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From the International President's Desk

My dear brothers and sister, I am delighted to share with you the most exciting experience I had during the course of this quarter. Myself and two other members of CICIAMS executive Board (*Jane Buncuan from Malaysia and Dr Gosia Brykczynska from Europe Region*) attended the gathering in Rome of the International Ecclesiastical Movements and New Communities, under the banner of *'The Challenge of Synodality for Mission.'* This meeting differed from previous year's meetings in that the first talk of the day – immediately following Holy Mass at St Peters' Basilica - was delivered by His Holiness Pope Francis. It was clear that the expressed wish of the Pope is that *"Synodality may endure as a permanent mode of working within the Church, at all levels, permeating the hearts of all, pastors and faithful alike, until it becomes a shared "ecclesial style".*

Up until now such new endeavours were simply impossible or indeed frowned upon. For this new way of "Christian being" to come about – in order for it to actually happen - the Pope reminded us that we all need a conversion of heart. We need a change of heart at the deepest spiritual level. To facilitate this spiritual conversion, he suggests three key approaches - **namely - to start thinking as God thinks, to strive to overcome our natural tendencies to exclusiveness, and to actively work on cultivating the virtue of humility.**

We were delighted and honoured to be presented to Pope Francis and we assured him of our prayers. Other speakers were Kevin Cardinal Farrell, Professor Rafael Luciani from Venezuela and Dr Elisa Lisiero, from the Dicastery for the themes outlined by the Pope. I kindly encourage all of you to please read the Pope's speech in this newsletter. It has much that can benefit our nursing work in CICIAMS. I look forward to our meeting in Kenya. God Bless Us All. ---Dr. Khosi Mthethwa



JUBILEE 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope": The Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers is April 5 & 6, 2025 at the Vatican City. National Associations/Guilds who would like to attend the Jubilee should register at the website below and make travel and hotel arrangements early. <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html>; For questions: info@iubilaeum2025.va; The papal bull for the jubilee is available at: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

The Annual CICIAMS Executive Board meeting, required by CICIAMS statutes, will be held 3-4 April 2025 in Rome. Executive Board members should plan accordingly.

Annual Meeting of Moderators of Ecclesiastical Movements and New Communities Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, June 13, 2024, Vatican City

On June 13, 2024, Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President and Dr. Małgozata (Gosia) Brykczyńska, PhD, RN, OCV, President, CICIAMS Europe Region and Jane Buncuan, Chair, CICIAMS Statutes Committee represented CICIAMS at the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life meeting of Moderators of Ecclesiastical Movements and New Communities in the New Synod Hall in Vatican City on the topic, *“The Challenge of Synodality for the Mission.”* Attendees were blessed to receive both an address from His Holiness Pope Francis and an individual greeting.



Jane Buncuan, Chair, CICIAMS Statutes Committee; Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, CICIAMS International President & Dr. Gosia Brykczyńska, PhD, RN, OCV, President, CICIAMS Europe Region greeting His Holiness Pope Francis, June 13, 2024, Vatican City

Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Participants of the Meeting of Moderators of Lay Associations, Ecclesial Movements and New Communities sponsored by the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life



Your Eminence,

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome to everyone!

I am pleased to meet with you and take this opportunity to reflect with you on *synodality*, which you have chosen as the theme for your meeting. I have often emphasized that the synodal journey requires a spiritual conversion because without an interior transformation, lasting results cannot be achieved. My hope is that following this Synod, synodality may endure as a permanent mode of working within the Church, at all levels, permeating the hearts of all, pastors and faithful alike, until it becomes a shared “ecclesial style”. However, achieving this demands that a change must occur within each of us, a true “conversion”.

This has been a long journey. Think about the fact that the first person who saw the need for synodality in the Latin Church was Saint Paul VI when, following the Second Vatican Council, he established the Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops. The Eastern Churches had preserved synodality, yet the Latin Church had lost it. Saint Paul VI opened this path. Today, almost sixty years later, we can say that synodality has entered into the Church’s way of acting. The most important element of the Synod on synodality is not so much the treatment of this or that problem. The most important element is the parochial, diocesan and universal journey we make together in synodality.

In the light of this spiritual conversion, I wish to highlight some attitudes, some “synodal virtues,” which we can derive from the three announcements of the Passion in the Gospel of Mark (cf. *Mk* 8:31; 9:31; 10:32-34): *thinking as God thinks, overcoming exclusiveness, and cultivating humility.*

First: *thinking as God thinks*. Following the initial announcement of the Passion, the evangelist recounts how Peter rebukes Jesus. He, who should have been an example by helping the other disciples to be fully at the service of the Master's work, opposes God's plans by rejecting his passion and death. Jesus tells him, "For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (*Mk 8:33*).

This is the primary interior change that is asked of us: to move beyond "merely human thought" to embrace the "thought of God." Before making any decision, before starting any programme, any apostolate, any mission within the Church, we should ask ourselves: what does God want from me, what does God want from us, at this moment, in this situation? Is what I envision, what we as a group have in mind, truly aligned with the "thought of God"? Let us remember that the Holy Spirit is the protagonist of the synodal journey, not we ourselves: he alone teaches us to listen to the voice of God, individually and as a Church.

God is always greater than our ideas, greater than prevailing mindsets and the "ecclesial fashions" of the day, even the charism of our particular group or movement. Therefore, let us never presume that we are "in tune" with God: rather, let us continually strive to rise above ourselves and embrace God's perspective, not that of men and women. This is the first great challenge. Thinking as God thinks. Let us recall that Gospel passage when the Lord announced his Passion and Peter opposed him. What did the Lord say? "You are not acting according to God, you are not thinking as God thinks".

Second: *overcoming exclusiveness*. Following the second announcement of the Passion, John objects to a man who was casting out demons in Jesus' name but was not of their group of disciples: "Teacher", he said, "we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us" (*Mk 9:38*). Jesus disapproves of this attitude and tells him, "Whoever is not against us is for us" (*Mk 9:40*); then he invites all the apostles to be attentive so as not to be a stumbling block to others (cf. *Mk 9:42-50*).

