



*Consulatore Generale per il Ministero*  
*Consultor General for Ministry*

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Date

Re: **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CAMILLIAN CHAPLAINS**

Dear Fr. \_\_\_\_\_,

Health and peace!

"Called to behold and to bear witness to the transfigured face of Christ, we Camillian religious are also called to a transfigured existence which finds in creative faithfulness to the charism of mercy towards the sick, the spirit and the passion so that 'we do not bury the very valuable talent that our Lord has placed in our hands because we achieve holiness during our lives and then in eternal glory'." (Camillian Project)

Chaplaincy is at the heart of the Camillian ministry. It is a privileged type of ministry in a sense that it occupies 35% of the total number of the Camillian ministries globally. However, it is also facing serious concerns such as *a)* lack of enthusiasm of the young religious to this type of ministry; *b)* the tendency to limit its activity to purely sacramental and less pastoral (accompaniment and formation); and *c)* lack of visibility and creativity from our publications and promotions.

Following the above concerns and the recommendation of the Camillian Project, the General Secretariat for Ministry is organizing an international conference of the Camillian chaplains. The theme of the conference is "**Hospital chaplaincy, at the heart of the Camillian ministry**". The conference is scheduled on **November 4-6, 2016** at the *Generalate House of the Brothers of the Christian Schools* in via Aurelia, 476 - 00165 Rome, Italy. (See program below).

The heart of any charism is the following and witnessing of the merciful love of Christ to the most vulnerable and suffering. This could only be possible if we ourselves see Christ Himself in the sick person and be Christ to them. In union with this conviction, this conference aims to **1]** to rediscover direct contact with the sick in order to nurture empathetic nearness and

compassion accompanied by a renewed competence as an effective exercise of our fourth vow (*Camillian Project 2.5*); **2]** to revitalize this specific Camillian ministry and recover its centrality; and **3]** to produce a manual of Camillian Chaplaincy Ministry promoting innovations and creativity.

On behalf of the organizers of this conference, I am encouraging you to send at least two (2) representatives from your Province/Delegation. To facilitate learning, there will be a simultaneous translation from Italian, English, Spanish and French. Kindly confirm your participation **on or before August 15, 2016** by sending their names together with a photocopy of the passport page details in PDF format if you need an entry visa. You may send your confirmation or inquiry to **Fr. Aris Miranda** ([arismir@gmail.com](mailto:arismir@gmail.com) ) or to **Fr. Antonio Puca** ([pucaantonio45@gmail.com](mailto:pucaantonio45@gmail.com)).

Through the intercession of St. Camillus, may God keep you always in good health!

Fraternally yours,



Aris Miranda, MI  
Consultor

*See below for the detailed schedule of activities.*



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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CAMILLIAN CHAPLAINS

Program of Activities – November 4-6, 2016

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via Aurelia, 476, 00165 Roma

TIME	Friday – November 4	Saturday – November 5	Sunday – November 6
07:30	<i>Speakers:</i>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
08:00	<b>Fr. Frank Monks, MI</b> (Superior General 2001-2007)	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:00	<b>Mrs. Rosabianca Carpene</b> (President Lay Camillian Family 2007-2013)	Recapitulation 1	Recapitulation 2
09:15	<b>Don Carmine Arice</b> (Director, National Office Pastoral Health-CEI)	<b>Talk 2:</b> In the Place of our Ministry: “the joys and sorrows of the world of health are the our joys and sorrows” (cf. GS, 1) - ( <i>Rosabianca Carpene</i> )	<b>Talk 4:</b> Palliative Care: A new and old challenge ( <i>Dr. Laura Marotta</i> )
10:15	<b>Dr. Laura Marotta</b> (Head, Palliative Care Unit Niguardo di Milano Hospital)	<b>Group Work 2:</b> The world of health according to the local context	Meeting with the Superior General and Dialogue (Fr. Leocir Pessini, MI)
11:15		Coffee Break	Conclusion
11:45	<b>ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION</b>	Plenary 2	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> (Fr. Leocir Pessini, MI)
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
15:00	*Opening Prayer *Introduction to the Conference ( <i>Aris Miranda, MI</i> )	Session starts	
15:15	<b>Talk 1:</b> The Prophetic Dimension of the Camillian Charism in the World of Health ( <i>Frank Monks, MI</i> )	<b>Talk 3:</b> The Universal Church and the Contribution of the Camillian Charism to the Exercise of Her Mission ( <i>Don Carmine Arice</i> )	
16:15	<b>Group Work 1:</b> Our experiences in the chaplaincy as Camillians	<b>Group Work 3:</b> The Camillian Contribution to the Local Church	<b>HOME SWEET HOME</b>
17:15	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
17:45	Plenary 1	Plenary 3	
18:45	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	
19:30	Supper	Supper	