



THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD

Fourth International Theological Congress

for the Jubilee of the Third Centenary of the Foundation of the Passionist Congregation

It is three hundred years since Saint Paul of the Cross founded the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ on Monte Argentario (GR) (1720-2021). The Superior General Father Joachim Rego wanted the event to be celebrated also with a great moment of study. He entrusted it to the Gloria Crucis Chair led by the Passionists at the Pontifical Lateran University.

The title chosen focuses on the centrality of the Wisdom of the Cross capable of unleashing the immense saving power in support and enrichment of all the cultures that are under heaven. Therefore all languages need to be redeemed and guided by the vision of Christ the Prince of Peace.

The most representative personalities in the academic world were invited. Biblical and theological research, accompanied by contributions of the philosophical, pastoral, psychological, sociological, artistic, cinematic, musical worlds etc..

The personalities who will animate the Congress in various ways are 88.

The Rector of the Pontifical Lateran University Prof. Vincenzo Buonomo welcomes. The Superior General of the Passionists will introduce the 3rd centenary and the theme of the Congress. The President of the Union of Superiors General, the Most Reverend Father Arturo Sosa Abascal, Superior General of the Jesuits, will also speak.

The Passionist apostolic and social dimension is represented by the pioneering work of Dr. Richard Frechette C.P. who works in Haiti, including a photographic exhibition of the difficult humanitarian situations in Haiti. The exhibition is curated by the Francesca Rava Foundation.

Another exhibition is aimed at representing the Passion of Christ in sacred art curated by Dr. Giuseppe Bacci. The two exhibitions will be located at the Scala Santa in Rome and on display to the public from 4 - 30 September 2021.

Music on the Passion of Christ is also highlighted. On the evening of the first day of the Congress, at the Basilica of the Generalate of the Passionists, the renowned musician Mons. Marco Frisina will organize a concert on the music of the Passion.

The Congress will take place at the Pontifical Lateran University from the morning of September 21 and will end in the afternoon of September 24 with the Eucharistic celebration in the Basilica of San Giovanni. It will also be streamed online. The morning sessions will have simultaneous translation in Italian, English and Spanish. The four afternoon sessions will be divided into Italian, English, Spanish and French with 16 presentations per afternoon.

I recommend everyone to follow the Congress website www.congressopassionista2021.eu

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