



“Charism and Creativity” – a conference on cultural heritage

A press conference was held Feb. 17 to present an upcoming international conference on the cultural heritage of religious institutes. Catalogues, management and innovation will be at the focus of reflections. Preliminary results of a questionnaire sent to religious congregations and societies of apostolic life already offer some significant insight into the current situation: only 25% have some sort of catalogue. You can view the [press conference here](#), and see the programme and sign up by [following this link](#).



Expo Dubai - The Holy See Pavilion

The Holy See's Pavilion at Expo remains open to the public and saw some notable visitors on the occasion of the anniversary of the [Document on Human Fraternity](#) (Feb. 4), with the presence of Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso and members of the Higher Commission for Human Fraternity. Those who want to take a virtual visit may link to the dedicated [website](#) or download the app ([android](#)) ([apple](#)). A presentation piece has also appeared in the scientific review “[Thema](#)” ([pdf](#)). Celebrations are planned to mark the Holy See's National Day (Mar. 19).

R.I.P. fra Fabio

The Dicastery participated in the birth to the heavenly home of former undersecretary and later member Fabio Duque Jaramillo, o.f.m. Known to the staff in Rome during his time here (1994-2003) for his good humour and ever-present Christian word, he is sorely missed. One of the current undersecretaries was able to join the mourning and celebrating in Colombia and will be reflecting at length on Fabio's legacy in our journal.



Meeting of Catholic Cultural Centers

UPAEP and the Dicastery are organizing the 17th Encounter of Cultural Centers, which this year has the theme “Vocation to love and the challenges of living in masculinity”, Feb. 22-24, 2022.

<http://upaep.mx/centrosdecultura>



Pontifical Academies



The XXV Public Sitting of the Pontifical Academies took place Feb. 2, recalling the figure of Giovanni Battista De Rossi (1822-1894) and his contribution to Christian Archaeology. The Secretary of State read a message from the Holy Father. The main prize this year went to Prof. Győző Vörös, Member of Hungarian Academy of Arts, for his project on The Machaerus Archaeological Excavations [[Letter from the Holy](#)

[Father](#)] [[EWTN Video report](#)].

Visitors have included the ambassador of Gabon, a delegation from the LMU Munich university, and the committee behind the completion of the *Sagrada Familia*, Barcelona.

Activities of the Superiors:

- Cardinal **Gianfranco Ravasi** opened the XI Forum of the Pontifical Academy of Theology with a talk on New Itineraries for Theology. He spoke at the Public Session of the Pontifical Academies, and in popular media his presence has been felt as an attentive follower of music, including Sanremo.
- Bishop **Carlos Alberto de Pinho Moreira Azevedo** has been presiding over the promoting committee preparing the Charism and Creativity Conference.
- Bishop **Paul Tighe** together with his work with focus groups on Artificial Intelligence is preparing for the European Catholic Social Days (www.catholic-social-days.eu)
- Mons. **Melchor Sánchez de Toca** was in Colombia for the funeral of Bishop Fabio Duque, Feb. 12. He was also in close dialogue with the International Olympic Committee on the occasion of the message from the Holy Father to the Winter Olympics and Paralympics Beijing 2022: [news](#) / [text](#) / [video](#).
- Mons. **Carlo Maria Polvani** together with its Advisory Board has developed a plan of activities for the Courtyard of the Gentiles.



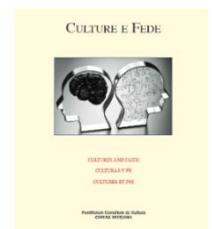
Segni - Only a few days remain for the exhibition on display at the Museo di Roma, at Palazzo Braschi. Forty-two photographs developed using an innovative technological printing method portray the testimony of women who have suffered domestic violence. It is realized thanks to the contribution of our Women's Consultation Group and the Courtyard of the Gentiles.

Publications



The Acts of a conference on music have now been published and are available from the publishing house Aracne.

And the latest edition of our journal has been sent out to subscribers. The monographic section this time is dedicated to Artificial Intelligence, looking at questions of consciousness and human nature, philosophical, legal and ethical challenges, and how we can live AI better as a society.



On the horizon:

Feb. 22-24: *Vocación al amor y los desafíos en la vivencia de la masculinidad*. 17° Encuentro de Centros de Cultura. Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, México

Feb. 23-24: *Il Secolo di Giovanni Battista de Rossi*, Convegno, Roma [\[info\]](#)

March 19: Holy See's National Day, Expo Dubai

March 29: Courtyard on Equitable Taxes, with Giuliano Amato, Luca Antonini, Franco Gallo, Giuseppe Schlitzer, and the Comandante Generale della Guardia di Finanza

May 4-5: *Charism and Creativity*. Conference on the Cultural Heritage of Religious Congregations and Societies of Apostolic Life, Rome

May 18: Courtyard of the Gentiles, Ambrosetti, Milano on *Words and Meaning*

For further info about these stories see our review [Cultures and Faith](#), our website www.cultura.va and social media