Please, let us be wary of the temptation of the "closed circle". Though chosen to be the foundation of the new people of God, open to all nations of the earth, the apostles fail to grasp this expansive vision. They withdraw into themselves, seemingly intent on safeguarding the gifts bestowed on them by the Master, such as healing the sick, casting out demons, proclaiming the Kingdom (cf. *Mk 2:14*), as if they were privileges.

The following are also challenges for us: limiting ourselves to what our "circle" thinks, being convinced that what we do is right for everyone, and defending, perhaps inadvertently, positions, prerogatives, or the prestige of the "group". Alternatively, we could also be impeded by the fear of losing our sense of belonging and identity by opening up to other people and differing viewpoints, which stems from failing to recognize diversity as an opportunity rather than a threat. These are "enclosures" in which we all risk imprisonment. Let us be attentive: our own group, our own spirituality are realities that help us journey with the People of God, but they are not privileges, for there is the danger of ending up imprisoned in these enclosures.

Synodality instead asks us to look beyond the barriers with magnanimity, to see the presence of God and his actions even in people we do not know, in new pastoral approaches, in uncharted mission territories. It asks us to let ourselves be moved, even "hurt", by the voice, the experience, and suffering of others: of our fellow believers and all those around us. Be open, with an open heart.

Thirdly and finally: *cultivating humility*. Following the third announcement of the Passion, James and John ask for positions of honour next to Jesus, who instead responds by inviting everyone to consider true greatness as not in being served, but in serving, in being a servant of all, for that is what he himself came to do (cf. *Mk 10:44-45*).

Here we understand that the starting point of spiritual conversion must be humility, the gateway to all virtues. It saddens me when I encounter Christians who boast: because I am priest from this place, or because they are lay people from that place, because I am from this institution... This is a bad thing. Humility is the door, the beginning. It compels us to scrutinize our intentions: what do I really seek in my relationships with my brothers and sisters in faith? Why do I pursue certain initiatives within the Church? If we detect a hint of pride or arrogance within us, then let us ask for the



Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, CICIAMS International President greeting His Holiness Pope Francis

grace to rediscover humility. Indeed, only the humble accomplish great things in the Church for they have a solid foundation in the love of God, which never fails, and therefore they do not seek further recognition.

This phase of spiritual conversion is also fundamental for building a synodal Church: only the humble person esteems others and welcomes their contribution, advice, inner richness, bringing out not their own “I”, but the “we” of the community. It pains me when we meet Christians..., in Spanish we say “yo me mí conmigo para mí”, that is, “I, me, with me, for me”. These Christians put themselves “at the centre”. It is sad. It is the humble who safeguard communion in the Church, avoiding divisions, overcoming tensions, knowing how to set aside their own initiatives in order to contribute to joint projects. In serving, they find joy and not frustration or resentment. Living synodality, at every level, is truly impossible without humility.

I want to say once again, in order to emphasize the role of ecclesial movements: ecclesial movements are for service, not for ourselves. It is sad when we feel that “I belong to this one, to another, to another”, as if this had to do with superiority. Ecclesial movements are meant to serve the Church, they are not a message in themselves, an ecclesial centrality. They are for service.

I hope these reflections assist you on your journey, within your associations and movements, in your relationships with pastors and with all aspects of ecclesial life. I hope that this meeting along with similar gatherings will help you to appreciate your respective charisms through an ecclesial lens, enabling you to make a generous and invaluable contribution to the mission of evangelization, to which we are all called.

Always think about this: my membership in an ecclesial movement, is it in the association or is it in the Church? It is in my movement, in my association *for* the Church, as a “step” to help the Church. Movements closed in on themselves, however, should be eliminated, they are not ecclesial.

I bless you, go forward! And I ask you to pray for me. Please!

Now I will impart the blessing. First, though, let us pray together to Our Lady.

Recitation of the Hail Mary

Blessing

About praying for me: I say this thinking about something that happened to me once. I was concluding the General Audience and there was little elderly lady, you could tell she was from the countryside, a humble woman, but she had beautiful eyes. And she was signalling me, she was twenty metres away. I went over to her. “How old are you?” “Eighty-seven”, she told me. “But what do you eat that keeps you so well?” “I eat ravioli, I make them”, and she explained her recipe for ravioli. And at the end I told her, “Pray for me”. She said, “I do, every day”. “But tell me, madam, do you pray for me or against me?” The answer of a simple person, “Your Holiness, you understand! In there, they pray against you!” That is why I asked you to pray for me. That lady made me laugh.

Link to all presentations: <https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/2024/sinodalita-per-partecipare-sempre-meglio-al-cammino-comune-che-l.html>



Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, PhD, RN, OCV, President, CICIAMS Europe Region greeting His Holiness Pope Francis

Nurse Saints, Blessed, Venerable, Servants of God & Diocesan Causes

Sybil Kathigasu (1899-1948), Nurse, Lay Martyr, World War II Heroine, Malaysia.

Sebastian Cardinal Francis, bishop of Penang, announced the opening of the cause for canonization for Sybil Kathigasu, Catholic nurse born in Indonesia who, with her physician husband, ran a clinic in Papan, Perak, Malaysia during the Japanese occupation in World War II. She aided the resistance by secretly providing medicines and medical services to Allied forces. She was captured, interrogated and tortured by Japanese authorities. She prayed the rosary aloud in her cell. Released in very poor health she died at age 48 in Britain where she was receiving medical care. She was buried at the cemetery at the Church of St. Michael in Ipoh, Perak. She recorded her experiences in the book, “*No Dream of Mercy.*”



Sybil Kathigasu at thirty.

Catholic Nurses Guild of Malaysia

visited by Fr. Ken Sleyman, MM

by Rev. Kenneth G. Sleyman, MM, PhD, RN
CICIAMS International Ecclesiastical Assistant



Fr. Ken Sleyman, MM, RN
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On June 24, accompanied Dr. Hiroko Shimizu, Fr.. Ken Sleyman visited the Catholic Nurses Guild of Malaysia. The following is his homily on the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist.

