

MATERCARE INTERNATIONAL (MCI)
11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
MATERNAL HEALTH CARE AND THE CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE

AFFILIATED TO THE WORLD FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS (FIAMC)

Date: August 31st – September 4th 2015

Place: Istituto Maria SS Bambina, Rome
Address: Via Paolo VI, 21 – Rome (Across from St. Peter's Basilica)
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Important Events: The Year of the Synod of the Family
20th Anniversary of Evangelium vite
Holy Year of Mercy, Dec. 8, 2015, to Nov. 20, 2016.

MOTHERHOOD. To appreciate the importance of motherhood in our contemporary world at least four complementary approaches must be envisaged by those in whose professional expertise this responsibility lies.

FIRSTLY, the Catholic obstetricians and midwives must be obstetrically **COMPETENT**, in all the skills associated in caring for mothers. Legal and social aspects are a fundamental part of the doctor's and midwife's remit. This is what the law, society and the Church rightly expect of them.

SECONDLY, the Catholic doctor must have the **CONVICTION** that Catholic teaching on ethics, magisterially guided, is not only true, but totally beneficial for the patients requiring medical assistance within the scope of his or her competency.

THIRDLY, this involves the doctor's appreciation of the nature of society at large and of each particular local **COMMUNITY** within it. Motherhood is foundational for the flourishing of every society, and for every individual community, which is a constituent part of that society.

FOURTHLY, the doctor must appreciate that motherhood is so fundamental to human existence that profound **COMPASSION** is necessary. This involves compassion for all mothers and families, believers or not, who suffer to beget and bring up their children.

Day 1 Monday August 31st

- 9:00 am** **MaterCare International Retreat**
Directed by Fr. Richard Taylor (UK)
Spiritual Advisor, MaterCare International
- 1:00 pm** **Lunch**
- 3:00 pm** **MaterCare International Council Meeting**
- 5:00 pm** **Registration**
- 6:30 pm** **“Welcome Wine and Cheese Reception ”**
(No Dinner Served)
Dr. Bogdan Chazan (Poland)
Chairman, MaterCare International
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Dr John Lee President FIAMC, (Singapore)
Professor Robert Walley (Canada)
Founder and Executive Director, MaterCare International

Opening Address by video link

His Grace, Anthony Fisher
Archbishop of Sydney Australia

9:00 pm “Get Acquainted” gathering on the roof of the Bambina. BYOB

Day 2 Tuesday September 1st

8:30 am Holy Mass
Msgr Jacques Suaudeau
Ecclesiastical Assistant

SESSION 1 COMPETENCE

9.30 am Catholic Physicians in a moving world: “Be not afraid, "go ahead" in the year of Mercy"
Msgr Jacques Suaudeau
Ecclesiastical Assistant
World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations (FIAMC)

10:00 am Student Forum will discuss
Dr. Ewa Zwolinska (Poland)
Experiences on Completing the Residency in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
Why did you choose the specialties – was it a wise decision?
What kind of support did you need?
What do you think the future holds?
Would you encourage another Catholic doctors?
Dr. Natalia Suszczewicz (Poland)
On beginning the Residency in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
Why did you choose the specialties?
Is Obstetrics and Gynaecology a popular specialization in Poland?
What help could MaterCare International be – arranging electives?

10.30 am Break

11:00 am “Catholic Teaching on Religious and Conscientious Objections to Unjust Laws"
Rev/Dr. Joseph Tham (Rome)
Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum

12.00 pm Social communications demonstration
Jennifer Derwey (Canada)
Social Media Director, MaterCare International

12.30 pm Discussion

1:00 pm Lunch

SESSION 2 CONVICTION

3:00 pm Conscience and Blessed John Henry Newman
Rev. Richard Taylor (UK).

Spiritual Advisor, MaterCare International

3:30 pm **Courts, Codes, Control, Compassion, and Cruelty: Lessons from Canada**
Prof. Margaret Somerville (Canada)
Professor of Law, and Medical Ethics. McGill University,

4:00 pm **Cooperation and Complicity: Some Moral Principles**
Dr. Helen Watt, (UK)
Anscombe Biethics Centre , Oxford

4:30 pm **Break**

5:00 pm Break-out Session
Questions and Discussion of days session

6:00 pm **Group Report and Discussion**

7:00 pm **Close**

8:00 pm **Dinner**

Day 3 Wednesday September 2nd

8:30 am **Holy Mass and Homily**

SESSION 3 CONVICTION (CONTINUED)

9:30 am **Utilizing our Profession in Spreading our Faith**
Sr/Dr. Pilar Nunez (Spain)
Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Professor of Medical Ethics

10:00am **Professional Discrimination**
Obstetrical: Dr. Bogdan Chazan (Poland)
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Chairman of the Council of MaterCare International
Midwifery: Mrs. Connie Wood and Mrs. Mary Doogan (Scotland)
Senior Midwives

11:00am **Break**

11:20am **National Experiences from:** (UK, USA, Australia, Czech Republic, Italy....

