

## **Apostolic Nunciature**

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Your Excellency,

Greetings.

I attach the programme for a conference in Rome which will take place this September 18-22, on Catholicism and Maternal Health Care.

It is organised by Matercare International.([www.matercare.org](http://www.matercare.org))

I would be grateful if you could circulate it to the bishops with whom you are in contact and also to the Catholic Medical Guild, Catholic Nurses Guild or their equivalent in your country. Medical students are also welcome.

If it is possible I would be grateful to receive any contact information from them.

Very many thanks,

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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# MATERCARE INTERNATIONAL (MCI)

## 10<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### CATHOLICISM AND MATERNAL HEALTH CARE

**Date:** September 18<sup>th</sup> – 22nd 2013

**Place:** Istituto Maria SS Bambina, Rome  
Address: Via Paolo VI, 21 – Rome (Across from St. Peter's Basilica )  
Tel: +39 06 698 93511

**Themes:** The New Evangelisation, the Practice of Obstetrics, and the Care of Mothers

**Important Anniversaries:** The Year of Faith - Celebrating the Encyclical, *Evangelium vitae*  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vatican II  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apostolic Letter *Mulieris dignitatem*

**MOTHERHOOD.** To appreciate the importance of motherhood in our contemporary world at least four complementary approaches must be envisaged by those in whose professional expertise this responsibility lies.

**FIRSTLY,** Catholic obstetricians and midwives must be obstetrically **COMPETENT**, in all the skills associated in caring for mothers. Legal and social aspects are a fundamental part of the doctor's and midwife's remit. This is what the law, society and the Church rightly expect of them.

**SECONDLY,** the Catholic doctor must have the **CONVICTION** that Catholic teaching on ethics, magisterially guided, is not only true, but totally beneficial for the patients requiring medical assistance within the scope of his or her competency.

**THIRDLY,** this involves the doctor's appreciation of the nature of society at large and of each particular local **COMMUNITY** within it. Motherhood is foundational for the flourishing of every society, and for every individual community, which is a constituent part of that society.

**FOURTHLY,** the doctor must appreciate that motherhood is so fundamental to human existence that profound **COMPASSION** is necessary. This involves compassion for all mothers and families, believers or not, who suffer to beget and bring up their children.

#### Day I Wednesday September 18th 2013

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| 8.30 am | Holy Mass   |
| 9.00 am | MaterCare International Retreat<br>Theme: "Memories and Hopes" - Vatican II and the Year of Faith<br>Directed by Rev. Richard Taylor<br>MCI's Spiritual Advisor<br>Retired Professor of Scripture |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch   |
| 3:00 pm | MCI Board Meeting (All welcome)<br>The Future of MCI  |

- 5:00 pm**            **Registration**
- 6:30 pm**            **“Welcome”**  
 Bogdan Chazan MD (Poland)  
 Chairman, MCI  
 Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
 CEO and Medical Director, Holy Family Hospital Warsaw  
 Robert Walley MD  
 Founder and Executive Director, MCI  
 Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
 Jose Maria Simon de Castellvi MD (Spain)  
 President, FIAMC (World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations)
- 7.00 pm**            **Opening Address**  
 Catholicism and Maternal Health Care  
 His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell  
 Archbishop of Sydney Australia  
 By Video link
- 8:00 pm**            Wine and Finger Food Reception
- Dinner (on your own)
- Evening**            “Get Acquainted” gathering on the roof of the Bambina. BYOB

**Day 2 Thursday September 19th**

- 8:30 am**            **Holy Mass**  
 Celebrant and Homilist ;  
 Most Rev Henryk Hoser, MD  
 Bishop of Warsaw-Praga, Poland
- SESSION 1            CONVICTION THE NEW EVANGELISATION AND THE OBSTETRICIAN**
- 9:30 am**            Keynote Address,  
 Most Rev Henryk Hoser M.D.  
 Archbishop of Warszawa- Praga, Poland
- 10:00 am**            A Personal Reflection  
 Sr. Mary Hickey. MD (UK)  
 Cardinal Hume Centre, London
- 10:30 am**            **Break**
- 11:00 am**            The Call to Holiness and the Catholic Obstetrician  
 Rev Conor Donnelly MD (Ireland)
- 11.30 am**            Social Communications and the New Evangelization  
 Jennifer Derway (Canada)  
 Social Media Director MCI  
 David Deane (Canada)  
 Associate Professor of Theology
- 12.00 pm**            Questions and Discussion
- 1:00 pm**            **Lunch**

