



MaterCare International's 7th International Conference for Catholic and Other Christian/Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Theme: The Hope of Motherhood and the Ethical Practice of Obstetrics.

Objectives

- To consider the Encyclical *Spe Salvi* (*Saved by Hope*)
- To consider Hope and Motherhood (*20th Anniversary*)
- To consider Hope and *Humanae Vitae* (*40th Anniversary*)
- To consider Hope and the International Declaration of Human Rights (*60th Anniversary*)
- To consider Hope and Ethical Obstetrical Practice
- To consider the Hope of Recent Advances in Stem Cells Research
- To consider the Hope and Alternatives to Abortion (*30th Anniversary*)
- To consider Hope and Goals of MaterCare International
- To provide an opportunity to raise and discuss other issues
- To provide an opportunity to make and renew professional friendships

"Quodcumque dixerit vobis, facite"
(DO WHAT EVER HE TELLS YOU)

Date: November 5th-9th, 2008
Place: Istituto "Maria SS. Bambina"
Via Paolo VI, 21 – Rome
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The centre is close to St. Peter's Basilica. From Fiumicino airport (Rome) take a taxi directly to the centre (€50); or take the train to Termini (Rome's mainline station) €12, then bus #64 or taxi to the Istituto, which is next to St. Peter's Basilica and the Augustinianum University.

Language: English

Wednesday, November 5th, 2008

- 11:00 am** MaterCare International Board Meeting
1:00 am **Lunch**
2:30 pm MaterCare International Board Meeting Resumed
3:00 pm **Registration**
7:00 pm **"Welcome"**
Dr Robert Walley
Honorary Research Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Executive Director, MaterCare International
Dr Adrian Thomas
Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
Chairman, MaterCare International
Dr Jose Maria Simon de Castellvi
President, FIAMC
- 7:20 pm** **Opening Address**
Catholic Inspired NGOs and Co-operation with the Holy See
Mons. Pietro Parolin, Under-Secretary for Relations with States
Office of the Secretary of State of the Holy See
- 8:00 pm** **"Get acquainted" reception.**

*******Please note that Dinner will NOT be served tonight!**

Thursday, November 6th, 2008

- 8:30 am** **Holy Mass**
Celebrant and Homilist
H.E. Javier Cardinal Lozano B
President, Pontifical Council for the Family
- SESSION 1** **UNDERSTANDING HOPE**
- 9:30 am** **Key Note Address**
Hope and Health Care
H. E. Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan
President, Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care
- 10:10 am** **Break**
- 10:30 am** Hope Springs Eternal - A Biblical Reflection
Rev. Richard Taylor
Professor of Scripture, United Kingdom
- 11:00 am** Christian Hope and the Good of Mothers and Children
Rev. George Woodall
Professor of Moral Theology and Bioethics
Pontifical University, Regina Apostolorum, Rome
- 11:30 am** The Hope of Women and of Motherhood (20th Anniversary of Mulieris Dignitatem)
Mrs. Karen Hurley
President General
World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation, USA
- 12:00 pm** The Catholic/Pro-life Obstetrician- Protecting Life and Hope
Dr. John Seeds
Board Member MaterCare International
Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Virginia Commonwealth University, USA
- 12:30 pm** Discussion
- 1:00 pm** **Lunch**
- SESSION II** **THE HOPE OF HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION**
- 2:30 pm** Law & Respect for Human Dignity (60th Anniversary of
Universal Declaration on Human Rights)
Rev, Thomas Williams L.C.
Head of Moral Theology
Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum
- 3:00 pm** Reproductive Rights and Soft Law
Mr Douglas Sylva
Fellow, Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, USA
- 3:30 pm** International Pro-Life Focus on Law Makers
Mrs. Katherine Sinnott MEP
Member of the European Parliament (Ireland)
- 4:00 pm** Human Rights Legislation on Life from Beginning to End.- Hope in Action
Mr. Nikolas Nikas
President and General Council
Bioethics Defence Fund, USA
- 4:30 pm** **Break**
- 5:00 pm** An Obstetrician's Experience Offering - Hope in Liberia
Dr. Eileen Reilly
Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologists, Scotland
- 5:30 pm** MaterCare International Projects - Maternal Rights and Hope in Practice.
Dr. Robert Walley
Executive Director, MaterCare International
- 6:00 pm** Discussion
- 7:00 pm** **Close**

