

# 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Congress *The Wisdom of the Cross in a pluralistic World*



## The Wisdom of the Cross in a pluralistic World

**INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CONGRESS**

ROME, PONTIFICAL LATERAN UNIVERSITY FROM SEPTEMBER 21 TO 24, 2021

The Congress entitled, “*The Wisdom of the Cross in a pluralistic world*”, begins on **21 September 2021 at 9:00 AM** in the Aula Magna (main hall) of the Pontifical Lateran University. In-presence participation is possible as well as remotely via **livestreaming in English, Spanish and Italian**. The first event will be the **enthroning of the Crucifix**. This is a crucifix that dates to the 1700s and was used by St. Paul of the Cross, the Founder of the Passionists (1694-1775)\*.

After the prayer, the **message that the Pope** sent to the participants of the Congress will be read. Then **Cardinal João Braz de Avis**, Prefect of the Congregation for Consecrated Life and Institutes of Apostolic Life will greet the assembly of participants in presence and online.

This will be continued by the greeting of the Rector President of the Lateran University, **Prof. Vincenzo Buonomo**, followed by the presentation of **Fr. Fernando Taccone**, Director of the Congress. **Fr. Joachim Rego**, Superior General of the Congregation of the Passion, the sponsor of the Congress, will give the proslution on the theme “*The wisdom of the Cross-- the path to reconciliation in a pluralistic world*”.

After the break at 10:45 AM, Prof. **Antonio Pitta**, Pro-Rector of the Pontifical Lateran University, will give a presentation on the biblical aspect of the topic: “The wisdom of the cross and the challenges of cultures.” The theological aspect of the same topic will be addressed by Prof. **Tracey**

**Rawland**, the University of Notre Dame, Australia. Due to anti-Covid restrictions, the professor will make her presentation via Zoom.

All the ceremonies and presentations during the morning will be live-streamed on the Youtube and Facebook channels of the site [www.passiochristi.org](http://www.passiochristi.org)

In the afternoon at 3:00 PM the **four language sections** (English, Spanish, French, Italian) will commence, each with a report and four communications. The four moderators and all the participants will meet at 5:30 PM in the general assembly for a round table discussion in which

each group will share the content of the interventions during the group assemblies. The **round table** discussion, unlike the language groups, will be streamed in the three official languages (English, Spanish, Italian).



### \*The Crucifix of St. Paul of the Cross

The crucifix that will be enthroned in the Aula Magna of the Lateran University was a crucifix used by St. Paul of the Cross when he preached missions. It had a unique aspect of being able to be folded (arms and legs) and thus be placed in a case and easily transported. At the time for preaching about the Passion it was opened and brought to the pulpit and held before the preacher. An important part of the preaching about the Passion was the “dialogue” that took place between the preacher and the Crucified One.



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