12:00pm **Declaration of Faith**
Dr. Bogdan Chazan (Poland)
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

12:30pm **Professional Obligations and Human Rights**
Mr. Nik Nikas & Mrs. Dorinda Bordlee (USA)
Bioethics Defense Fund

1:00pm **Lunch**

SESSION 4 COMMUNITY

3:00 pm **MaterCare International Improving Catholic presence in Maternal Health Care**
Foundation, Bylaws, Achievements, Strategic plan, the Future
Dr. Robert Walley, (Canada)
Founder, Executive Director, MaterCare International

3:30 pm **Catholic Midwives and the Future of Maternal Health**
Ms Dominika Pasierb (Poland)

4:00 pm **Break**
4:30 pm **Project Isiolo and the need for Volunteers**
 Mr Simon Walley and Dr. Robert Walley (Canada)
5:00 pm **Breakout session**
6:00 pm **Discussion Question.**
 Is there a future for the Catholic Department of Obstetrics?
6:30 pm **National Experiences (Continued):** DRC, Nigeria, India, New Zealand
 Spain, Nigeria, Ireland, Canada)
7:00 pm **Close**
8:00 pm **Dinner**

Day 4 Thursday September 3rd

8:30 am **Holy Mass and Homily**
 H.E. Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski
 President, Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers

SESSION 5 COMPASSION

9:30am **Depo-Provera and Sayana.**
 Dr. Chantal Amisi (Democratic Republic of Congo)
 Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
10:00am **Three Parent Babies, or No-Parent Babies**
 Dr. Helen Watt, (UK)
 Anscombe Bioethics Centre
10:30 am **Break**
11:00 am **The Geneva Declaration on Perinatal Care**
 Dr. Eoghan de Foite (Ireland)
 Medical Practitioner, Youth Defense.
11:30 am **Reversing Medical Abortion**
 Dr. Mary Davenport (USA)
 Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
12:00 pm **Euthanasia**
 Mr. Alex Shadenberg (Canada)
 Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
12:30 pm **Discussion**
1:00 pm **Lunch**

SESSION 6 COMPASSION

3:00 pm **Concluding Summation**
 Dr. Elvis Seman (Australia)
 Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Chairman MaterCare Australia
 Open Discussion of Questions
 Is there a future for Maternal Health with a Catholic Conscience?
 How do we do remain relevant to the Gospel of Life?
 How can we be Creative during the Holy Year of Mercy and beyond?

5:00 pm **Closing remarks and Presentation**

Day 5 Friday September 4th

8:30 am Closing Mass and Homily

DEPART

PAPAL AUDIENCE SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL AUDIENCE ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd

Conference Location

Istituto "Maria SS. Bambina"
Via Paolo VI, 21 – Rome
Tel: +39 06 698 93511 Fax: +39 06 698 96540

Directions

The Istituto is close to St. Peter's Basilica. (see below)
From Fiumicino airport (Airport Code-FCO) take a limousine single or shared **€50** (see Limo booths as you exit from the baggage claim to the centre)

Registration excluding meals

€400 per person.
Spouse accompanying fee €200.
Clergy, Religious, seminarians, medical, nursing students rate: €200
Daily registration for € 150 meals + lunch or dinner €15

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Social events;

- Informal gathering on the roof of the Bambina each evening - BYOB
- Optional Evening visit to Vatican Museum to be arranged (Cost Euros 32 per person)
- Friday afternoon optional visit by coach (cost to be determined) to the **Monastery of St. Benedict in Subiaco** enshrines the cave (*Sacro Speco*) in which St. Benedict lived as a hermit before he organized his first monastic community. Subiaco is located southeast of and makes a convenient day trip either from Rome (1 hour) Located amid spectacular natural scenery, the monastery is still active but welcomes visitors to pray at Benedict's cave and explore the church covered in beautiful medieval frescoes. Among the many fascinating frescoes is a portrait of St. Francis of Assisi painted during his lifetime.

Accommodation

(Euro) for single room per day (bed, breakfast, and 2 meals) per day €100
(Euro) for double room per day (2 people - bed, breakfast, and 2 meals). €180

Please note:

*****Accommodation rate will be 1 set price for either single or double rate (regardless of meals taken)**
*****Earliest check in and latest checkout is**

Alternate accommodation nearby available once the Bambina is full.

Taxi (from airport)

Participants can arrange pickup from the airport prior to arriving in Rome. Email: gianni_lucarino@fastwebnet.it.
Subject line: MaterCare Rome Conference. Rate (not including tax or tip) for conference participants are:

From 6:30 am - 21:30 pm

1-3 persons €37

4-6 persons €52

7-8 persons €62

From 21:30 pm - 6:30 am

1-3 persons €42

4-6 persons €57

7-8 persons €67

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