



## The Wisdom of the Cross in a pluralistic World

INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CONGRESS

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

### Press Conference and Inauguration of two Exhibitions

**Gloria Passionis:** contemporary sacred art featuring the Passion of Jesus Christ directed by Giuseppe Bacci.

**Fr. Richard Frechette**, Passionist, priest and medical doctor, who for 35 years has ministered on the front line at the service of the poorest in the tormented country of Haiti. The exhibition features the photographs of Stefano Giundani and is sponsored by the Rava Foundation.



#### Save the date:

**16 September, 4:30 PM,**

Press Conference concerning the presentation of the Congress **“The Wisdom of the Cross in a Pluralistic World”**, 21-24 September, Pontifical Lateran University, Room 1 in Piazza di Porta San Giovanni, 10.



P. Rick Frechette

**Saturday, 4 September, 4:30 PM**

Centro Internazionale d'Arte Contemporanea  
at Piazza di Porta San Giovanni, 10 - Rome

The speakers at the press conference will be: **Fr. Fernando Taccone C.P.**, Director of the Congress and promoter of the two exhibitions; Prof. **Vincenzo Buonomo**, Rector-President of the Pontifical Lateran University; **Mariavittoria Rava**, President of the Rava Foundation, principal supporter of the humanitarian activity of Fr. Richard Frechette; **Giuseppe Bacci**, curator of the exhibition Gloria Passionis. Moderator: **Fr. Ciro Benedettini**

The two exhibitions are a part of the International Theological Congress **“The Wisdom of the Cross in a Pluralistic World”**: 21 - 24 September 2021.

The two exhibitions are an integral part of the Congress and complete its message. The Congress itself concerns the speculative study of the theological and spiritual meaning of the theme of the Wisdom of the Cross, the search for the most appropriate language.

The exhibition Gloria Passionis integrates its message with the contribution of figurative-aesthetic language that continues the tradition of the Church which has always used the figurative arts to spread the message of the Gospel. Art involves the eye, the mind, and the heart-- “beauty will save the world”. However any message is insufficient if it is not incarnated, if it is not put into practice, lived, and witnessed. This is the reason for the photographic exhibition featuring the activity of Fr. Richard Frechette, the Passionist priest and medical doctor, who for 35 years has been serving the poor, especially children, in the tormented country of Haiti, which has been devastated by two earthquakes, hurricanes and practically has been leaderless since the assassination of the president of the Republic.

Pope Paul VI said: “Contemporary man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers; and if he listens to teachers it is because they are also witnesses”. Fr. Rick is both of these figures.



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