Good afternoon my brother and sister nurses and midwives in CICIAMS! It is wonderful to be with you today. I want to offer special thanks to Francisca, the former leader of CNGM, to Rosalyn the new leader of CNGM, and to Dr. Hiroko Shimizu, the leader of JCNA (Japan Catholic Nurses Association) who kindly accompanied me here to Malaysia to show solidarity in our Asia CICIAMS family of 10 nations. I bring with me the warm greetings of Dr. Koshi our CICIAMS President and her loyal Secretary Diana. I apologize for the inconvenient timing of my Monday visit to you all. I am still teaching in a small Catholic College in Sapporo

and I have two classes on Wednesday morning so I cannot stay very long. I wish I could have met many more of the members. Maybe I can come back for your national meeting sometime.

Today we are celebrating the Birthday of Saint John the Baptist. By coincidence this important feast day also celebrates many things sacred to our own CICIAMS. Most important in the story of St. John the Baptist's birth story is that it celebrates the sanctity of life and the purpose of our human life. Elizabeth seemed to be infertile for all of her life and God finally blessed her in old age to become a mother. Mysteriously Elizabeth also knew that the baby's name should be "John." Perhaps she had a revelation herself not recorded in the Gospel, or her mute husband Zechariah somehow shared request of the angel Gabriel to her. The beautiful cooperation between Elizabeth and Zechariah shows the importance of family love and it is one of the missions of our CICIAMS to protect the family. And we do this because each child born is a unique person in the drama of life written by our Father in Heaven. Each of us like Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Zechariah, Elizabeth and St. John the Baptist has a mission to fulfill in our lives. We nurses and midwives are so lucky to be called to the community in CICIAMS to encourage one another in our mission in life. We are all like the wonderful Auntie of St. John the Baptist, Mary who donated and volunteered her life to God to use to help humanity. Mary debuts



Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Fr. Ken Sleyman, MM and members of the Catholic Nurses Guild of Kota Kinabalu at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Malaysia



Dinner together - Members of the CNGM
with Fr. Ken and Dr. Hiroko Shimizu

in the Gospel like a midwife assisting her cousin Elizabeth in the last term of her pregnancy. We nurses and midwives still working in varying capacities in health care and our retired member nurses and midwives are God's soldiers of love to help where help is needed; it is our free sacrifice out of love for God. To praise the role of Mary in the birth of St. John of Baptist I wore a priest vestment with the face of Mary, the aunt of the baby St. John the Baptist.

My dear members of CICIAMS by our choice to be nurses and midwives we imitate the sacred heart of Mary when she courageously said to the angel Gabriel, "I am the servant of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said" (Luke 1:38). Mary spent her life supporting Jesus' physical and spiritual needs. Mary stuck by her vow to God by first helping with the birth of St. John the Baptist then gave birth to Jesus and walked with him every day in his short life to its end at Calvary. Mary shows us the dimensions of our important work as nurses and midwives to people and society. We care for life in all its

stages from fertilization in the uterus until death by natural means.

In 2024 we live in precarious times again. Just four years ago we fought a battle against a miniscule deadly Corona Virus that killed millions of people around the world including many of us nurses, midwives and doctors. Now we are on the brink of a much more dangerous war between nations and World War III. This is just another test of the devil for

whom do we trust more, him the devil the Prince of Darkness and chaos, or Jesus the Prince of light and peace. Already many health care workers have been killed in the senseless battles in both Ukraine and in Gaza. For sure God is sad about this. Jesus gave us a model of non-violence. Jesus used love to heal peoples' bodies and minds. Jesus used his body to nourish others including us. Jesus is our model to help bring peace back to the world in 2024. The cause of so much violence in the world is selfishness. It was the same moral defect that infected Adam and Eve to eat from the wrong tree in the Garden of Eden. The right tree is the Tree of Life who is Jesus. When we eat the Holy Eucharist Jesus lives in us and makes us his sisters and brothers to live like him in a spirit of selflessness. This is the way to peace in our lives and in our world.

On this great feast of the birthday of St. John the Baptist let us remember our connection with him. Each of us in this room are related to him by our baptism. At Baptism we made an important promise to reject Satan and all of his evil ways. Today let us renew our Baptismal Promises and leave this holy Mass to live like St. John and his Aunt Mary to restore peace and love in the world through our ministries of nursing and midwifery. So, I ask you:

1. Father Ken: Do you renew and affirm the promises made when you were baptized?
Members: I do.
2. Father Ken: Do you then renounce the devil and all his evil works?
Members: I do.
3. Father Ken: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?
Members: I do.
4. Father Ken: Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?
Members: I do.
5. Father Ken: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?
Members: I do.
6. Father Ken: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
Members: I will.
7. Father Ken: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
Members: I will.
8. Father Ken: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
Members: I will.
9. Father Ken: Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbor as yourself?
Members: I will.
10. Father Ken: Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?
Members: I will.
11. Father Ken: Almighty God, you have given us the will to do all these things: Give us the members of CICIAMS the courage and strength to achieve them to the honor and glory of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Members: Amen.

Nurse Mystic - Apparitions "Approved"



Pierina Gilli (1911-1991).

Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1947 and 1966 to a nurse and Italian visionary have been approved by His Holiness Pope Francis in a July 5, 2024 letter from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith (DDF) to the bishop of Brescia, Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez

which stated that the *"spiritual proposal that emerges from the experiences narrated by Pierina Gilli in relation to Maria Rosa Mystica does not contained theological or moral elements contrary to the doctrine of the Church."*

Pierina was a nurse and postulant for the Handmaids of Charity in Montichiari, Italy. Her first encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary occurred while praying in a hospital chapel in the spring of 1947. She describes in her diary each apparitions. Mary appeared in a magnificent light, dressed in mauve, but very sad with tears in her eyes. Her heart was pierced by three swords – one was for the unworthy celebration of Mass and Communion received unworthily; the second was for unfaithful priests and other religious ones giving up; the third was for "betrayal of the Faith." Our Lady asked for **"Prayer, Penance, and Sacrifice."** Those were her only words.

