



CONSEJO PONTIFICIO DE LA CULTURA

A EUROPE THAT IS CHANGING



"A Europe that is Changing: Patrimony for the 21st century for a better living together" was the theme of a meeting bringing together the Ministers for Cultural Heritage of the Council of Europe in Namur, Belgium, 22-24 April 2015.

Two officials of the Pontifical Council for Culture formed part of the Holy See's delegation: Delegate Bishop Carlos Azevedo and Fr Laurent Mazas.

In the talk (see below for full text in French), the Holy See's delegation echoed the Holy Father's words to the European Parliament last 25 November 2014 in underlining not just the role of Christianity's patrimony in the past for the formation of Europe, but also what it can offer to enrich it now and in the future.

Identifying two challenges of opening up and globalising a multipolar Europe to make cultural heritage available to all and of ensuring dialogue for the harmony of people of different opinions and reflections, the intervention notes how Europe's cultural patrimony already carries out a fundamental role of service to humanity.