Friday, November 7th, 2008

8:30 am **Holy Mass**
Celebrant and Homilist
H.E. Cardinal Ennio Antonelli
President, Pontifical Council for the Family

SESSION III HUMANAE VITAE - HOPE IN PRACTICE

9:30 am Humanae Vitae and Hope in Practice 1968-2008
Rev. George Woodall
Professor of Moral Theology and Bioethics
Pontifical University, Regina Apostolorum, Rome

10:10 am Naprotechnology I: Scientific Foundations
Dr. Phillip Boyle,
Consultant, Fertility Care Clinic, Galway, Ireland

10:50 am **Coffee**

11:20 pm Naprotechnology II: In Practice
Dr. Phillip Boyle

12:00 pm Have your say, Panel Discussion and Questions

1:00 pm **Lunch**

SESSION IV ABORTION - THE ABSENCE OF HOPE

2:30 pm The Effect of Abortion on the Moral Character of the Provider
Mr Anthony Ozimic

3:00 pm Political Secretary, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) UK
The Psychological Effects of Abortion
Dr. Patricia Casey

3:30 pm Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University College Dublin, Ireland
The New International Abortion First Policy
Ms. Susan Yoshihara

4:00 pm Vice President, Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (CFAM), USA
Break

4:30 pm Palliative Care in Perinatal Medicine as an Alternative Hope to Eugenic Abortion
Dr. Sylvie de Kermadec
Scientific Committee, Lejeune Foundation, Paris, France

5:00 pm Abortion, Women, and Building a Culture of Life -Hope in Action
Mrs. Dorinda Bordlee, General Council
Bioethics Defence Fund, USA

5:30 pm Post Abortion Syndrome
Mrs. Ann Lastman
Founder of Victims of Abortion, Trauma and Counselling
Services, Australia

6:00 pm Discussion Have Your Say

6:30 pm **Close**

8:00 pm **Dinner**

Saturday November 8th, 2008

8:30 am **Holy Mass**
Celebrant and Homilist

SESSION V ETHICAL PRACTICE OF OBSTETRICS - HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

9:30 am Ethical Reproductive Technologies - Misplaced Hope?
Dr. Helen Watt
Director Linacre Centre for Health Care Ethics, London, England

10:00 am Humanae Vitae and Pastoral Care
Rev. Jaroslav Szymczak
Lecturer, Lomianki Institute of Studies on the Family
University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Warsaw, Poland

10:30 am **PAPAL AUDIENCE, REQUESTED (2 HOURS)**

1:00 pm **Lunch**

SESSION V (Cont) FORUM ON TRAINING IN OBSTETRICS - HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

2:30 pm New Evidence of the Association of Stem Cells with Cancers
Dr. Clem Persaud
Retired Professor of Medical Microbiology and Biotechnology, Victoria, Canada

3:00 pm Prenatal Diagnosis - with Understanding and Hope
Dr. Sylvie de Kermadec
Scientific Committee, Lejeune Foundation, Paris, France

3:30 pm **Break**

4:00 pm **FORUM: TRAINING IN OBSTETRICS/GYNAECOLOGY -HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

General discussion on training and decisions

Speakers;

Dr. Ludmilla Lázníčková

Gynaecologist

Institution CENAP

Czech Republic

Dr. Adrian Thomas

Chair, MaterCare International

Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Mercy Hospital, Melbourne, Australia

