



PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE

What's been going on at the Pontifical Council for Culture
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Church, Music, Interpreters: A Necessary Dialogue

“The artist, the interpreter and – in the case of music – the listener, all have the same desire: to understand what

beauty, music and art allow us to know of God’s grandeur,” said Pope Francis to the participants of the third International Church and Music Conference, organized by the Dicastery and held in the Vatican 7-9 Nov. 2019. The Pontiff continued: “Now perhaps more than ever, men and women have need of this. Interpreting that reality is essential for today’s world.” The event invited world-renowned musicians and composers to converge on Rome to contribute their voices and share their experiences.



Sport4Humanity Conference

Undersecretary Mons. Sanchez de Toca travelled to Georgetown University to attend a Sport4Humanity conference at Georgetown University, where open dialogue and conversation about the empowering values of Sport took place. Naturally, the Sports conference began with a basketball match between Georgetown’s Hoyas and Mt. St. Mary’s. A series of moments followed including the reading of a Message from the Holy Father (left) and remarks by our Member Cardinal Lacroix at the National African American History Museum. The conference itself focused on four issue areas: Sport and Values, Change through Sports, Sport for all, and Bridging Divides.



New Members and Consultors

The Holy Father has named as members: Cardinals Baltazar Enrique Porras Cardozo, Apostolic Administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of Caracas and Archbishop of Mérida (Venezuela); Jozef De Kesel, Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussels; Joseph William Tobin, C.S.S.R., Archbishop of Newark (U.S.A.); Luis Francisco Ladaria Ferrer, SJ, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; Archbishops Jose S. Palma of Cebu (Philippines); Gerard Tlali Lerotholi, O.M.I., of Maseru (Lesotho); and Bishops Marian Florczyk, Auxiliary of Kielce (Poland) and Antonino Raspanti, of Acireale (Italy). Our new consultors are Roberto Battiston, Maud de Beauchesne-Cassanet, Fr. Paolo Benanti, Sister Dominica Dipio, Sister Mariella Mascitelli, Sister Pat Murray, Daniele Pasquini, Fr. Eric Salobir and Fr. Tamas Toth. ([more info here](#)).



Mons. Tomasz Trafny travelled back to **EXPO Beijing**, the 2019 International Horticultural Exhibition to receive, on behalf of the Holy See, the highest prize in the category “International Indoor Area,” receiving maximum votes for originality of content, creativity and connection to the Expo theme.

Two Consultation bodies (young people and women) met on Oct. 14 and Oct. 24, respectively, and a *Dante Centenary Committee* has also been formed.

And videos of the conference **The Common Good in the Digital Age** have now been uploaded to our YouTube channel. [Do check them out!](#)



Course on Languages and Cultures of Latin America

The Pontifical Council for Culture is continuing to sponsor a Course on Languages and Cultures of Latin America, which is held at San Giovanni Battista dei Fiorentini. Our official Fr Benjamin Aguirre gave a welcome address at the beginning of the course. The programme is available [at this link](#).

Visitors to the Dicastery have included Cardinal Porras Cardozo and theologian Gustavo Gutierrez, the Ambassadors of Mexico, Croatia, Switzerland, Indonesia and Bulgaria, and a group of parliamentarians from Martinica. Other visitors included bishops in *ad limina* from India.

Other Engagements of the Superiors

Cardinal Ravasi participated in the celebrations for the canonisation of Cardinal Newman and was particularly delighted to host a concert in his church of San Giorgio where Newman was also titular cardinal. He was in Pamplona for a theology symposium speaking about the Bible as the mother tongue of the world, and he spoke at a conference on Interreligious Dialogue at the Seraphicum, celebrating the 8th centenary of the encounter between St. Francis and Sultan al-Kamil. He engaged in a dialogue on “Building the Sacred Space” with architect Mario Botta (click on picture for video). He was also at BookCityMilano for a dialogue on books with the Italian writers Carofiglio and Gramellini and then in Trieste for a Courtyard of the Gentiles on “Previdenza and Provvidenza,” a dialogue between the secular and Catholic viewpoints at the Teatro Rossetti. Other speaking engagements have included the proslusion for the opening of the academic year at the Lombard university “Carlo Cattaneo” and an international cultural heritage conference organized by the Carabinieri.



The Undersecretary, Monsignor Sanchez de Toca was in Santiago de Chile for a Courtyard of the Gentiles.

The Adjunct Undersecretary, Monsignor Carlo Maria Polvani was in Milan for a Courtyard of the Gentiles at the Cattolica and attended the Scientific Consultation Body of the Courtyard.

Journal: Cultures and Faith

The latest edition of our review *Cultures and Faith* is dedicated to youth perspectives on contemporary issues. It has now been printed and sent to our subscribers. Within the edition, young people discuss their thoughts on communication in the digital age, the ails faced by youth, including drug addiction, peer pressure, violence, citizenship, ideals, etc.



Upcoming Events

Dec 4. *Dies Academicus*, Pontifical Academies

Further material on these stories can be found in our review Cultures and Faith, published three times a year, on our website www.cultura.va, and on social media.