

New Challenges for Catholic Peacebuilding

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Objectives

From South Sudan, the Middle East and Central America to Congo, Colombia and the Philippines, the Catholic Church is a powerful force for peace, freedom, justice and reconciliation. But such impressive and courageous peacebuilding by Catholic communities often remains unknown, under-analyzed and unappreciated.

With this premise and anticipating the 50th anniversary of *Pacem in terris*, this seminar hopes to yield two beneficial outcomes:

1. To contribute to better mapping and analysis of best practices of contemporary Catholic peacebuilding as carried out in various ways at various levels of society; and
2. To consider how *Pacem in terris* remains a living teaching that can inform and inspire the further development of the Catholic theology, ethics, practice, and spirituality of peacebuilding.

With these overarching objectives in mind, this seminar is designed to elicit insights and explore challenges for the future of Catholic peacebuilding, including ways in which the Church's approach to peacebuilding constitutes a growing edge for Catholic Social Doctrine and theology. Among the questions to be discussed are the following:

- How would current approaches to peacebuilding be different if they were defined more explicitly in terms of a vocation of the Church and individual Christians to be peacebuilders?
- How could new approaches to governance, sovereignty, mediation and post-conflict reconciliation inform further theological and ethical reflection, and benefit from them?
- What is the relationship between peacebuilding and other themes, such as human rights or reconciliation, which are central to *Pacem in terris* and Catholic Social Doctrine generally?
- To what extent do the Church's beliefs, principles, and practices offer distinctive contributions to the theory and practice of peacebuilding?
- To what extent do Catholic approaches share features in common with other religious and secular forms of peacebuilding?

AGENDA: Tuesday, 29 May

8.30 “New things” in the theology, ethics, and practice of Catholic peacebuilding

Fr. Robert Schreiter, C.PP.S., *Catholic Theological Union* (moderator)

Pacem in terris as a living document

Card. Peter Turkson, *Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*

Peacebuilding as fruit of Holy See diplomacy

Msgr. Ettore Balestrero, *Secretariat of State* (invited)

Peacebuilding as a *praxis* of Catholic social teaching

Fr. Józef Niewiadomski, *University of Innsbruck*

Best practices in Catholic peacebuilding

Mr. Michel Roy, *Caritas Internationalis*

9.30 Small groups

10.30 Break

11.00 The Church, public engagement, and good governance

Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love, *The Catholic University of America* (moderator)

Abp. John Baptist Odama, *Gulu, Uganda; Uganda Episcopal Conference*

Abp. Marcel Utembi Tapa, *Kisangani, Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Msgr. Héctor Fabio Henao, *National Social Pastoral Secretariat/Caritas Colombia*

Sr. Filo Hirota, MMB, *Catholic Council for Justice and Peace, Japan*

12.00 **Small groups**

13.15 Lunch

15.00 Interreligious and ecumenical peacebuilding, and reconciliation

Prof. Marco Impagliazzo, *Sant'Egidio Community* (moderator)

Sr. Mary Tarcisia Lakot, *Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative, Uganda*

Fr. George Sigamoney, *Caritas Sri Lanka*

Fr. Nithiya Sagayam, *Human Development Office, FABC*

16.00 Break

16.30 **Small groups**

17.45 Adjourn

18.00 Holy Eucharist in the Pontifical Council's chapel

19.30 Dinner at Corsetti 1921, piazza San Cosimato, 27

AGENDA: Wednesday, 30 May

8.30 **Human rights through a peacebuilding lens**

Mr. Hippolyt Pul, *Catholic Relief Services* (moderator)

Abp. Charles Bo, *Yangon, Myanmar; Human Development Commission, FABC*

Bp. Matthew Hassan Kukah, *Sokoto, Nigeria*

Mme. Laura Vargas, *Episcopal Commission for Social Action, Peru*

Dr. Jörg Lüer, *German Bishops' Conference*

9.30 **Small groups**

10.30 Break

11.00 **Many actors, different charisms, one vocation**

Prof. Gerard Powers, *University of Notre Dame* (moderator)

Holy See: **Msgr. Giampietro Dal Toso**, *Pontifical Council Cor Unum*

Episcopal conferences: **Sr. Marie-Bernard Alima Mbalula**, *DR Congo and ACEAC*

Caritas agencies: **Bp. Giorgio Bertin**, *Caritas Somalia and Djibouti*

Catholic organizations: **Mme. Marie Dennis**, *Pax Christi International*

Universities: **Fr. William Headley, C.S.Sp.**, *University of San Diego*

The military: **Dr. Heinz-Gerhard Justenhoven**, *Institute for Theology and Peace*

12.00 **Reflections on cutting-edges and trends**

Dr. Scott Appleby, *University of Notre Dame*

Card. Peter Turkson, *Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*

13.30 Adjourn

Special Event

Seminar participants are invited to attend a special separate event sponsored by the Community of Sant'Egidio and the Catholic Peacebuilding Network.

18.00 Dinner Reception
Community of Sant'Egidio
piazza Sant'Egidio, 3

20.30 Evening Prayer