Dr Rudolph Ehmann

Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

Rev/Dr Steve Roberts

Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

Doctoral Student in Bioethics

University Regina Apostolorum, Rome

6:00 pm **Close of conference**

8:00 pm **Dinner**

Sunday November 9th, 2008

8:30 am **Closing Holy Mass**
Celebrant and Homilist

9:30 am **GUIDED TOUR OF THE BASILICA OF ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS**
2008 Marks the celebration of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle in the Jubilee Year bi-millennium (2000 years) of his birth. This is a major event at the Basilica the site of his tomb. Sr. Assumpta Williams, a guide at the Basilica, will lead a special tour for the participants. Approximately 2 hours

REGISTRATION FEES

€200- Full Participation in the workshop (Nov 5th – 9th)

€75- Daily Rate (if not attending full conference)

€75- Students and Priests

€50- Accompanying persons

REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

Workshop Kit

Participation in the workshop

Wine and cheese reception (November 5)

Guided tour of St. Paul's Basilica.

Social gatherings (SS Bambina Roof)

***** **Note:**

Registration Fees DO NOT include meals for those who DO NOT have accommodation at the Bambina. Meals maybe purchased at a fee of €12.50 per person per meal. Please contact secretariat.

SPONSORSHIP

We are asking participants and speakers if possible to help sponsor colleagues from Africa and post-Communist by contributing to the costs of their own airfares and accommodation. These savings will help pay the costs of colleagues coming from Africa and post-Communist countries.

There are no corporate sponsors for the conference.

ACCOMMODATION

**ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.
LIMITED ROOMS AVAILABLE.**

*******ALL ROOMS ARE BOOKED**

RATES PER PERSON PER DAY ARE IN €- EUROS

SINGLE ROOM

€80 - Includes accommodation and 3 meals/day/person

DOUBLE ROOM (2 single beds)

€75 - Includes accommodation and 3 meals/day/person

TRIPLE ROOM (3 single beds)

€70 - Includes accommodation and 3 meals/day/person

*******RATES ARE FIXED REGARDLESS OF MEALS MISSED!**

THE INSITUTE'S RATES FOR CHILDREN

Up to 3 years - No charge.

From 3 to 6 years are charged 50%.

The accommodation is excellent and the hospitality provide by the sisters is simple and homely. Daily cleaning and changing of towels are **NOT** provided. Guests look after their rooms during their stay.

MEAL TIMES

Breakfast 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Lunch 1:00 pm- 2.00 pm

Supper 8:00 pm- 9:00 pm

The Istituto gates close at 11:00 pm and open again at 6 am. You will have to take a later morning departure flight from Rome. A taxi to the airport costs €50 and takes one hour depending on traffic.

MCI 7th International Conference Accommodation/Registration Form

November 5-9, 2008 Institute SS Bambina, Rome, Italy

Surname: _____ **Dr.** [] **Mr.** [] **Mrs.** [] **Ms.** [] **Fr.** []

First name(s) _____ **Institution/organization:** _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Accompanying person(s): _____

Accommodation only possible November 3-11.
 Children up to 3 years are not charged. Those from 3 to 6 years are charged 50%.

Accommodation on a first come first served basis
*** Deposit required to guarantee accommodation**

	Rate	x (# of persons)	Total Accom Daily Rate (TADR)	TADR
Accommodation rates includes bed/3 meals	Single room	€ 80	x 1	€ 80
	Double room (per person)	€ 75	x 2	€ 150
	Triple room (per person)	€ 70	x 3	€ 210
if more than one room required- (TADR)				0

	Workshop Fees €200	Accompanying Person €50	Students €75	Priests €75	REGIST TOTAL
Registration fees per person	+	+			

Sponsorship : make a donation to help cover expenses for doctors from developing countries. MCI will waive their reg €

Arrival date	Departure date	# of days x TADR Total	REGIST TOTAL	Sponsorship amount		TOTAL
		x	+	+	=	€

Deposit (Registration fee + 1 days accommodation)

Deposit/Fees payable by cheque, money order, bank draft to MCI (in €). For office use only

For VISA (only): use form below or visit our secure website.
 Payment by VISA subject to additional 5% fee (VISA fee).

Visa # _____

Expiry date: _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Total	0		
Deposit		Date Paid	
Balance Remaining	0		
Balance Paid		Date paid	
Balance Remaining	0		

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