traditional shows («fogones») with popular musical numbers and the humorous classical acts of the theatrical group «Saint Philip Neri». We will do this in order to strengthen the family spirit in us which cannot be neglected as «fraternal life truly shows that we are united in Christ... as a distinct Religious Family.»<sup>32</sup>*

**Location:** Don Francesco Room



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Free time



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08:00

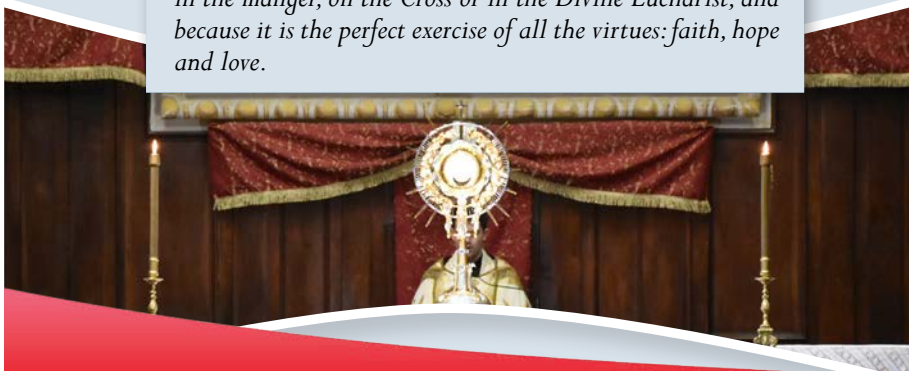
## *Eucharistic Adoration*

(OPTIONAL)

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

*In the main Church there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the entire day, given that the Eucharist «should be one of our greatest loves»<sup>33</sup>. We want each participant to have the possibility of adoring Jesus in each moment, since, as Saint Peter Julian Eymard said; to adore the Most Holy Sacrament is «the holiest of actions. It is so because it shares the life of Mary on earth, when she adored Him in her womb, in the manger, on the Cross or in the Divine Eucharist, and because it is the perfect exercise of all the virtues: faith, hope and love.*

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*Faith is complete and perfect when we adore Jesus Christ hidden, veiled, and as it were, annihilated in the Sacred Host. It is the exercise of hope because Jesus Christ created the beautiful heaven of the Eucharist so that we could wait patiently for the Heaven of Glory and so that he could lead us to it. And it is the exercise of love, since love is the whole law, and we fulfill the whole law when, according to the first commandment, we adore our Lord and God with our whole mind, heart, soul and being. In adoration one can practice perfect charity toward one's neighbor by praying for him and acting as mediator and victim for his salvation, obtaining for him the Savior's graces and mercies. Eucharistic Adoration is the most just act: we adore Jesus Christ for all who do not adore Him, for all who forget Him, abandon Him, scorn Him, and offend Him.»<sup>34</sup>*

## 08:40 Eucharistic Benediction

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**PRIESTS AVAILABLE FOR CONFESSION**

*We want all those who participate in this meeting to have the possibility of making a good confession, and, taking advantage of the large quantity of priests available, to be able to consult personally with them on spiritual matters. Our Constitutions tell us that the elevation of all human reality to the Gospel will be carried out through «priests, working as spiritual directors, enlightening the temporal order and forming lay people so that they can “direct temporal matters according to the plan of God.”»<sup>35</sup> This is impossible without intimate and familiar dialogue with Jesus Christ, and this can always be improved through the direction of a priest.*

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**09:00****Breakfast****Location: Cafeteria**

10:00

*Activities for children*

During the IVE Meeting, a group of religious will be in charge of organizing formative activities, recreation and practices of piety for the children, according to the authentic Oratory spirit, fulfilling the command of Our Lord, who said: «Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.»<sup>36</sup>

The children will join with all of the participants for the group activities (lunch, dinner, shows, Holy Mass and Rosary).



 Playground



10:30

## Plenary Conference



**THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION  
AND THE CENTRALITY OF CHRIST IN  
THE DIVINE PLAN**

*Fr. Miguel A. Fuentes, IVE*

While in ancient times, the attempts to deny the Incarnation were real although rather isolated,<sup>37</sup> Saint John Paul II considers that our times are marked by such a denial.<sup>38</sup> The close union between the human and the Divine made in the single Person of Jesus Christ is denied today in the continual attempt to separate God from man's reality, as if they were opposites. In this way, the supernatural world, on which human reality depends absolutely, stays «consigned to a distant past or a distant heaven»<sup>39</sup> and, as much as some contemporaries say that they admire Jesus, «He remains distant.»<sup>40</sup> Truly, considers the Great Pope, Jesus Christ is not known; nor is he loved or obeyed.

