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# CATECHESIS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: A NECESSARY ENGAGEMENT IN THE DAILY PASTORAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Pontifical Urbaniana University (Via Urbano VIII, 16 – Rome),  
October 20 – 22, 2017*

## **Friday, October 20, 2017**

- 14:00** Arrival and Welcome
- 15:30** Opening prayer (led by the *Fede e Luce Community*)
- 15:45** *The Profession of Faith: “To believe” - One’s response to God who reveals Himself*  
**Archbishop Rino Fisichella**  
*President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization*
- 16:30** *Life in Christ: The person made in the image of God*  
**Stefano Toschi**, Association “*Beati noi*” (Bologna, Italy)  
**Pia Matthews**, Lecturer, *St. Mary’s University* (London, England)
- 17:30** Break
- 18:00** The protection of persons with disabilities  
**Sheila Hollins**, *Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors*
- 18:15** Presentation and the opening of the exhibition on the accessibility of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Pastoral and catechetical tools for the inclusion of persons with disabilities.



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## Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 9:00** Opening prayer (led by the European Deaf Community)
- 9:15** *The celebration of the Christian mystery:  
Sacraments as precious occasions for catechesis*  
**Miguel Romero**, Professor, Salve Regina University (U.S.)  
**Bishop Peter A. Comensoli**, Bishop of Broken Bay (Australia)
- 10:15** Break and move to the Clementine Hall in the Apostolic Palace
- 12:00** **Audience with Pope Francis**
- 13:30** Lunch
- 15:00** Prayer (led by those with Autism)
- 15:15** *The celebration of the Christian mystery: Experiences of catechesis*  
**Isabel de la Taste**, Service National de la Catéchèse et du Catéchuménat  
Déléguée aux Pédagogies de Catéchèse pour le Handicap,  
Episcopal Conference (France)  
**Mary O'Meara**, Executive Director of the Department of Special  
Needs Ministries, Archdiocese of Washington (U.S.)  
**Fr. Giuseppe Fabrini and Fiorenza Pestelli**, Parish of Santa Maria di Loreto  
(together with those with disabilities from the Archdiocese of Pesaro - Italy)



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**16:15** *Christian Prayer: The religious dimension*

**Fr. Diego Pancaldo**, Professor, Italia Centrale, Moderator of the Association Maria Madre Nostra (together with those with intellectual disabilities from the Diocese of Pistoia - Italy)

**Fr. Michael Depcik, OSFS**, Director of the Catholic Deaf Community, Archdiocese of Detroit (U.S.)

**17:15** Break

**17:45** *Christian Prayer: Experiences of catechesis*

**Petites Soeurs disciples de l'agneau**: Contemplative Community of Religious Sisters with Sisters with and without Down's syndrome (Le Blanc, France)

**Cristina Gangemi**, Kairos Forum, Director, Expert in the Field of Disability (England)

**Fr. Gabriele Pipinato**, Diocese of Padova, Founder of the Saint Martin Catholic Social Apostolate of Talitha-Kum and the L'Arche Community of Nyahururu (Kenya)

**Anne Dewulf**, Community of S. Egidio (Belgium)

**19:00** *Catechesis and persons with disabilities: conclusions and perspectives*

## Sunday, October 22, 2017

**10:30** Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica

**12:00** *Angelus Prayer* in St. Peter's Square



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