WHITE Rose = Spirit of Prayer

RED Rose = Spirit of Sacrifice

YELLOW Rose = Spirit of Penance and Conversion

On July 13, 1947 Pierina asked who the lady was. Our Lady replied, *"I am the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of all you. Our Lord sends me to bring a new Marian Devotion to all religious orders and institutes, male and female, and to the priests of this world. I promise to protect these religious orders and institute who will venerate me in this special way, increase their vocations, and achieve a greater striving for saintliness among the servants of God. I wish that the 13th day of each month be celebrated as a Marian Day. Special prayers are to be said during the preceding twelve days. On this day I shall pour out vocational holiness and abundant graces on those religious orders and spiritual institutes who have honored me especially. I wish that the 13th of July be celebrated every year in honor of Rosa Mystica."*
<https://www.divinemysteries.info/the-mystical-rose-montichiari-fontanelle-italy-1947-1966/>

CICIAMS at the United Nations – 2024

57th Session of the Commission on Population and Development

United Nations Headquarter, NYC, NY, USA April 29, 2024 to May 3, 2024

Oral Statement (3 minutes)

The International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants
Comité International Catholique des Infirmières et Assistantes Médico-Sociales (CICIAMS)

Presented by Dr. Patricia Sayers

CICIAMS UN NGO Team Members: R.K. Mthethwa, D. Ruzicka, M. V. Arvonio, and P.A. Sayers

Theme:

Assessing the status of implementation of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

Commission Chair, Distinguished Panel Members, National Representatives, & Guests:

The International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants (CICIAMS), thanks the 57th Commission on Population and Development for this opportunity to present to member nations. CICIAMS's Oral Statement addresses 1) urbanization and natural disaster preparation, 2) the aging population, and 3) fertility health services.

1. Urbanization and preparation for natural disasters

Urban resilience solutions to natural disasters need to be “place-based, integrated, inclusive, risk-aware, and forward-looking” (Resilient Cities Network, 2023). An estimated 1/3 of the world's urban population is vulnerable to “cyclones, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, or volcanic eruptions or a combination of those”(ECOSOC, 2023). Nurses are frontline healthcare providers in disaster response and post-disaster recovery. Future natural disasters and infectious disease outbreaks require a highly skilled and readily available nursing workforce. Nurse recruitment and multi-nation university educational cooperation is active and welcomes new country participation.

2. Aging population

In 2022, human life expectancy was 71.7 years. By 2050, human life expectancy is anticipated to increase to 77.3 years (UN Population Division, 2023). Healthy diets, physical activity, and avoidance of tobacco can lower the incidence of noncommunicable disease and disability impairing the elderly. Members of geriatric nursing teams strive to fortify the health of the elderly.

Fertility decline is the “driver” of the aging population (Lai, 2016). A dearth of young people contributing to society while elder populations life expectancy lengthens is leading nations to post-dividend demographic winters. CICIAMS recommends nurse led fertility clinics globally. The resulting stream of young adults into our nations can rebalance the population age structure (CICIAMS, 2015-2017).

3. Accessible low cost, side-effects free fertility health services

Fertility care methods of hormonal suppression and manipulation via estrogen (a Class I carcinogenic) and progesterone (linked to blood clotting causing stroke and heart attacks in women) are costly and obsolete. The Creighton Method is 95% effective, natural, risk free, easily taught from mother to daughter, father to son and crosses multi-generational and cultural barriers (Pope Paul VI Institute, 2019).

Fertility decline is characteristic of one in six couples world-wide (WHO, 2023). NaproTECHNOLOGY is a scientific advancement in fertility health. Research revealed “the normal and abnormal states.” From these findings, NaproTECHNOLOGY *identifies problems and cooperates* with menstrual and fertility cycles to correct the condition, maintain human ecology, and sustain procreative potential”. (<https://naprotechnology.com>)

In Closing

...A quote from St Mother Teresa's (1994): "...Each child is created in the special image and likeness of God for greater things - to love and to be loved... our children are the only hope for the future. As older people are called to God, only their children can take their places." (February 3, 1994).

Thank you: The International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

CICIAMS Presentations to the United Nations are available at: <https://www.ciciams.org/ununesconicefdpi.html>



the United Nations (UN) Department of Global Communications (DGC), Economic and Social Affairs (ECOSOC) and UNICEF

Report from the Committees



Joyce Asufi, Chair

CICIAMS Ethics Committee

The Committee met virtually several times despite our tight schedules and were able to review the CICIAMS Ethics Guidelines which was last reviewed in 2014. The reviewed guidelines is attached, for the Board perusal and possible approval and subsequent circulation to members.

The document on safeguarding the minors and the vulnerable is being reviewed. The committee is also considering, in collaboration with other relevant agencies of the church to find the ethical implication of the current artificial intelligence (AI) as it relates to Nursing and Midwifery practice.

2024 Fall Bioethics Seminars Program

- Ethics educators workshop (Sept 16-20, Provence, France)
- Bioethics colloquium (Sept 23-26, Provence, France)
- Health care ethics: Catholic perspectives (Oct 22-26, Provence)

Interactive Program

All seminars contain a mixture of presentations by invited speakers, contributions by participants, discussion sessions, time for individual meetings, shared meals, and organized excursions to relevant cultural sites. Registration is limited to 20 participants per seminar.

Holistic Approach

In addition to stimulating the intellect, we also wish to nurture well-being more holistically. The historic and natural beauty of the conference sites, cuisine and patrimony, as well as time for reflection, spiritual enrichment and developing new friendships are key ingredients.