The rejection of the union between God and man brought about by the Incarnation brings «disturbing consequences.» We are witnesses of an indifferent culture of death, before which the prophetic words of Chesterton are confirmed: «take away the supernatural and what remains is the unnatural.»<sup>41</sup> Fruits of such a denial are

abortion, euthanasia, and the deterioration of the family and sexuality. In addition to this, «when Christ is excluded or denied, our vision of human purpose dwindles; and as we anticipate and aim for less, hope gives way to despair, joy to depression.»<sup>42</sup> Another disturbing consequence of denying the Incarnation is that «the individual relationship with God is seen as purely personal and private, so that God is removed from the processes that govern social, political and economic activity.»<sup>43</sup>

We must not become accustomed to the culture of death, the destruction of the family, of the political societies disconnected from the Gospel. We must declare war on these realities, and for this it is necessary to raise the standard of the Incarnation of the Word. For only Christ can raise man, and all of man's reality, from the consequential misery brought on by the denial of His Mystery and of His reality as true God and true Man.

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### Language: Spanish

All of the plenary conferences will be in the two principle rooms the Auditorium and the Don Francesco Room.

A guitar solo by Cristiano Paolini, member of the Voces Verbi from Italy, will open this conference.

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To go from the Auditorium to the Don Francesco Room, go down the stairs.



11:30

*Break & coffee***EXPO-CONGRE**

During the breaks between the plenary conferences, feel free to pay a visit to the EXPO-CONGRE which is located in the large entrance hall in front of the Don Francesco Room. The EXPO-CONGRE is open all day!

The purpose of the EXPO-CONGRE is to introduce the Religious Family's charism, aiming to present the non-negotiable elements, the various apostolates and the numerous missions throughout the world.

Every day there will be different expositions with the purpose of following the themes touched upon in the plenary conferences and reflection groups.

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There will be a special stand selling the CD "Omnia in Christo Instauranda" which was made for the IVE Meeting by the Religious Family's choir, including other songs recorded by some of our missionaries.



12:15

## Plenary Conference



### THE CHARISM OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE INCARNATE WORD

*Fr. Gonzalo Ruiz, IVE*

*In raising up our small Religious Family of the Incarnate Word, God wants to reaffirm the Incarnation of the Word. The Holy Spirit grants a charism, a special grace received by the founder and ordained for the edification of the entire Church, in order that those who receive it may witness in their lives the virtues of Christ in the Incarnation: living ourselves the virtues of self-emptying, of transcendence, being essentially Marian as Christ was during His Incarnation. In this way, being «chalices full of Christ, chalices that allow the superabundance of His grace to overflow upon others,»<sup>44</sup> we will be able to imbue other men and all of man's reality with Him. All our religious and, in a particular way according to their own condition, the laity of our Secular Third Order together with, all those who share in the urgent task of evangelizing culture are called to this charism, which is carried out first in the person himself in order to later offer it to others.*

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**Language: Italian**

*A violin solo by IVE Novice Jan Sedlicky from Slovakia will open this conference.*



13:30

Lunch



Free time

15:30

Reflection groups

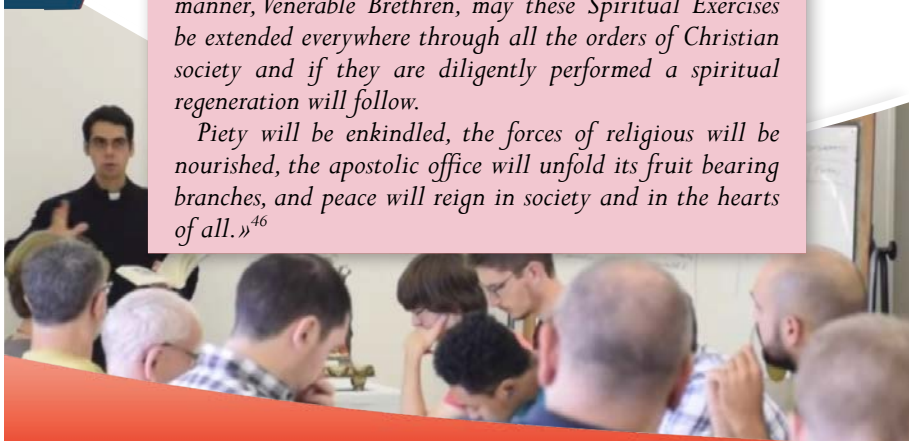
### THE IMPORTANCE AND DIFFUSION OF THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES:

