

Newsletter

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Caritas in Veritate Foundation

"Authentic development must foster the development of each man and the whole man."

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



The New Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN, H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič took office on 1 April 2016. Since his appointment he has participated and chaired several conferences and is directly involved in the strategic planning of the Foundation for the coming years. Throughout the spring and the summer of 2016, the Foundation has organized several conferences and launched different mid and long term projects (mentioned hereafter). H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič is looking forward to fruitful years ahead, with the hope for continued financial support from institutional and private donors and also to an excellent cooperation with the scientific collaborators who help us to deliver fast and pertinent information and expertise to enhance our work at the UN.

- **Board:** As president of the Foundation, H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič appointed two new board members: H.E. Albrecht Freiherr von Boeselager *ad interim*, Grand Chancellor of the Order of Malta and Mr. Xavier Rey. The new constellation of the board is as follows: H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič (President), Mr. Marc Odendall (Treasurer), Mr. Jean Tardieu (Secretary), Mgr. Richard Gyhra (Member), H.E. Albrecht Freiherr von Boeselager (Member *ad interim*), Mr. Xavier Rey (Member). The members of the Board will support and help the Foundation in its future work and fundraising efforts.
- **Personnel:** Ms. Arianna Castronovo will be in charge of current affairs during the maternity leave of the Director Alice de La Rochefoucauld. However, emails can still be directed to delarochefoucauld@fciv.org.
- **Donors:** The Foundation is very grateful for the financial support provided by individuals and institutional donors, which enables us to continue to witness to Christian values in the international context of Geneva. However, we need to assure a long term financial stability and, therefore, we need your help. Our future work depends on your voluntary contribution. You can help us by funding concrete projects or by contributing to the development of the Foundation.



ACTIVITIES

Conferences

Throughout the year, the Foundation participates in the organization of several high-level seminars to discuss specific topics of international relevance. In recent months, the President of the Foundation participated in and intervened on the following:

- 105th Session of the International Labor Conference (ILO), in Geneva, May-June 2016;
- 14th Ministerial Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in Nairobi, July 2016;
- General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in Geneva, October 2016

In April 2016, the Foundation, together with the Pontifical Council for the Family and Catholic Inspired NGOs Forum Geneva organized the first international presentation of Pope Francis's "Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*" in Rome. More than fifty ambassadors accredited to the Holy See and twenty representatives of NGOs were present during the interventions of H.E. Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia and H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič.

During the 32nd Session of the Human Rights Council in June 2016, the Foundation and the Mission of the Holy See organized a side-event at the UN on the "Joy of Love: Family as a Vital Force in Society". The conference referred to the family as the most incredible resource of humanity and claimed for its support through concrete policies. Through the family, quality of life improves in terms of values, social and economic development. H.E. Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family gave the key-note speech. Follow the [link](#) to download all the interventions.

The 32nd and 33rd Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) of the UN took place in June and September 2016, respectively. The Holy See Mission, with the support of expertise provided by the Foundation, intervened on the following topics:

- The Right of Women
- Migrants
- Human Rights and Business
- Cybersecurity
- The Right to Water
- The Right of Older Persons

The next Human Rights Council will take place in March 2017, during which the Holy See Mission and the Foundation will organize a side-event on "Unaccompanied Child Migrants".



Conference on "Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*",
Rome, April 2016



Event on "Joy of Love: Family as a Vital Force in Society", Palais des Nations (Geneva), June 2016

Publications

The seventh working paper on "Death and Dignity: New Forms of Euthanasia" was published in July 2016. It discusses the compatibility of this "right" with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (Follow the [link](#) to Download the document)

We are currently working on two new working papers:

- Analyzing the ethical impact and perspective of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems: humanization of robots and robotization of human beings? (publication planned for first half of 2017)
- The right to Water and Sanitation as a basic human right (publication planned for Summer 2017)

THE CARITAS IN VERITATE FOUNDATION WORKING PAPERS
"The City of God in the Palace of Nations"

Death and Dignity: New Forms of Euthanasia

*A Catholic Perspective on the
Human Right to a Dignified Death*



AREAS OF FURTHER STUDY

- **Business Ethics**
- **Religious Freedom**
- **Education**
- **Ethical Challenges posed by a changing society due to advanced technology:** The need to develop a model of development that puts technology at the service of common good and human dignity.
- **Migrant Integration in Europe:** What are the requirements and expectations that the European countries should demand regarding migrant integration and how can these expectations be implemented?



OUR MISSION

The **Caritas in Veritate Foundation** is grounded in Christian values and the social teaching of the Catholic Church. It aims to provide Christian Representatives at the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva with expertise and strategic thinking. By closely collaborating with the Holy See Mission and the Mission of the Order of Malta to the UN, as well as with Catholic-inspired non-governmental organizations, the Foundation contributes to the negotiations and the decision-making process involved. Thanks to its research capability and to its commitment to excellence, the aims of the Foundation are to humanize international life by contributing the perspective of Christian faith and the priority given to the human person.

The goal of the Foundation is to articulate in the international arena the positions of the Holy See and the Catholic Church, as a contribution to an international culture that prioritizes peace and integral human development.

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