

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

**EDUCATIONAL CONSTELLATIONS  
- A PACT WITH THE FUTURE**

IN THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL'S DECLARATION  
GRAVISSIMUM EDUCATIONIS

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30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Auditorium Conciliazione, Rome

**09.00 - 09.30**

**OPENING SESSION**

**Card. José Tolentino de Mendonça**, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education

Message from **António Guterres**, Secretary General of the United Nations

**Antonello Maruotti**, Professor of Statistics at the Libera Università Maria Santissima Assunta, Italy: *A infographic on Catholic education around the world currently*

**09.30 - 11.00**

**SESSION 1 – Education: the extreme relevance of a universal right**

**H.E. Mons. Carlo Maria Polvani**, Secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education (Moderator)

**Francesc Torralba i Roselló**, Philosopher and theologian; Member of DCE; Universidad Ramon Llull, Spain

**Fr. Arturo Sosa Abascal, S.J.**, President of the Executive Council of the Union of Superiors General

**Sr. Miriam Altenhofen, S.S.p.S.**, Representative of the International Union of Superiors General

**Hervé Lecomte**, General Secretary of the International Office of Catholic Education

**Rev. Francisco Ramírez Yáñez**, President of the International Federation of the Catholic Universities

**Elena Beccalli**, President of the European Federation of Catholic Universities

Artistic intervention

**11.15 – 13.30**

**SESSION 2 – Educating for a changing cultural context**

**H.E. Mons. Paul Tighe**, Secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education (Moderator)

**Luciano Floridi**, Philosopher and expert in digital ethics; Yale University, USA

**Jorge Audy**, Expert in innovation of education; Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Filomeno Lopes**, Philosopher; Guinea-Bissau

**Sr. Veronica Donatello, S.F. Alc.**, National Pastoral Office for people with disabilities – Italian Episcopal Conference



**The new projects by the Dicastery for Culture and Education:**

**Mons. Davide Milani** (Observatory on the universal access to education)

**Vittorio Calabrese** (Observatory on the Church and contemporary visual cultures)

**Nuno Crespo** (Triennale of Arts of the Catholic Universities)

**13.20 – 15.00**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**15.00 - 16.30**

**SESSION 3 – Educating for hope in a time of fragility**

**Fr. Andrea Bozzolo, S.D.B.**, President of the Conference of the Rectors of the Pontifical Roman Universities and Institutions (Moderator)

**Fr. Gary McCloskey, OSA**, expert on the Pedagogy of Saint Augustine; USA

**Fr. James F. Keenan, S.J.**, moral theologian; Boston College, USA

**Alex Behn**, Director of the Millennium Institute for Depression and Personality Research at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile – Chile

**Tommaso Villa Spazzini**, Artist

Artistic intervention of the choir of the Pontifical Institute for Sacred Music

16.30 - 18.00

## **SESSION 4 – Reviving the Pact with Hope: The Educational and Cultural Commitment of Catholic Schools and Universities**

**Isabel Capeloa Gil**, president of Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities (Moderator)

**Card. Antoine Kambanda**, Archbishop of Kigali, Rwanda; Grand Chancellor of the Institut Pacte Éducatif Africain

**Card. Mario Poli**, Archbishop emeritus of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Educational Pact in Argentina

**Mons. Elias Gonsalves**, Archbishop of Nagpur, India; Director of the Culture and Education Office, Conference of Catholic Bishops of India

**P. Ezio Bono** and **Carina Rossa**, LUMSA, Italy; Coordinators of the Global Compact on Education



### **Visions for the future**

**Dialogue with Jon Fosse**, writer and playwright, winner of the 2023 Nobel Prize for Literature



### **«We came forth to see the stars again»**

**Fr. Guy Consolmagno, S.J.**, astronomer at the Vatican Observatory