«The Institute will accomplish evangelization of the culture by sanctifying people individually. This will be done preferably by using the Spiritual Exercises according to the method and spirit of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.»<sup>45</sup>

As means of personal sanctification, the Spiritual Exercises have a long-standing tradition in the Church's history which testifies to their superior effectiveness. This is why they are preferred to other methods. The Pontiffs themselves have expressed the importance of their promulgation: «In this manner, Venerable Brethren, may these Spiritual Exercises be extended everywhere through all the orders of Christian society and if they are diligently performed a spiritual regeneration will follow.

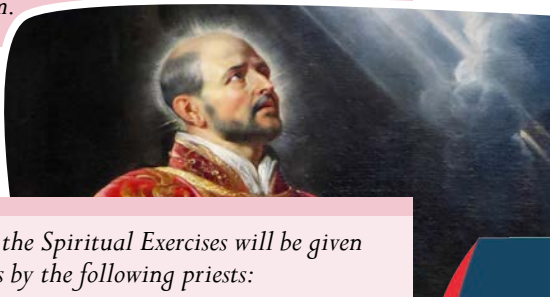
Piety will be enkindled, the forces of religious will be nourished, the apostolic office will unfold its fruit bearing branches, and peace will reign in society and in the hearts of all.»<sup>46</sup>

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*This consideration of the importance and richness of the Spiritual Exercises «should bring us to deepen our knowledge of them, to prepare ourselves to enthusiastically promote them, to bring souls closer to this special fountain of God's grace that is the Spiritual Exercises.»<sup>47</sup>*

*There are many lay persons who devote themselves to the propagation of the Exercises, organizing the practical aspects, inviting participants, finding and even constructing a place to preach them.*



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*The workshops on the Spiritual Exercises will be given in different languages by the following priests:*

1. Italy, Albania - **Fr. Marcelo Lattanzio, IVE**
2. Spain, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador -  
**Fr. Emilio Rossi, IVE**
3. USA, Papua New Guinea- **Fr. Mariano Vicchi, IVE**
4. The Philippines - **Fr. Bernardo Ibarra, IVE**
5. Brazil - **Fr. Reinaldo Satiro, IVE**
6. The Ukraine - **Fr. Teodoro Matspaula, IVE**
7. Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan -  
**Fr. Ariel Alvarez, IVE**
8. Hong Kong - **Fr. Carlos Almonte, IVE**
9. China - **Fr. Matias Fang, IVE**
10. Taiwan - **Fr. Michael Zhang, IVE**
11. Germany - **Fr. Tobias Eibl, IVE**
12. Luxemburg, France, Tunisia -  
**Fr. Silvio Moreno, IVE**
13. The Middle East, Egypt, Jordan, Irak, Tanzania -  
**Fr. Gabriel Romanelli, IVE**

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*Free Time*

17:15

*Reflection groups*

## 1. ADULTS

**PANEL: “THE COLLABORATION OF LAITY IN THE RELIGIOUS FAMILY’S APOSTOLATE”**

*Here we will have a presentation of different concrete apostolates that some lay members of our Religious Family carry out at present. In this way, it will be possible to see concrete examples of collaboration in the work of inculturating the Gospel in the temporal environment of the laity. The panelists will be as follows:*

*-“The laity and the apostolate for vocations,” by Sonia Ibarra, mother of 8 religious of the IVE.*

*-“The laity and their help in youth apostolates,” by Tomás Borrell, organizer of the Formation Days in Spain.*

*-“The laity and the apostolate in the IVE homes of mercy,” by Myroslav Voznyak, first Third Order member from the Ukraine and organizer of the March for Life.*

*-“The laity and the apostolate through social media,” by Fr. Agostin Ambrosini, IVE.*

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*i***Language:** Spanish**Location:** Auditorium**Moderator:** Fr. Ernesto Caparros, IVE



## 2. YOUTH

## YOUTH AND THE EVANGELIZATION OF CULTURE

Our directory of the Secular Third Order emphasizes the importance of dedication to youth formation, in order to preserve the charism's vitality: «The words of this book will be dead words if we do not know how to form youth of great spirit who will transmit the charism to the new generations of our Religious Family.»<sup>48</sup>

For this reason a reflection on youth apostolates which our Religious Family carries out, such as the Vocis Verbi, CIDEPROF, the "Crusaders of Jesus", Oratories, etc. is crucial. In this way, it will be possible to see how «to adapt the works and activities to the youth's environment and the cultural transformations which shake their world,»<sup>49</sup> so that our apostolates may be more effective in «personally getting to know the youth, to make them value what is good in them, to form their consciences and teach them how to make good use of their freedom, to encourage them with great ideals, to offer them the cross so that they may embrace it and thus live the true meaning of religion.»<sup>50</sup>

We will reflect concretely on how the youth, taking on the charism of our Congregation, can bear fruit by adopting the virtues of the Incarnation and translating them into specific apostolates for the Evangelization of culture.



