

Announcement of Press Conference

On 16 September at 4:30 PM, in the Centre for Contemporary Art in Via di Porta San Giovanni, 10, a **Press Conference** will be held to present **the International Theological Congress -- "The Wisdom of the Cross in a pluralistic world."**

The presenters at the Press Conference will be: **Card. Pietro Parolin**, Holy See Secretary of State;

Fr. Joachim Rego, C.P., Superior General of the Passionist Congregation;

Prof. Vincenzo Buonomo, Rector-President of the Pontifical Lateran University;

Fr. Fernando Taccone, C.P., Director of the Congress.

The Congress, "*The Wisdom of the Cross in a Pluralistic World*" is one of the initiatives of the Passionist Jubilee for the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation. It will take place in presence and virtually via livestreaming in English, Spanish and Italian. A hundred scholars from all over the world will make presentations.

The program has four components: the Cross and the challenge of cultures; the Cross and ecumenical dialogue



The first Monastery of the Congregation, founded by St. Paul of the Cross on the Monte Argentario in 1737.



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and the promotion of an integral humanism; the Cross and the new scenarios of evangelization; and the charism of Saint Paul of the Cross today and in the future.

The purpose of the Congress is to attempt to discover a current language and method of proclaiming and giving witness, in this "pluralist world", to the Wisdom of the Cross and to deepening the meaning of Christ's sacrifice as the most credible and concrete proof of God's love for humanity and a sure promise of resurrection and salvation. In addition to promoting solidarity with all the "crucified" of our time, the Congress will strive to give meaning to the experience of pain and evil, to the travail of humanity in this time period marked by the pandemic, natural disasters, epochal migrations, and geopolitical upheavals.

A part of the Congress are two exhibitions in via di Porta di S. Giovanni 10, Rome:

Gloria Passionis -- a selection of contemporary works of art on the theme of the Passion of Jesus from the Stauros Museum of the Shrine of San Gabriele (Isola del Gran Sasso, Teramo).

Additionally, there is a **photographic exhibition** by Stefano Guindani **regarding the priestly, medical, and humanitarian activity of the Passionist priest, Fr. Richard Frechette**, who for almost 40 years has served the poorest of the poor in the country of Haiti.

