

Program

Wednesday, 12 November

Arrival and registration

Thursday, 13 November

- 8.15 Morning Prayer
- 8.30 INITIAL GREETING AND INTRODUCTION
The Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles laici: magna charta* for Catholic laity in our times
Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko
- 9.30 CONFERENCE
Theology of the lay vocation in light of an Ecclesiology of Communion: the lay faithful's identity
Cardinal Angelo Scola
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 **Concrete experiences of the lay vocation today**
Paola Bignardi, Salvatore Martinez, Guilherme Vaz
- 11.30 Debate
- 12.45 Summary remarks by the speaker
- 13.15 Lunch
- 15.30 CONFERENCE
Christian initiation and maturity in the faith: rethinking religious instruction of the laity
Archbishop Reinhard Marx
- 16.15 Debate
- 17.00 Break
- 17.30 CONFERENCE
The new era of group endeavours of the lay faithful
Guzmán Carriquiry

- 18.15 Debate
- 19.00 Eucharistic Celebration
- 20.00 Dinner

Friday, 14 November

- 8.15 Morning Prayer
- 8.30 PANEL DISCUSSION
The mission of the lay faithful in public life:
- the culture of life and the defense of the family
Lola Velarde
- work and the market place
Thomas Hong-Soon Han
- education and culture
Carl Albert Anderson
- 9.30 Debate
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 PANEL DISCUSSION
The mission of the lay faithful in public life (cont.):
- social communications
Josep Miró i Ardèvol
- politics
Luca Volontè
- international organizations
Alessandro Zuccari
- 12.00 Debate
- 13.15 Lunch
- 15.30 CONFERENCE
The lay faithful: equal participants in building up the Christian community
Bishop Michel Dubost
- 16.15 Debate
- 17.00 Break
- 17.30 Debate

- 19.00 Eucharistic Celebration
20.00 Dinner

Saturday, 15 November

- 8.15 Morning Prayer
- 8.45 **The welcoming of the new members and consultors**
Responsibilities and tasks
Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko
- 9.15 Questions
- 10.15 Departure for Vatican City
- 12.00 **Audience with the Holy Father**
- 13.30 Lunch
- 15.30 **The activities of the Pontifical Council for the Laity: reviewing
the last five years and looking ahead to the future**
Bishop Josef Clemens
- 16.30 Open discussion
- 17.00 Break
- 17.30 Open discussion
- 18.30 Conclusion
- 19.00 Eucharistic Celebration
- 20.00 Dinner

Sunday, 16 November

Departure



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