**Language:** Italian

**Location:** Don Francesco Room

**Presenters:** Fr. Andres Bonello, IVE ;  
and youth of the Voces Verbi

19:00

*Holy Mass**Main Celebrant: Fr. Emilio Rossi, IVE**Language: Portuguese*

20:30

*Dinner*

21:30

*Holy Rosary with  
candlelight procession*

«We must be Apostles of Mary surrendering ourselves to Her in maternal slavery of love and doing everything “through Mary, with Mary, in Mary, and for Mary.”<sup>51</sup> Our Constitutions say that «every faithful slave of Jesus in Mary must invoke her, salute her, think of her, talk about her, honor her, glorify her, entrust himself to her, rejoice and suffer with her, work, pray and rest with her. In brief, one must seek to live always, through Jesus and Mary, with Jesus and Mary, in Jesus and Mary, and for Jesus and Mary». Consequently, in addition to renewing our Consecration and offering her the Holy Rosary daily, we will also honor her with a procession.

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08:00

*Eucharistic Adoration*

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08:40

*Eucharistic Benediction*

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The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed the whole day for perpetual adoration.

09:00

*Breakfast*

10:30

## Plenary Conference



**THE FORMATION OF LAY LEADERS  
FOR THE SOCIAL KINGDOM  
OF CHRIST**

*Fr. Daniel Cima, IVE*

*This charism directly leads us to consider the need to have lay leaders who bring the social Kingdom of Christ into their temporal environment.*

*Man searches to live in society by nature.<sup>52</sup> «The social nature of man itself requires that he should give external expression to his internal acts of religion: that he should share with others in religious matters; that he should profess his religion in community.»<sup>53</sup> Religion cannot be a private act, without impacting society,<sup>54</sup> and Jesus Christ is not only king of the internal sphere, but also of all creation.*

*That is why we must have truly Catholic laity who explicitly penetrate social reality with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. True leaders who, confronted with an increasingly hostile world, will need to fill themselves with valor for such a purpose, and to whom John Paul II directed his first words as Pontiff: «Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ, to his saving power. Open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid.» Because after all, as Pope Leo XIII points out, the social question is «a problem whose acceptable solution would be truly void if it was not sought for under the support of religion and the Church.»<sup>55</sup>*

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**Language:** Italian

*A choral piece by the “Totus Tuus” choir will open this conference.*

11:30

*Break & coffee*

12:15

*Plenary Conference*

### THE MISSION OF THE SECULAR THIRD ORDER

*Sr. Mary Mother of Faith, SSVM*

The challenges of effectively inculturating the Gospel today make the direct, explicit and communitarian work of the IVE lay tertiary necessary. This lay vocation allows them to enter certain temporal environments that can be difficult for a consecrated person: reaching «there where the priests and religious cannot go or enter, be it because their numbers are not sufficient to complete such obligations or be it because these are not suitable or worthy places of a consecrated person. In this way, redemption spreads also to the lowest or most hidden places.»<sup>56</sup>

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*And so, to achieve the evangelization of culture, we must count on the help from the laity: «It is an essential and constitutive part of the family of the “Incarnate Word.” The Religious Family of the Incarnate Word cannot do without it, in so far as it prolongs the action of both Institutes in the proper spheres of the life of the laity»<sup>57</sup>*

*They must spiritually nourish themselves, in the light of the mystery of the Incarnation, in order to be able, with their lives and apostolates, to instill all their realities with the Gospel, like the family, political society, public education, work, etc. And it is not just a mere exterior identification with the mission of the religious priests and sisters, but the tertiaries of the IVE also live in communion of grace through the charism to which they are united, thus participating in the common spiritual goods of all the members of the Institute of the Incarnate Word.*

*Even though not all the participants of this meeting form part of our Third Order, this conference will be useful in order to better understand its essence, and as well as to orient them in their own Christian vocation as laity and in giving testimony to Christ in the world.*

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### **Language: English**

An instrumental piece entitled “Hutsulka Ksenia” by the Ukrainian Sisters of the “Yosafaty Hordashevskoyi” SSVN Novitiate will open this conference.