**SESSION 2      COMMUNITY      MULIERIS DIGNITATEM**

- 3:00 pm**      Mulieris dignitatem  
Rev Richard Taylor (UK)  
Retired Professor of Scripture  
Spiritual Advisor MCI
- 3:30 pm**      Let it be done unto me: the Vulnerability of Assent  
Leonie Caldecott (UK)  
Writer and programme director "Second Spring Oxford"
- 4:00 pm**      Mulieris dignitatem - The Obstetrician's Guide to God's Plan for Motherhood  
Sylvie de Kermadec MD (France)  
Obstetrician & Gynaecologist and Director at the Institute Jerome Lejeune, Paris
- 4.30 pm**      The American Birth Control Mandate and the Contest Over the Meaning of Women's "Freedom"  
Helen Alvare (USA)  
Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law.  
Consultor, Pontifical Council of the Laity
- 5.00 pm**      Contraception, Abortion and Reproductive Technologies – What African Catholic Women Think.  
Henrietta Williams MD (Nigeria)  
Retired Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist,
- 5.30 pm**      Maternal Charter of Rights and the 91% Soution  
Robert Walley MD (Canada)  
Executive Director, MaterCare International
- 6.00 pm**      Questions and Discussion
- 6.30 pm**      Close
- 8:00 pm**      Dinner

**Day 3 Friday September 20th**

- 8:30 am**      **Holy Mass and Homily**  
Celebrant and Homilist  
Msgr Jacques Suaudeau M.D.  
Ecclesiastical Assistant to FIAMC  
Staff Member, Pontifical Academy for Life

**SESSION 3      COMMUNITY**

- 9:30 am**      Evangelium vitae in the year of Faith, for obstetricians and gynaecologists.  
Msgr Jacques Suaudeau M.D.  
Ecclesiastical Assistant to FIAMC  
Staff Member, Pontifical Academy for Life
- 10:00 am**      Violence Against Women  
Chantal Amisi MD (Democratic Republic of Congo)  
Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
- 10:30 am**      Break

- 11:00 am Gendercide - Selective Abortion of Unborn Female Babies  
Reggie Littlejohn (USA)  
Founder and President, Women's Rights Without Frontiers.
- 11:30 am Prevention of Mitochondrial Disease (the three parent baby)  
Helen Watt (UK)  
Senior Research Fellow, The Anscombe Bioethics Centre.
- 12:00 pm Ireland: a Safe Place for Mothers and Babies  
Eoghan De Faoite MD (Ireland)  
Committee for Excellence in Maternal Health Care
- 12.30 pm Questions and Discussion
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- SESSION 4 CONVICTION**
- 3:00 pm Conscientious Objection Under Attack: Insights from the Perspective of Human Rights.  
Gian Luigi Gigli, MD, Member of Parliament (Italy)  
Past President, World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations
- 3:30 pm Gender Ideology – Proposals and Consequences  
Martha Miranda (Colombia)  
Lecturer, Strathmore University Law School (Nairobi)
- 4:00 pm Same Sex Unions, Conscience, Politics and Legal Consequences  
Anthony MacCarthy (UK)
- 4:30 pm Same Sex Unions and Obstetrical Consequences  
Bogdan Chazan M.D. (Poland)  
Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and CEO, Holy Family Hospital Warsaw
- 5:00 pm Conscience and Culture  
Dorinda Bordlee and Nik Nikas (USA)  
Bioethics Defense fund
- 5.30 pm “ One of Us” European Union Campaign  
Bogdan Chazan M.D.  
Member of the Polish Committee
- 6.00 pm NaproHelp Infertility Management  
Ludmilla Laznickova M.D. (Czech Republic)  
Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Centre of Hope and Help
- 6.15 pm Questions and Discussion
- 6.45 pm Close
- 8:00 pm Dinner