Location

The fall 2024 seminars take place at the convening center Notre Dame de Grace in Rochefort-du-Gard near Avignon in the south of France, which also offers guest rooms for participants. For practical information, including the fees for each seminar, please visit the website listed below.

www.saintandre.org * info@saintandre.org

Comments from past participants

"The seminar did an exceptional job in blending formal presentations with diverse opportunities for informal discussions."
(philosopher)

"What a tremendous week of professional growth in an international yet warmly collegial context!"
(physician-ethicist)

"My ethical discernment about future career and vocation began last year and continued during the teacher workshop and the end-of-life care seminar."
(geriatrician-ethicist)

"It was a particularly insightful experience for me as a medical student to learn how colleagues further ahead in their medical careers are incorporating ethics into their careers."
(medical student)

"An amazing variety of people who shared knowledge, ideas and hopes so all could learn."
(physician)

CICIAMS Midwives Committee

The Midwives Committee Reports:

Outline of Committee Activities:

- Webinars, midwifery articles
- Celebrating the International Nurses' and Midwives' week:
- ---May 2023 - THEME: "Together again: From evidence to reality"
- ---May 2024 - THEME: "Sustainable Midwifery: Caring for tomorrow's world"
- Awareness campaigns to reduce maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality.
- Celebrated the international day for the sick; 2023 and 2024 respectively



Dr. Anne Wawire Kabimba, PhD, RN, Chair

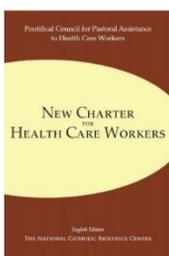
Accomplishments of the Committee:

- Created awareness of the activities of the committee, included two new members to enlarge the view of the committee to six members.
- Future Plans for the Committee: to find out and mitigate the factors that hinder midwives from caring for the mothers and their neonates in some countries. Challenge the Catholic health institutions to take the lead in supporting the midwives. Probably building on this committee, CICIAMS could consider "International Catholic Midwives Association"

The New Charter for Health Care Workers

was updated and published in Italian by the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers was published in 2017. On behalf of the Council, the United States National Catholic Bioethics Center translated the guideline into English and has made it available FREE of charge online at: <https://www.ncbcenter.org/store/newcharter>

The CICIAMS International Presidents served on the Council until 2017 when it was combined to form the Dicastery for Integral Human Development.



Report from the Members of the CICIAMS Committee on the Family



Sr. Cecilia Adache,
OSF, Chair

REPORT FROM MEMBERS

➤ ASIA REGION

Report from South Korea

The most pressing concern in South Korea is the lowest birth rate. The total fertility rate has been reported to be below 0.8 in 2023, which is a matter of national concern. Young people of childbearing age are reluctant to have children, often due to economic reasons, and the average age at first marriage is also rising. Currently, the average age at first marriage is 32 for women and 34 for men. Couples who wish to have children often face difficulties with natural conceptions, leading to an increase in procedures including IVF. We Report plan to discuss these issues at the next meeting of the Korean Catholic Nurses Association. That will be on last week of August.

➤ AFRICA REGION

Report from Zambia

In the Zambian situation from statistics, it has been observed that the problem of teenage pregnancy has been rising over the years according to the Demographic health survey 29 to 48percent by the age of 18 would have been pregnant once (ZDHS 2018) Eastern and Southern provinces being highest. In view of this situation the Catholic nurses have taken up the challenge to try and solve this social problem through the respective Dioceses. Activities will be undertaken in relation to the possible contributing factors; poverty, gender-based violence, Substance abuse, Peer pressure etc. Sensitization will be done using the organized structures of the different dioceses within the country.

Report from Nigeria

Natural Family Planning

- Nurses in the Dioceses across the Nigeria are taking active stage in teaching couples natural family planning, especially during marriage class.
- At the Diocesan level the Catholic Nurses Guild are encouraged to work with their Bishops to establish centres where clients are health-educated on the advantages of Billings method and the disadvantages of artificial family planning. Also to seek help & get solutions to infertility problems and other procreative and gynaecologic health issues through FertilityCare and NaProTECHNOLOGY.

➤ AFRICA REGION (cont'd)

Report from Nigeria

World Day for The Elderly

This is usually celebrated the 3rd week of July. Activities carried out are not be limited to the month of July alone which includes the following;

- Visit to the elderly regularly.
- Help to clean their houses.
- Carry out medical check-up.
- Get more homes for the elderly in the diocese where it is applicable.

➤ PAN AMERICA

Report from Canada

In our May 1 2024 educational event, Dr. Moira McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, spoke about the moral implications of *Humanae Vitae* (1968), *Donum Vitae* (1987), *Dignitas Personae* (2008) and *Dignitas Infinita* (2023). Catholic nurses across the world joined the webinar through our affiliation with CICIAMS, the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants. Helen's membership in the Family Committee of CICIAMS facilitated the international reach of Dr. McQueen's talk; seventeen nurses attended the webinar. Our Past President, Dr. Freida Chavez, is a member of the CICIAMS committee on Professionalism.

➤ EUROPE

Report from United Kingdom

Provided links to the Vatican website page *Dignitas Infinita* the new document of April 2024 added to the website page
<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/04/08/240408c.html>

<http://www.ciciams.org/committeonthefamily.html>



CICIAMS 7th Africa Region Congress
 Executive Board (EB) and CICIAMS General Council Meeting (GCM)
**Enhancing Nursing and Midwifery Education for
 Improved Health Care Services in the Spirit of Laudato Si and Synodality**
 info@catholicnurseskenya.org; www.catholicnurseskenya.org



Schedule:

- 5 August 2024 – Executive Board Meeting (EB), 1000-1700
- 6 August 2024 – General Council Meeting (GCM), 1000-1700
- 7-9 August 2024 – CICIAMS 7th African Regional Congress
- 10 August 2024 – Departure or Excursion

Venue: Kenya School of Monetary Studies (accommodates 100)

Host: The Catholic Nurses Guild of Kenya (CNGK)

SUB THEME:

1. Nursing and Midwifery Education
2. Nursing practice
3. Spirituality in Nursing and Midwifery care
4. NCDs and Emerging diseases; The role of the Catholic Health Workers
5. End of life care
6. COVID-19 pandemic
7. Sustainable health and development in Africa
8. Technology and innovation
9. Ethical dilemma
10. Mental wellness
11. Scientific Methods of Natural family planning
12. Synodality

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For Registration and Accommodation details: Visit the CNAK website: www.catholicnurseskenya.org

Are you a Nurse who is Catholic or a Catholic Nurse?