13:30

Lunch



Free time

15:30

Reflection groups

### 1. INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL APOSTOLATE:

To live the faith coherently and defend it, and to make the Gospel penetrate intellects and transform «thought patterns, standards of judgment and norms of behavior,»<sup>58</sup> it is necessary to undertake intellectual apostolates. For this reason it is of great importance to intensify the presence of the Church and the laity «in the privileged places of culture, that is, the world of education -school and university- in places of scientific and technological research, the areas of artistic creativity and work in the humanities.»<sup>59</sup>

The inculturation of the Gospel, a specific purpose of our Religious Family, requires the capacity to distinguish that which is authentically human -insofar as it is redeemable- from that which is not, and «this work demands also on the part of responsible Christians a faith illumined by continual reflection confronted with the sources of the Church's message, and a continual spiritual discernment pursued in prayer.»<sup>60</sup>

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*Therefore, there will be formative workshops about distinct disciplines (for example: philosophy, theology, social doctrine, art, sacred music, etc.). The main purpose of these workshops is to instruct, and also to encourage the laity to try to organize formative events themselves, such as: Catholic Culture Courses, publication or collaboration in formative journals, etc.*



## 2. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

*As the «culture» which we are called to evangelize includes «artistic work, the art of man that transforms material things, converting them into beautiful things,»<sup>61</sup> different expositions were developed with the goal of exemplifying the authentic human activity permeated by the Gospel.*

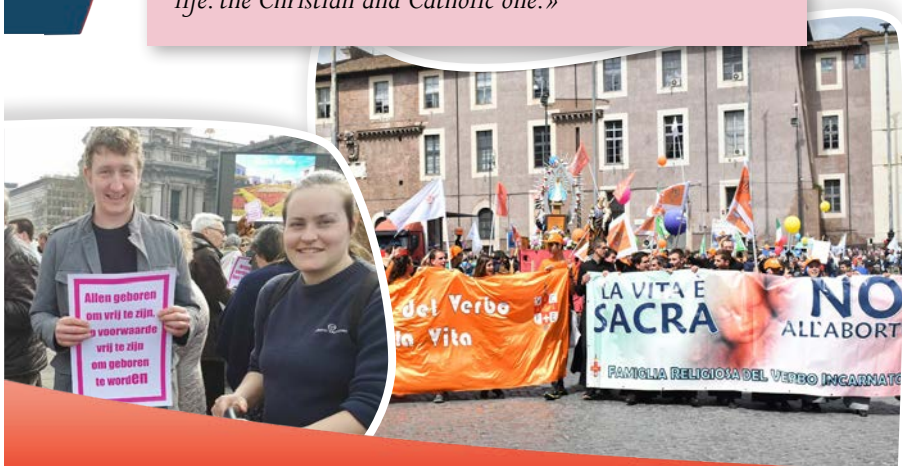
*Given that our goal is the evangelization of the culture insofar as it is a human reality, it would be certainly incomplete if it didn't include that highest human expression which is art.*

*Among the initiatives of the IVE Meeting, we will have, among other things, a «melodium» (explanation and analysis of a musical work), varied presentations by the Religious Family's choir, formative conferences about cultural growth and perfection and the exhibition of paintings in different rooms.*

### 3. PRO-LIFE AND FAMILY APOSTOLATE

*Through the union of the Divine Word with human nature, God has showed us «how lofty a place among creatures belonged to human nature, in that he appeared to men [...] as a true man,»<sup>62</sup> since the Word is «consubstantial with the Father as to his divinity, and consubstantial to us as to his humanity.»*

*For this reason the Third Order and our lay friends should commit themselves to the public promotion and defense of the dignity of the person and of all human life «from the moment of conception until his death.»<sup>63</sup> It is our desire «that within this Third Order, laity and lay movements arise which defend man, attend to his needs and promote his worth. For example: charitable works on behalf of abandoned or disabled children, or children in any other type of need.»<sup>64</sup> It is also necessary to commit ourselves to defending of the original design of the family and sacramental marriage, making the love of God and Christian values reign in them, in order «to form strong and responsible characters, capable of making free and just choices, preparing their children for an openness to reality; thus forming a certain conception of life: the Christian and Catholic one.»<sup>65</sup>*