**Day 4 Saturday September 21st**

**PAPAL AUDIENCE CONFIRMED. TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER**

- 8:30 am      **Holy Mass and Homily**  
H. E. Archbishop Zigmunt Zimowski  
President, the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care
- SESSION 5      COMPETENCE**
- 9:30 am      The Elderly Primigravida and Major Obstetrical Problems  
Ewa Prokop M.D. (Poland)  
Resident, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Holy Family Hospital Warsaw
- 10.00 am      Emergency contraception Morning After Pill  
Elvis Seman M.D. (Australia)  
Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Flinders University
- 10.30 am      **Break**
- 11.00 am      Emergency Contraception, The Ethical Controversy  
Helen Watt (UK)  
Senior Research Fellow, The Anscombe Bioethics Centre. Oxford
- 11.30 am      Obligatory First Trimester Prenatal Diagnosis  
Sylvie de Kermedec M.D. (France)  
Obstetrician & Gynaecologist and Director at the Institute Jerome Lejeune, Paris
- 12.00 am      Population Control and Sub-Saharan Africa  
Seamus Grimes, (Ireland)  
Emeritus Professor of Geography (National University of Ireland, Galway)
- 12:30 pm      Questions and Discussion
- 1:00 pm      **Lunch**
- SESSION 6      COMMUNITY**
- 3:00 pm      High Risk Case Presentation – Management of Second Trimester, Infected, Inevitable Miscarriage and the Principle of Double Effect.  
Eoghan De Faoite M.D. (Ireland), Helen Watt (UK), Anthony MacCarthy (UK) and Audience participation
- 4.00 pm      MCI's Project Isiolo, Kenya  
Robert Walley (Canada)  
Obstetrician and and Gynaecologist  
Katrin Heeskens (Germany)  
Formerly Diocesan Health Coordinator Apostolic Vicariate of Isiolo
- 4.30 pm      The Future of MCI - Discussion  
MCI Staff
- 5.30 pm      **Presentations and Close**
- 8:00 pm      **Dinner**

**Day 5 Sunday, September 22nd**

- 8:30 am      **Closing Mass and Homily**  
Rev. Richard Taylor (UK)  
MCI's Spiritual Advisor

## **DEPARTURE**

### **Social events;**

- Informal gathering on the roof of the Bambina each evening - BYOB
- Evening visit to Vatican Museum to be arranged
- Guided 2 hour evening walk-about the Vatican and Rome

### **Accommodation**

- (Euro) for single room per day (bed, breakfast, and 2 meals) per day €90
- (Euro) for double room per day (2 people - bed, breakfast, and 2 meals). €170

### **Please note:**

- \*\*\*Accommodation rate will be 1 set price for either single or double rate (regardless of meals taken)
- \*\*\*Earliest check in September 17th and latest checkout is September 22rd.

**Alternate accommodation nearby available once the Bambina is full.**

### **Registration**

€ 400 per person. Spouse accompanying fee € 200. Student rate: € 200

**Please reply by using the subject line "MaterCare Rome Conference 2013"**

**\*\*\*\*\*There are no corporate sponsors for the event.**

### **Conference Address**

Istituto "Maria SS. Bambina"  
Via Paolo VI, 21 - Rome  
Tel: +39 06 698 93511 Fax: +39 06 698 96540

### **Getting there;**

The Istituto is close to St. Peter's Basilica. (see below)  
From Fiumicino airport (Airport Code-FCO) take a taxi directly address above; €50 - less if shared.  
or take the train to Termini (Rome's mainline station) €15, then white taxi €15 or bus #64 to St. Peter's:  
not easy, crowded but cheaper  
or a train to Trastevere station and from there, a second train to St. Peter's station. Ok if you know your way around.

26/06/13