



PONTIFICIA ACADEMIA
PRO VITA

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

BORN EQUAL? A GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

**New Hall of the Synod, Vatican City
25-26 June 2018**

Presentation

The conference will be centered on the perspective of “Global Bioethics.”

An ethics of the person and of persons that is also, necessarily, an ethics of responsibility for the environment in which human beings live and that they will deliver to future generations. “The human being is a creature of this world” – writes Pope Francis in *Laudato si'* – and for this “we are not able to overlook consideration of the effects of environmental degradation, of the current model of development and of the culture of waste of the life of people.”

Poverty and inequality with respect to social determinants for health, as well as access to health care, produce serious and sometimes irreparable consequences for people's lives. Pope Francis, in his Message to the participants in the European Regional Meeting of the World Medical Association on the "end of life questions", organized together with the Pontifical Academy for Life and held at the Vatican on 16 and 17 November 2017, underlined, together with the risks of 'therapeutic obstinacy, the existence of' a so-called systemic tendency to the increase in therapeutic inequality', which is 'clearly visible at global level', but also within the richer countries. In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations, the third objective indicated is "to ensure health and well-being for all and for all ages" and to open the list of goals to be achieved there is a reduction in mortality maternal and that of infants and children up to 5 years, who continue to dig a deep furrow of inequality and injustice between rich and poor. To contribute to the achievement of these goals, in terms of scientific reflection and research and the promotion of concrete initiatives, is one of the forms of witness and commitment to the protection of life that is born.

Monday, June 25, 2018

Afternoon

FIRST SESSION

Moderators: Mons. P. Sequeri, Prof. M. Thiel

15:00 – **Welcome**

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life (Vatican City)

15:15 - **Global Health and Justice**

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Director of the WHO) - Ethiopia – video message.

15:55 – **The Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (2005) and the dialogue between cultures**

Prof. Stefano Semplici (past Chair of UNESCO International Bioethics Committee) – Italy.

16:35 - Discussion

17:05 - Coffee Break

PUBLIC WORKSHOP - SECOND SESSION

Moderators: Prof. Roberto Dell'Oro, Prof. M. Barahona

17:30 - ***From Evangelium vitae to Laudato si': perspectives for Global Bioethics***

Prof. Rodrigo Guerra Lopez – Mexico

18:00 - **The Fundamental Role of Education**

Prof. Henk Ten Have – USA

18:30 - Discussion

19:00 - **Practical experience – Video**

Community of S. Egidio - Italy

19:15 – **Conclusion**

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Morning

PUBLIC WORKSHOP - THIRD SESSION

Moderators: H.E. Msgr A. Bochaty, Prof. E. Akiba

09:00 - **Introduction**

09:10 - **Ethics of “Coming into the World”**
Prof. Lisa Cahill – USA

09:35 - Discussant – Prof. Laura Palazzani - Italy

09:40 - **Neonatal Health and Pregnancy**
Prof. Marta Fracapani – Argentina

10:05 - Discussant – Prof. Janusz Gadzinowski - Poland

10:10 - **Birth and Economic Inequalities**
Prof. Carlo Hanau – Italy

10:35 - Discussant – Prof. Tomi Thomas - India

10:40 - Discussion

11:00 - Coffee Break

PUBLIC WORKSHOP - FOURTH SESSION

Moderators: Msgr. C. Simón Vazquez, Prof. A. Pessina

11:25 - **Evolution of Prenatal Diagnosis Techniques, Ethical and Policy Challenges**
Prof. Marie-Jo Thiel – France

11:50 - Discussant – Prof. Kevin Fitzgerald - USA

11:55 - **Birth and Migrations**

Msgr. Robert Vitillo – Switzerland

12:20 - Discussant – Prof. Chiara Giaccardi - Italy

12:25 - Discussion

13:00 - **Practical Experience – Video**

CUAMM - “Medici con l’Africa” - Italy

13:15 - **Conclusion**