Therefore the reflection groups will cover the following areas:

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#### CULTURAL FORMATION

1. **Sacred music** (Fr. Damiano Grecu, IVE)
2. **Art** (exposition and explanation of images by Fr. Rodrigo Miranda, IVE)
3. **Art** (exposition and explanation of images portraying the entire history of Our Lady of Lujan made by Sr. María de Jesús Sacramentado, SSM)
4. **“Museum of the Passion”** (Fr. Gabriel Prado, IVE-Saint John XXIII Minor Seminary)
5. **Conference “Man and culture”**  
(Diego Ibarra, Third Order Member)

#### INTELLECTUAL FORMATION

1. **The Catholic and the Bible**  
(Fr. Martín Villagran, IVE)
2. **Teology** (Fr. Arturo Ruiz, IVE)
3. **Social Doctrine** (Fr. Raul Harriague, IVE)
4. **Bioethics and family**  
(Stefano Principe, Third Order Member)
5. **Church History** (Fr. Ricardo Clarey, IVE)
6. **Apostolate with persons of the Islamic religion** (Fr. Carlos Pereira, IVE)



*Free time*

**17:15**

*Reflection groups*

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The diverse reflection groups will be repeated in the same rooms.

19:00

## Holy Mass in the Byzantine Rite

*With the celebration of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy, we want to show that as an Institute «we are members of one unique missionary Religious Family, but above all, we are sons of the Church One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic that “breathes” with two lungs: the Eastern and the Western.»<sup>66</sup>*

*This celebration, chosen because of the enormous number of participants belonging to this rite coming from the Ukraine, is an expression of our specific purpose, since «to extend the Incarnation “to all men” implies not only extending it in man and in woman, in the child, youth, or elderly, but also in the Western man and the Eastern man, in any of the diversity of rites and in any of the particular Churches that make up the one Catholic Church.»<sup>67</sup>*

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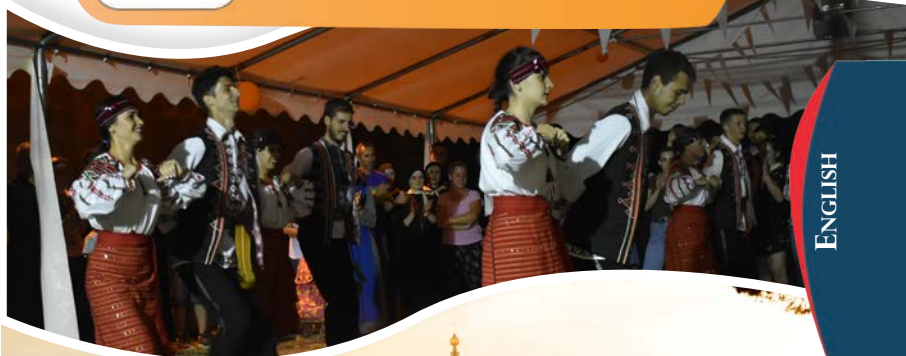
20:30

*Dinner*

21:30

*Holy Rosary with  
candlelight procession*

22:00

*Show*

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The following day  
we will go to Saint  
Peter's in the Vatican.





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07:00

*Breakfast*

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07:30 *Departure to the Vatican*

Despite the effort involved in transporting all the participants of the IVE Meeting, we cannot leave out a pilgrimage to the tomb of the Apostle Peter, in order to manifest our total communion with him and with the Church, since «our third great love must always be the “white figure” of the Pope.»<sup>68</sup>





*The Pope should be for us he «in whom the Truth, the Will and the Sanctity of Christ become flesh.»<sup>69</sup> During the celebration of the Holy Mass, the choir will sing the hymn «Roma Eterna,» composed by members of our Religious Family, as an expression of our fidelity and love for the Roman Catholic Church, in the Prince of the Apostles and his successors.*



## 08:30 Entrance into the Basilica

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Entrance into the Basilica will be made through the “Bronze Door” specially provided for the participants of the IVE Meeting.

