

**MATERCARE INTERNATIONAL'S
8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

THE DIGNITY OF MOTHERS AND OBSTETRICIANS - WHO ON EARTH CARES!

Date: August 31st - September 4th 2011

Place: Istituto Maria SS Bambina, Rome
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Under the protection of: Mary, the Mother of God
Saint/Dr. Gianna Baretta Molla
Blessed Pope John Paul II

**"Quodcumque dixerit vobis, facite"
(DO WHAT EVER HE TELLS YOU)**

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 Obstetrician must be medically **COMPETENT**, skilled in all that concerns matters obstetrical and gynecological. This not only involves being informed professionally in all the skills associated in helping mothers medically. Legal and social aspects are a fundamental part of the doctor's remit.

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 Wednesday August 31st

- 9:00 am** MaterCare International Retreat
Theme "Let Us Pray about Our Lives and Professions"
Directed by Fr. Richard Taylor
MaterCare International's Spiritual Advisor
- 1:00 pm** Lunch
- 3:00 pm** MaterCare International Board Meeting
All welcome
- 5:00 pm** Registration
- 6:30 pm** "Welcome Reception "
Dr. Bogdan Chazan (Poland)
Chairman, MaterCare International
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
CEO and Medical Director, Holy Family Hospital Warsaw
Dr. Jose Maria Simon de Castellvi (Spain)
President, FIAMC (World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations)
Professor Vincenzo Sarraceni (Italy)
President, Italian Catholic Medical Association
Professor Robert Walley
Founder and Executive Director, MaterCare International
- 8:00 pm** Dinner (on your own)
- 9:00 pm** "Get Acquainted" gathering on the roof of the Bambina.

Day 2 Thursday September 1st

- 8:30 am** Holy Mass
Celebrant and Homilist
Archbishop/Doctor Ignacio Carrasco
President Pontifical Academy for Life
- SESSION 1** **CONVICTION**
- 9:30 am** Opening Address
Our Lady and Her Divine Motherhood and the Dignity of all Mothers
Archbishop/MD Ignacio Carrasco (Spain)
President of the Academy for Life
- 10:30 am** Break
- 10:50 am** The Witness of the Catholic Obstetrician; A Sign of Contradiction in the World of the Culture of Death
Rev. Richard Taylor (United Kingdom)
Spiritual Advisor MaterCare International
- 11:30 am** The Sacredness of Conscience and Legislative Attacks on the Right to Practice According to Conscience.
Senator Ronan Mullen (Ireland)
- 12:10 am** Questions and Discussion
- 1:00 pm** Lunch

SESSION 2**CONVICTION****3:00 pm**

Faith and Reason. The Obstetrical Implications of Fides et Ratio
 Professor Stratford Caldecott (United Kingdom)
 Oxford University

3:40 pm

Evangelisation and Training of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists: the Role of the
 Magisterium.

Rt Rev Msgr Suaudeau MD (Italy)
 Official, Pontifical Academy for Life

4:20 pm

Dignitas Personae Explained
 Rev Maurizio P. Faggioni MD (Italy)
 Ecclesiastical Assistant FIAMC

5:00 pm

Motherhood and the New Feminism
 Dr. Leonie Caldecott (United Kingdom)

5:40 pm

The Dignity of Motherhood, its Nuptial Significance and Moral Limits to Clinical Intervention
 Maria Klepacka-Srodon (United Kingdom)

6:00pm

Questions and Discussion

6:30pm**Close****8:00pm****Dinner****Day 3 Friday September 2nd****8:30 am****Holy Mass and Homily**

H.E. Zygmunt Zimowski
 President, Pontifical Council for Health and Pastoral Care.

SESSION 3**COMMUNITY****9:30 am**

The Current Political Climate and the Rights of Mothers.
 Congressman Christopher Smith (N. J. USA)

10:10 am

The Hope of Motherhood for Africa
 Dr. Henrietta Williams (Nigeria)

10:40 am**Break****11:00 am**

Maternal Mortality and the 5th Millennium Development Goal
 Dr. Donna Harrison (USA)

Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

11:40 am

The New International Abortion First Policy
 Dr. Susan Yoshihara (USA)

Executive Vice – President

Catholic Family and Human Rights Foundation

12:20 pm

Questions and Discussion

1:00 pm**Lunch****SESSION 4****COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)****3:00 pm**

The International Pro-life Movement
 Mrs. Marie Smith (USA)

3:40 pm

Demographic Decline and Policies that Promote Families
 Nikolas T. Nikas (USA)

3:55 pm

Law, Policy & Medical Screening to Protect Mothers from Abortion Coercion
 Dorinda C. Bordlee (USA)

4:10 pm

Global Contraception – Global Devastation
 Dr. Rudolf Ehmann (Switzerland)

4:50 pm

The Complications of Induced Abortion
 Dr. Elvis Seman (Australia)

Consultant Obstetrician

5:30 pm

The Trouble with IVF
 Dr. Bogdan Chazan (Poland)
 Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
 Chairman of the Council of MaterCare International
 Director of the Holy Family Hospital, Warsaw

6:10 pm

Questions and Discussion

6:30 pm**Close****8:00 pm****Dinner**

Papal audience requested.
Private access to Vatican Museum requested.

Social events;

Informal gathering on the roof of the Bambina each evening

Private visit to the Vatican museums requested.

Movies to be shown each evening

Love is a Choice - The Life of St/Dr Gianana Beretta Molla

The Demographic

Eggsploitation – The Infertility Industry has a Dirty Secret

Baby Steps Live from the Womb - 16 Stages of Pre-Birth Development

Videos on the development of MaterCare’s Project Isiolo

Accommodation

€85(Euro) for single room per day (bed, breakfast, and 2 meals)

€160 (Euro) for double room per day (2 people- bed, breakfast, and 2 meals).

Please note:

*****Accommodation rate will be 1 set price for either single or double rate (regardless of pension type)**

*****Earliest check in August 29th and latest checkout is September 5th.**

We are looking as well for alternate accommodation once the Bambina is full.

Please reply with subject line "MaterCare Rome Conference 2011"

Registration

€300 per person. Spouse accompanying fee €100.

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The centre is close to St. Peter’s Basilica. (see below)

From Fiumicino airport (Airport Code-FCO) take a taxi directly to the centre; or take the train to Termini (Rome’s mainline station), then bus #64 to St. Peter’s; or a train to Trastevere station and from there, a second train to St. Peter’s station.



Left hand side of St. Peter's Square



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