On August 27, 1935 at the International Catholic Nurses' World Congress held in Rome, His Holiness Pope Pius XI addressed the 2000 nurses assembled at Castel Gandolfo. After expressing concerns about paganism and materialism penetrating everywhere, His Holiness stated, *"Therefore you must be first and foremost and at all costs, full of the spirit of spirituality, of Christianity, of the Christian supernatural... We can never give to others that which we do not ourselves possess... And the treasure which your assistance must bring to the infirm is precisely that of spirituality, of the supernatural."* He expressed the importance of nurses also bringing material bodily comfort and having technical expertise. However, first and foremost we must possess the Christian supernatural ourselves. Here are 5 Catholic disciplines recommended by Our Lady. Might we adopt some or all of these, to help us deepen our prayer life?

Scripture / Eucharist / Rosary / Fasting / Confession
 (Daily Reading) / (Every Sunday) / (Daily) / (Twice weekly) / (Monthly)

St. John of God, St. Camillus de Lellis, Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN
 patron saints of nurses and nursing association, Pray for us.

From the Vatican – Apostolic Penitentiary & Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization

4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, July 28, 2024 Plenary Indulgence



Béatrice van Dorsser
CICIAMS Rep. to
CRESCENDO

“Grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity,” attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or other prayer services as part of the celebration for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly can receive a plenary

indulgence, which “may also be applied as a suffrage to the souls in purgatory,” said the announcement published July 9 by the Apostolic Penitentiary, the Vatican court charged with granting indulgences. The indulgence can also apply to those who “devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sister in need or in difficulty,” such as those who are sick, lonely or disabled.

To receive a plenary indulgence, which is a remission of the temporal punishment due to one’s sin, a person must show detachment from sin, go to confession, receive the Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. The announcement also urged priests, “to make themselves available, in a ready and generous spirit,” to hear confessions.

The IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, 28 July 2024. The theme chosen by the Holy Father – “**Do not cast me off in my old age**” (cf. *Psalm 71:9*) – is meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by
the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure
expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Report from CICIAMS Crescendo Representative

In June 2024, Béatrice van Dorsser, who has represented CICIAMS to Crescendo (Worldwide network for human and Christian ageing), announced Crescendo’s plan to dissolve. Some members hope to restart, perhaps in another forum. A major success of Crescendo was the establishment, in collaboration with the Vatican, of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which is in its fourth year in 2024.

In the meanwhile, Mrs. van Dorsser has attended three zoom meetings with the United Nations concerning the Human Rights of the Elderly. These allowed for attendance but not participation. She also participated in a Dutch Symposia about Geriatric Oncology and Elderly Misuse and in both 2023 and 2024 Dutch conferences on “New Generation Elderly longer at home.”



Béatrice van Dorsser



LEGACY GIVING: Families and individuals can leave a legacy/donate monies to fund the mission and aims of the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants by giving now or in your estate plans/will. Your good deeds here on earth can live on in the actions of nurses across the world. Consider supporting CICIAMS. For more information about financial ways of supporting CICIAMS, please contact the Secretary General at: CICIAMSInternational12@gmail.com

From National Catholic Nurses Association and Guilds

From Catholic Nurses Guild of Malaysia

Fr. Ken & Dr. Hiroko were in Malaysia!

by Jane Buncuan

24 June 2024, Monday, was a day to remember by CNGM members especially those in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of the State of Sabah. Fr Ken and Dr Hiroko (President of Japan CNA) flew all the way from Japan to Malaysia to meet us, especially to see Francisca. Rosalin, our CNGM's Vice President for the State of Sabah, and I waited for them at Kota Kinabalu International Airport. Philip (Rosalin's husband) was our driver that night.

Early in the morning, Rosalin came to the hotel to pick us. We brought Fr Ken and Dr Hiroko for breakfast. We had street food. Witnessed by all present, Fr. Ken made a promise that he will come back to visit Francisca. We took the opportunity to invite him to be our Retreat Master for our CNGM's 54th AGM and Nursing Retreat 2025.

Rosalin brought us to St. Michael Church, the first Catholic Church in the State of Sabah. We had hunch at one of our member's restaurants. On the way to preparing mass, we met Fr. Paul Lo, Parish priest of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Mass for the CNG of Kota Kinabalu was presided by Fr. Ken at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Attendees were excited to receive gifts from Fr. Ken. A memorable group pictures of Catholic nurses and family members with Fr. Ken and Dr. Hiroko was taken. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Catholic nurses gathered together and brought Fr. Ken and Dr. Hiroko for dinner. Dr. Hiroko prepared a lucky draw game with gifts all the way from Japan...and they both had fresh coconut for their beverages. Rosaline and Jane sent them off at the airport.

It was in deed a whirlwind trip. They landed at 1:30am and we sent them to airport at 8.30pm on the same day. They were with us only for 18 hours (including sleep time!). Yet, we had a productive moment with them. During mass which coincides with the birthday of John the Baptist, Fr Ken shared a beautiful homily. He reminded us the importance of human life and family love. As members of CICIAMS, he told us to encourage each other in our mission to help humanity. We had the opportunity to renew our Baptismal Promises to restore love and peace. Thank you, Fr Ken. Thank you, Dr Hiroko for visiting us. We supported and nominated you as the next President of CICIAMS for Asia for 2024 onwards. We look forward to meeting you all in 2025.



