

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herrn!

Hiermit möchte ich Ihnen unseren kommenden internationalen Kongress vom 6-8. November 2008 in Rom im Vatikan zum Thema Organspende herzlichst ankündigen, mit der Einladung via Kongreßwebsite www.agiftforlife2008.org mit uns Kontakt aufzunehmen bzw. sich anzumelden und potentiellen Interessenten betroffenen Fachleuten, selbstverständlich auch Studenten diese Information über Ihre Medien weiterzureichen. Der Heilige Vater Papst Benedikt XVI. wird vorrausichtlich an der Konferenz persönlich teilnehmen und eine von Betroffenen und Fachleuten langerwartete und erbetene Stellungnahme der Kirche zum Thema Organspende veröffentlichen. Den Kongress organisieren wir als Weltdachorganisation katholischer Ärzteverbände mit Sitz im Vatikan www.FIAMC.org zusammen mit der Päpstlichen Akademie für das Leben und dem italienischen Centro Nazionale Trapianti. Das Auditorium della Conciliazione als Kongressort soll eine einzigartige Gelegenheit zum Aufbau persönlicher Kontakte bieten.

**Mit besten Grüßen
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General Sekretär FIAMC**

PS:

Der internationale Kongress "A GIFT FOR LIFE. CONSIDERATIONS ON ORGAN DONATION" (ca. 1500 Teilnehmer aus allen fünf Kontinenten erwartet) soll Gelegenheit geben, auch die umstrittensten Aspekte und Anfragen im Umfeld der Organspende, die von den führenden weltweiten Vertretern der Organtransplantgesellschaften und der oft verunsicherten Öffentlichkeit erwartet werden, ja in letzter Zeit vermehrt an die Kirche -mit der Bitte um Rat und Stellungnahme- herangetragen wurden, aus Sicht des katholischen Lehramtes umfassend zu beleuchten. Insbesondere sind daher betroffene Seelsorger,

Ärzte, Ethikkommissionsverantwortliche, Moraltheologen, Philosophen, Bioethiker, Juristen, Pro-Life NGOs und politisch Verantwortliche eingeladen auf diesem einzigartigen Kongress teilzunehmen, um die differenzierte Haltung der Kirche und die lang erwartete Stellungnahme des Heiligen Vaters auf dessen persönliche Teilnahme und Ansprache wir hoffen dürfen kennenzulernen.

International Congress Announcement

www.agiftforlife2008.org

A GIFT FOR LIFE.

CONSIDERATIONS ON ORGAN DONATION

Rome, Italy, November 6th – 8th, 2008

We are organizing the International Congress “A GIFT FOR LIFE 2008. *CONSIDERATION ON ORGAN DONATION*” in Rome, Italy, at the *Auditorium della Conciliazione in the Vatican*, November 6th–8th, 2008. The congress will be a worldwide meeting where organ donation activity within the five Continents will be represented. Lectures will include speeches concerning scientific/medical, organizational, legal and ethical aspects on organ donation.

The event is organized by the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAV), the World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations (FIAMC), and the Italian National Transplant Centre (CNT).

The Congress will be a meeting of people from all over the world, at which the organ donating activities of five continents will be represented. Papers will be presented pertaining to scientific and medical, as well as to organizational, legal and ethical, aspects of organ donation. The first day of the Congress will be dedicated to the current ‘state of the art’ of the transplant system on an international basis, with a focus upon the historical evolution of transplantation sciences and of organ donation. It will also analyse crucial matters, such as the need for organs world-wide, the problem of trafficking in organs, and the importance of spreading the culture of organ donation.

On the second day of the meeting, ethical and anthropological dimensions of organ donation will be the core of the discussion, which will extend to theoretical, ethical and legal aspects of ‘living wills’ in relation to the donation of organs. The third and last day will be devoted to the role of the mass media in respect of the culture of donating organs.

An audience with His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, has been requested for the last day of the Congress, in which the Church’s position and teachings on organ donation may be presented.

Scientists, researchers and experts on ethical issues from the scientific

world and from Catholic associations will constitute the audience at the Congress. The presence of the Pontifical Academy for Life enhances the ethical and moral value of the event, which seeks to identify common and shared ways of increasing further the availability of organs.

DATE

Thursday, November 6th – Saturday, November 8th, 2008

VENUE

Auditorium della Conciliazione, Rome, I
www.auditoriumconciliazione.it

LANGUAGE

The official language of the International Congress will be English and Italian. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

TOPICS

- The experience of donating
- From history to reality: the development of transplant science
- State of the art in modern transplantology
- Organ donation, requirements and trafficking in the world
- Giving oneself and organ donation: an anthropological perspective
- Expression of will in organ donation and transplants: theoretical and legislative aspects
- Ethics of organ allocation and the transplant system
- Health provider training
- Ethical issues on marketing, predation and social pressure
- International legislation and guidelines
- Educational proposals to promote a culture of donation
- Pastoral initiatives
- Role of the mass media
- Address by His Holiness Father Pope Benedict XVI

The Members of the Executive Committee of FIAMC and the Pontifical Academy for Life hope that You will be able to participate in the Congress and look forward to welcoming You to Rome a really memorable event.

Media, TV, Radio and Journalists are welcomed! Please inform people of interest about the coming congress via our website www.agiftforlife2008.org!

Yours sincerely,

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Please look for further links;

www.agiftforlife2008.org (congress website)

www.fiamc.org (International Association of Catholic Medical Associations)

www.academiavita.org (Pontifical Academy for Life)