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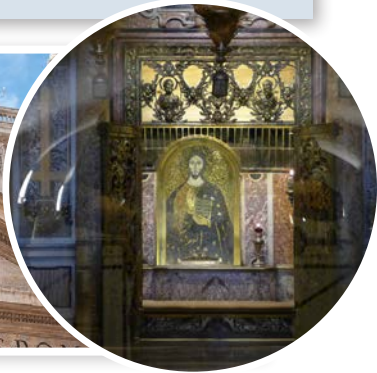
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## Holy Mass

**Main Celebrant:** Fr. Gustavo Nieto, IVE  
**Language:** Italian

**PLENARY INDULGENCE**

*Remember that on this day a plenary indulgence is granted for pilgrimage to the Basilica, if the required conditions are met (that is: sacramental confession a week before or after the pilgrimage and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father).*



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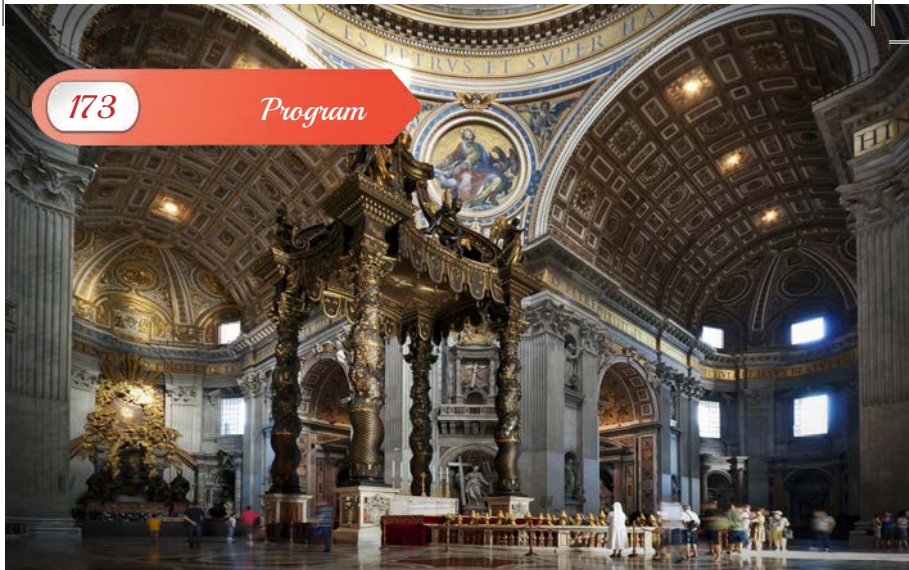
**11:15***Guided Tour***(OPTIONAL)**

*Guided tours of Saint Peter's are available in different languages upon request (25-30 minutes).*



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## Program



12:00

## Return Trip



The Meeting Point is in the Square near the Obelisk.

Here we will gather for a group photo before returning to Fraterna Domus.



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13:45

## Lunch



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for perpetual adoration.



## Free time

16:00

## Plenary Conference



**LIFE AND THE FAMILY: CONCRETE  
AND URGENT POINTS REGARDING  
EVANGELIZATION OF CULTURE**

*Dr. Eduardo and Clara Maggiora,  
IVE Third Order Members*

The proclamation of the Incarnation of the Word opposes the culture of death with the culture of life. Today, the main duty of the IVE tertiary is to proclaim, through his life and works the defense of the family as of inestimable value and of all human life from conception until natural death. These admissible truths are even more convincing if we see them put into practice by others. «Such a truth—vital and necessary as it is for life—is attained not only by way of reason but also through trusting abandonment to other persons who can guarantee the authenticity and certainty of the truth itself.»<sup>70</sup> Accordingly, through their own witness as family, the Maggiora couple and their son, Javier, will discuss the value of the family and life and how they specifically live it out.

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**Language:** Spanish

A violin solo by Sister Maria Lubovi, SSVM will open this conference.

Free time



17:45

## Plenary Conference

PRESENTATION OF THE  
RELIGIOUS FAMILY'S MISSIONS

*Fr. Jesús Segura, IVE  
and  
Sr. María  
Stella del Mare, SSVM*

«The mission, received from the founder and submitted to the Church for approval, is to bring to fullness the effects of the Incarnation of the Word, “the epitome and root of all good”<sup>71</sup>, this is to be done especially in the vast world of culture, i.e., the “manifestation of man as an individual, as a community, as a people, as a nation.”<sup>72</sup>»<sup>73</sup>

The Evangelization of culture requires that those called to such a vocation «not be evasive to the missionary adventure,» but that they go to the whole world,<sup>74</sup> and proclaim the Gospel to all men.

Therefore, we will conclude by presenting our Religious Family's missionary activity in the five continents. In addition to being formative, this exposition is aimed at sharing, together as a Religious Family, all the good that God does through our missionaries. We express our highest appreciation to them for the noble labor of evangelization that they carry out, some in very distant lands and in very difficult situations.

