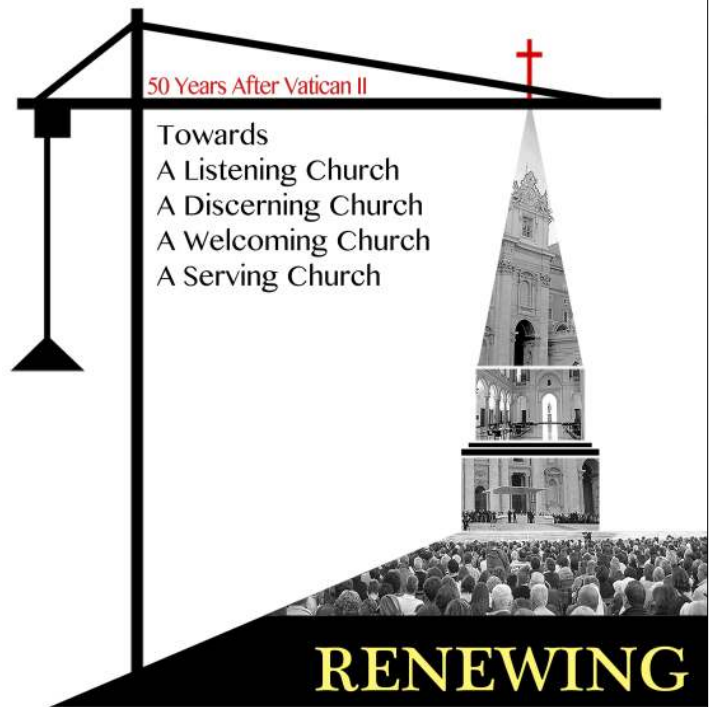




This Joint International Conference is the result of an effort which began with the identification by Professor Charles Taylor, author of *A Secular Age*, of four disjunctions of Church and People relating to (a) *seekers* who have left ecclesial practice in search of the Spirit, (b) the *magisterium* charged with pastoral responsibilities; and (c) contemporary *moral guidance*, (d) in a world of *plural spiritualities*. Presently the project is working to articulate four emerging characteristics of the Church as (a) not only *listening* to the experience of the laity (b) but *discerning* the path ahead, and hence (c) *welcoming* the seeker and (d) *serving* their broad religious needs in a context deeply marked by pluralism and diversity.

Scholars around the world - but for now particularly in the West - are invited to join the effort of Church renewal which this Conference represents, based on the work of more than a dozen Research Teams in different parts of Europe and North America. As a joint project of the *Council for Research in Values and Philosophy* (RVP) with the *Pontificia Università Gregoriana* (PUG) in Rome, the Conference intends to contribute to the universal Church as it faces the many present challenges. As such, the Conference will also function as a launching pad for similar initiatives to follow on the impact of secularization across Asia, Africa and Latin America. The hope is to contribute to the worldwide renewal of the Church in search of Truth, Beauty and the Good as the emergence of God's Kingdom in human history.

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PROGRAM

March 4th, 2015

14:30-15:30 OPENING SESSION

- Welcome by R.P. **François-Xavier DUMORTIER SJ**, Rector of the *Pontifical Gregorian University*
- Remarks by R.P. **George F. McLEAN OMI**, President of the *Council for Research in Values and Philosophy*
- Opening Address by S.E. **Card. Gianfranco RAVASI**, President of the *Pontifical Council for Culture*

15:30-17:00 *The Dynamics of Secularity in the West*

- **José CASANOVA**, *Georgetown University, USA*: «*A Catholic Church in a Global Secular World*»
- **Hans JOAS**, *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany*: «*The Church in a World of Options*»

MODERATORS: Archbishop **Thomas MENAMPARAMPIL SDB**, India & **João J. VILA-CHA SJ**, *Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma*

17:00-17:30 PAUSE

17:30-19:00 *A LISTENING CHURCH: Implications of Science and Technology, Imagination and Subsidiarity*

- **Louis CARUANA SJ**, *Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma*: «*Nurturing the Human Face of Science*»
- **Leon DYCZEWSKI OFMCONV**, *John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland*: «*New Technologies and Styles of Evangelization*»
- **Daniel DECKERS**, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Germany*: «*Being Pope Francis*»

MODERATORS: **Nicolas de BREMOND D'ARS**, *Centre d'Études Interdisciplinaires des Faits Religieux [CEIFR]*, France & **Richard ROUSE**, *Pontifical Council for Culture, Roma*

March 5th, 2015

9:00-10:30 *A DISCERNING CHURCH: the Gospel Experience, and Foundations in Secular Times for Renewed Hope*

- **Tomáš HALIK**, *Charles University, Czech Republic*: «*Discerning the Signs of the Times*»

- **Juan Carlos SCANNONE SJ**, *Colegio Máximo de San José, Argentina*: «*Iglesia y Discernimiento Espiritual en una Edad Secular y un Mundo Global*»
- **Massimo GRILLI**, *Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma*: «*Tutto è grazia. Rilettura dei macarismi/ beatitudine oggi, nella Chiesa*»

MODERATORS: **Philip J. ROSSI SJ**, *Marquette University, USA* & **Pavel HOSEK**, *Charles University, Czech Republic*

10:30-11:00 PAUSE

11:00-12:30 *A WELCOMING CHURCH: Pluralism, Encounter and Dialogue*

- **Robert SCHREITER CPPS**, *Catholic Theological Union-Chicago, USA*: «*Spirituality as Platform and Forum for Encounter*»
- **Anthony J. CARROLL**, *Heythrop College, United Kingdom*: «*Dialogue With Sceptics*»
- **Adriano FABRIS**, *Università di Pisa, Italy*: «*Rethinking Universality for a True Interreligious Dialogue in a Pluralistic Age*»

MODERATORS: **Helen ALFORD OP**, *Pontificia Università San Tommaso, Roma* & **Taras DOBKO**, *Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine*

13:00-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

15:00-16:30 *A SERVING CHURCH: Polarization, Participation and Peace*

- **Adela CORTINA**, *University of Valencia, España*: «*Religiones y Ética Cívica Transnacional en el Espacio Público: Un Camino hacia la Paz*»
- **Peter JONKERS**, *Tilburg University, Netherlands*: «*A Serving Church: Overcoming Polarization through Participation*».
- **William BARBIERI**, *Catholic University of America, USA*: «*Kenotic Ethics for a Servant Church*»

MODERATORS: **Staf HELLEMANS**, *Tilburg University, Netherlands* & **James CORKERY SJ**, *Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma*

16:30-17:00 PAUSE

17:00-19:00 LECTIO MAGISTRALIS

- **Charles TAYLOR**, *McGill University, Canada*: «*Authenticity: The Life of the Church in a Secular Age*»
- Commentator: **William DESMOND**, *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium*

MODERATORS: **Mary McALEESE**, *Former President of Ireland* & **Michael-Paul GALLAGHER SJ**, *Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma*

19:00-19:15 CONCLUSION