Jane Buncuan, President, CNG Malaysia, Rosalin, Fr. Ken Sleyman, MM, CICIAMS International Ecclesiastical Assistant and Dr. Hiroko Shimizu, President Japan Catholic Nurses Association (JCNA) - Early breakfast



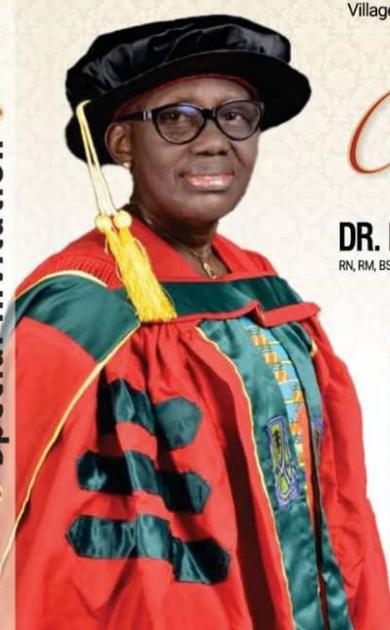
Francisca Malantin, President, CICIAMS Asia Region with husband Ronnie receiving gifts from Fr. Ken Sleyman, MM and Dr. Hiroko Shimizu



A memorable group picture of Catholic nurses and family members with Fr. Kenneth G. Sleyman, MM, CICIAMS International Ecclesiastical Assistant and Dr. Hiroko Shimizu, President, Japan Catholic Nurses Association

In Memoria

Dr. Mrs. Juliana Chibuogwu Nwazuruoke 1956 – 2024



The Families of Nze Emmanuel Mary Nwazuruoke-NwaBen of Umuezeiyi Village, Achina, Aguata LGA, Anambra State and Chief John Chuka Nwosu of Umuyasele Village, Atani, Ogbaru LGA, Anambra State

Respectfully request your presence at the

Obsequies of our beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Sister-in-law and Friend

DR. MRS. JULIANA CHIBUOGWU NWAZURUOKE
RN, RM, BSc (Nur), PGD, MSc (Mat. & Child Health Nursing), MSc (Health Edu), PhD (Mat & Child Health Nursing), FWACN
(1956 - 2024)

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Service of Songs & Tributes at her father's compound, Urban School Junction, Atani, Ogbaru LGA

Friday, May 24, 2024
Service of Songs & Tributes at her family's compound, Emma Nwazuruoke's Compound, opposite Amaiyi field, Achina, Aguata LGA

Saturday, May 25, 2024
- Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Achina by 10am
- Interment follows immediately at her family's compound
- Reception at Amaiyi field, opposite Emma Nwazuruoke compound, Achina

Sunday, May 26, 2024
Thanksgiving Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Achina, 10am

RSVP Mr. Gerard Chukwudi Nwazuruoke - 08062134747
Sir Paul Nwosu - 08023390640

Special Invitation

Dr. Mrs. Juliana Chibuogwu Nwazuruoke was born in Lagos Nigeria to a middle class family of Chief and Mrs. Joh and Laurretta Nwosu.

She had all her education in Nigeria from Primary School to PhD level she had planned to study medicine in Europe but this was aborted due to certain circumstances beyond the family's control. She then took to nursing which she started in 1979 at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital where she qualified as a Registered Nurse (R.N.) she went further to read B.Sc. in nursing. Master's Degree and PhD.

She worked as an educator

and rose to the level of Deputy Nursing Services and Principal of Nursing School before she retired in 2016. After retirement from Government Service, she proceeded to Madonna University of Nigeria where she worked as a Senior Lecturer and Head of Dept. of Nursing from there she moved on to become the provost of Anambra State College of Nursing Sciences where she worked till her sudden demise.

In addition to this, she has carried over half a dozen research works in her seminal works in international journals. She was also an external examiner of Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria till her death.

She was National President of Catholic Nurses Guild of Nigeria from 2006 to 2012 and was also President of Africa Region of CICIAMS from 2012-2016. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of Catholic Nurses Guild of Nigeria. She was also a member of Pro-Life Association of Nigeria (P.L.A.N.).

Dr. Mrs. Nwazuruoke left behind 4 children, one grandchild, daughter-in-law, 7 siblings and many cousins.

May her soul rest in perfect peace.

by Rosalyn Okoobo
President, CICIAMS
Africa Region



Obituary

Josephine Bartley

29th August 1933 – 13th May 2024



Josephine was born in Brittas, Co Limerick. She was the second eldest of five siblings, two of whom predeceased her. She undertook her general nurse training at St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin after which she worked as a registered nurse for some time at St Patrick's Hospital, Cork. Thereafter she went to the Queen Victoria Hospital, Belfast where she did her midwifery training. She worked as a registered midwife in Belfast, Edinburgh, London and later in Zambia. Josephine joined the Queen Alexandra Nursing Corps and served in both London and Germany. Her next stop was the European Hospital in Kitwe, Rhodesia (now Zambia) where she worked as a midwife for two years and developed a deep love for the country which the Catholic Nurses Guild of Zambia and CICIAMS members will testify to.

Josephine returned to her Alma Mater, St Vincent's Hospital in Dublin, as Assistant Matron, in 1967 a position she held for 11 years. There followed her appointment in 1978 to the position of Matron at St Laurence's (commonly known as the Richmond) Hospital, Dublin. This hospital along with the Charitable Infirmary, also known as Jervis Street Hospital, were amalgamated to form the new Beaumont Hospital to which Josephine had been appointed its first Director of Nursing a couple of years prior to its opening in 1987. During those years she played a large part as a member of the commissioning team. Josephine remained in Beaumont Hospital as Director of Nursing until her retirement in 1998.

Josephine was passionate about ongoing and further education for nurses and was known for strongly encouraging her staff to undertake various courses. Josephine herself undertook several education programmes, too numerous to list here. She was a founder member of the Faculty of Nursing at the Royal College of Nursing in Ireland and was later admitted to the Faculty as an Honorary Founder Fellow and spent a number of years as a member of the Faculty's Board. She served a term as Dean of the Faculty during which the highlight for her was the conferring of the Honorary Fellowship on Mother (now Saint) Teresa of Calcutta which took place in Rome.

