

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

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

IN THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL'S DECLARATION
GRAVISSIMUM EDUCATIONIS

30th 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 Catolica 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**, 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