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**Language: Italian**

A musical piece performed on the Grand Piano by Fr. Damiano Grecu, IVE will open this conference.





*Free time*

**19:30**

*Dinner*

**20:30**

*The children's tribute  
to the Eucharist*

*The children will sing the "Tantum Ergo" accompanied by the orchestra.*

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**21:30**

*Holy Rosary with  
candlelight procession*

**21:30**

*A tribute to persecuted  
Christians*

*There will be testimony from some people who have experienced persecution and also from some members of our Religious Family who have witnessed the persecution that Christians suffer in Middle Eastern countries, who «give their lives in silence, because their martyrdom isn't newsworthy. Yet there are more Christian martyrs today than in the early centuries.»<sup>75</sup>*



*They are an example for us of what it means to be «independent when facing the world's maxims, ridicule and persecutions, depending only on an upright conscience illumined by faith; ready to be martyred for loyalty to God, which consists in the full and complete rejection of the evil world.»<sup>76</sup>*

*This tribute will conclude with a prayer from the Coptic-Catholic rite, since the great majority of the faithful who suffer today's violent persecution belong to this rite.*

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**Presider:** Fr. Filopatir, IVE

**Location:** Don Francesco Room



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22:15

Show



01:00 -  
03:30

## Nocturnal Adoration

**(OPTIONAL)**

*The adorers, in the nocturnal vigil, remain attentive to the Lord of glory, who came, who comes, and who will come.*

*«Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.»<sup>77</sup> (Lk 12: 37-38)*



*Eucharistic Adoration will continue in silence. Please feel free to participate (optional)...*

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08:45 *Eucharistic Benediction*

09:00 *Breakfast*

09:45 *Group meetings*

*There will be individual group meetings where concrete apostolates to do after the meeting will be planned.*

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*i***Group Leaders:**

1. Italy, Albania - **Fr. Andrés Bonello, IVE**
2. Spain- **Fr. José Vicchi, IVE**
3. Argentina - **Fr. Emilio Rossi, IVE**
4. Ecuador, Peru - **Fr. Jorge Montagna, IVE**
5. USA- **Fr. Mariano Vicchi, IVE**
6. The Philippines - **Fr. Bernardo Ibarra, IVE**
7. Brazil - **Fr. Emanuel Martelli, IVE**
8. The Ukraine - **Fr. Antonio Vatsseba, IVE**
9. Russia - **Fr. Ezequiel Ayala, IVE**
10. Tajikistan, Kazakhstan - **Fr. Pedro Lopez, IVE**
11. Hong Kong - **Fr. Carlos Almonte, IVE**
13. China - **Fr. Matias Fang, IVE**
12. Taiwan - **Fr. Michael Zhang, IVE**
13. Germany - **Fr. Martín Villagrán, IVE**
14. Luxemburg - **Fr. Jorge Alvarez, IVE**
15. France - **Fr. Alfredo Alos, IVE**
16. Tunisia - **Fr. Silvio Moreno, IVE**
17. Papua New Guinea - **Fr. Martín Prado, IVE**
18. The Middle East, Egypt, Jordana, Irak, Tanzania -  
**Fr. Gabriel Romanelli, IVE**

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**11:15****Concluding Holy Mass****CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
THROUGH THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

*In the year 2016, the entire Religious Family of the Incarnate Word was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

*The devotion to the Sacred Heart, «is an act of religion of high order; it demands of us a complete and unreserved determination to devote and consecrate ourselves to the love of the divine Redeemer, Whose wounded Heart is its living token and symbol.»<sup>78</sup>*



*This particular form of worship is especially adequate to our spirituality, anchored in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word, since it «rests on that principle whereby we recognize that His Heart, the noblest part of human nature, is hypostatically united to the Person of the Divine Word. Consequently, there must be paid to it that worship of adoration with which the Church honors the Person of the Incarnate Son of God Himself.»<sup>79</sup>*

*For this reason, on the last day of the IVE Meeting, all the participants can make the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary with their own voice, asking these Hearts to deign to accept, bless and defend each one of us, together with our families, so that all that we are and all that we do might be a reparative consolation for all the offences that these Hearts receive.*



*After the Consecration, as a token of remembrance, a medal will be distributed to each participant.*



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## Concluding Lunch

*Thanksgiving and awards.*

14:30

## Final Photo

*After Lunch there will be a final photo together at Fraterna Domus.*



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16. «And [Jesus] said to all, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”» (Lk 9:23)
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*Et Verbum caro factum est,  
et habitavit in nobis*