Josephine had a deep Catholic faith which was a priority throughout her life. She was a daily communicant. She volunteered with the annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for many years. At the request of the Archdiocese, she took on the role of Matron of the Pilgrimage for 5 years. She was a Minister of the Eucharist in her parish church and volunteered weekly at the Servite Oratory in one of her local shopping centres.

Josephine first joined the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses (later the Catholic Nurses Guild of Ireland) while a student midwife in Belfast. She remained an active member throughout her life until the Guild was dissolved in 2023. At national level Josephine held the positions of national president, national secretary and editor of the Irish Nursing News (the Guild newsletter) and at local level Dublin branch treasurer and committee member. She was a member of the organising committees for CICIAMS European Congress in 1976 and the World Congress in 2014 both held in Dublin. She attended many Regional Congresses/Conferences and World Congresses near and far.

In 1986 at the General Council Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, Josephine was first elected to the Executive Board of CICIAMS and was re-elected on every occasion until 2012 i.e. a period of 26 years. She represented CICIAMS for three terms at the WHO, Geneva, was a member of the technical (now professional) committee for one term and chairperson of the committee on statutes for a period of 10 years, all of which she executed with dedication and integrity.

Tributes from past students and nurses in offering written condolences to Josephine's family are a testament to her professionalism and nursing care. She has been referred to as a wonderful advocate for nurses and all aspects of the nursing profession; a true professional who was always kind, caring and fair who had a tremendous input to the development of nursing; a wonderful nurse leader who always put the patients first. All the tributes can be read on the condolence section of the following link: <https://rip.ie/death-notice/josephine-bartley-limerick-brittas-556366>

Josephine was very close to her family of three generations all of whom loved her very much and will miss her deeply. She enjoyed spending time and celebrating many special occasions with them. She is survived by her sisters Amy and Mary, her many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In her spare time, Josephine enjoyed, playing bridge, going to the theatre, dining with friends, reading and travelling with family, friends and Guild members.

Josephine had a remarkable life. To quote Bishop Eamonn Walsh, the Chief Celebrant at her Funeral Mass, she was "... a nursing icon and a wonderful pillar of strength for nursing in Ireland".

Ar dheist Dé go raibh a hanam dílis
(May her faithful soul be at the right hand of God)

Calendar of Events



-----2024-----

57th World Day of Peace (Vatican) – 1 Jan

Word of God Sunday (Vatican) - 21Jan

“Remain in my Word” (John 8:31)

71th World Leprosy Day – 28 Jan 2024

5th World NTD (Neglected Tropical

Diseases) Day, 30 January 2024

- 32nd World Day of the Sick-11Feb2024 (Vatican)
- 17th World Rare Disease Day – 28 Feb 2024
- World Water Day – 22 Mar 2024 (UN est. 1993 Goal #6: water and sanitation for all by 2030). Vatican DPIHD project: WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) to all Catholic healthcare facilities.
- World Health Day (est. by the 1st World Health Assembly in 1948) – 7 April 2024
- International Day of the Midwife, 5 May 2024
- International Nurses Day –Friday, 10 May 2024
- 37th World No Tobacco Day (WHO)–31May2024
- Annual Meeting of Moderators of International Associations of the Faithful, Ecclesiastical Movements and New Communities, Dicastery for Laity, Family & Life, Synod Hall, Thursday, 13 June 2024, Rome
- World Refugee Day (UN) – 20 June 2024
- 26 June 2024 – International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (UN)
- 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024 (4th Sunday of July, close to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus) (Vatican)
- **2024 August 5-9 – CICIAMS 7th Africa Region Congress, Nairobi, Kenya***
 - 5Aug – Executive Board Meeting
 - 6Aug – General Council Meeting (All National Association/Guild Presidents or their delegates)
 - 7-9Aug – Regional Congress
 - 10Aug – Optional Excursion
- World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Theme: “Let Justice and Peace Flow” – 1 Sept 2024 (Vatican)
- International Day of Peace – 21Sep2024 (UN)
- 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 24Sep2024 (Vatican)
- XXXIX World Youth Day, celebrated in the particular Churches (Diocesan World Youth Day) on the Solemnity of Christ the King 24Nov2024 “*Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary*”(Vatican)
- World Mental Health Day, 10 Oct 2024 (WHO)
- 7th World Day of the Poor, 17 Nov 2024 (Vatican)

- 2025 – CICIAMS EB Meeting 3 & 4 April
- 2025 – JUBILEE YEAR (Vatican) - 5-6April Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers
- **2026 – CICIAMS XXII World Congress – Thailand***
- 2027 – World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea
*Begin the VISA process EARLY

CICIAMS Official Documents & Links

CICIAMS 2023 Statutes & Standing Orders:

<http://www.ciciams.org/ciciamsreports.html>

CICIAMS Ethics Guidelines and Principles of Practices for Catholic Nurses:

www.ciciams.org/ethicscommittee.html



CICIAMS Mission

§ 1. CICIAMS Mission Statement: Informed by the moral and social teachings of the Church, CICIAMS is committed to the following:

- Giving Christian witness in our lives through guiding and supporting Healthcare workers internationally
- Developing a positive vision of life from conception to death
- Representing Christian and professional values in our work with other national and international associations
- Coordinating the work of member association in their efforts to evangelize the ethos and ideals of the nursing profession
- Promoting the initiation of and participation in professional research and development towards the achievement of optimum care and wellbeing
- Respecting the religious convictions of others and accepting their rights to practice their beliefs.



CICIAMS AIMS

- Representing the professional & Christian interests of its members
- Promoting members’ spiritual welfare & ethical values
- Promoting health & social measures of health in line with Catholic principles and professional development
- Promoting cooperation among member associations

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