

JUNE 24-27, 2013

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WEEK FOR HOPE

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



JUNE 24-27, 2013

in Brussels

«Ne confondez pas les gens de l'Eglise, ecclésiastiques, mais aussi simples laïcs, avec l'Eglise. Celle-ci ne se réalise pleinement que dans les saints. Ils sont le produit fini de l'immense usine bimillénaire.

Ce sont eux seuls qui réalisent le but pour lequel l'Eglise existe. Et ce sont eux seuls qu'elle nous propose d'imiter. Et pas les croisés, inquisiteurs, conquistadors ou colonisateurs.»

Remy Brague

«The Church is more than Church people, clergy or even the punters in the pews: don't get them confused. The Church only becomes its true self in the lives of the saints.

They are the finished products of a two-thousand year process. They alone are the ones who have fulfilled the purpose for which the Church exists. And they alone, rather than the crusaders, inquisition, conquerors or colonialists are the models the Church suggests we imitate.»

Remy Brague



JOIN THE WEEK FOR HOPE AN INVITATION

In 1999 Pope John Paul II convened a Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Europe. From this fruitful event there resulted the apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in Europa*. It was published ten years ago on 29 June 2003. The document was not uniformly received given the diversity of the one *Ecclesia in Europa*, the one Church in Europe to which Pope John Paul II so frequently appealed in his text. Together with the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE), the Commission of Bishops' Conferences in the European Community (COMECE) may be considered as coming closest to an authentic ecclesiastical expression of this unity. The bishops of COMECE therefore decided to organise a special Week for Hope to mark the tenth anniversary of *Ecclesia in Europa* as a special contribution and the secretariat has prepared an interesting and diverse programme in Brussels, where most of the European institutions are located. It is my pleasure to invite all of you, you who work in and with these institutions - especially the young - to the multiple events. Join the Week for Hope.

Ten years ago the European Union was a different place. Eight countries from Eastern and Central Europe were about to join the European Union together with Cyprus and Malta. In July 2003 the European Convention concluded its work by adopting its proposal for a Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe. It was a forward-looking and optimistic period where everything seemed possible at the same time - the widening and the deepening of the European Union. Today, in the light of

the current crisis, enthusiasm has faded. Scepticism and doubt sometimes seem to dominate. Looking back to what we have achieved in Europe this is not really justified and I therefore invite you all to remain hopeful Europeans. In the year of European citizenship I encourage you to transmit your hopes through your work and personal commitment to European citizens. Join the Week for Hope.

The programme presented in this booklet is not intended to recall the text of *Ecclesia in Europa* word by word and line by line. Instead it offers the opportunity to encounter some Saints, martyrs and witnesses of faith who have marked European history in a particular way. In fact we can grasp the essence of this papal document better through the example and life of these special persons than through any literal reading of a text. Because hope is transmitted through concrete encounters and experiences it is therefore my wish that you can join the Week for Hope.

All events were prepared by the secretariat of COMECE in close cooperation with the representations and secretariats of many other Catholic organisations and movements in Brussels. I wish to thank them all for their involvement. My special gratitude goes to H.E. Archbishop Alain Lebeaupin, the Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union, who has kindly accepted to preside at the concluding Eucharist on Thursday 27 June.

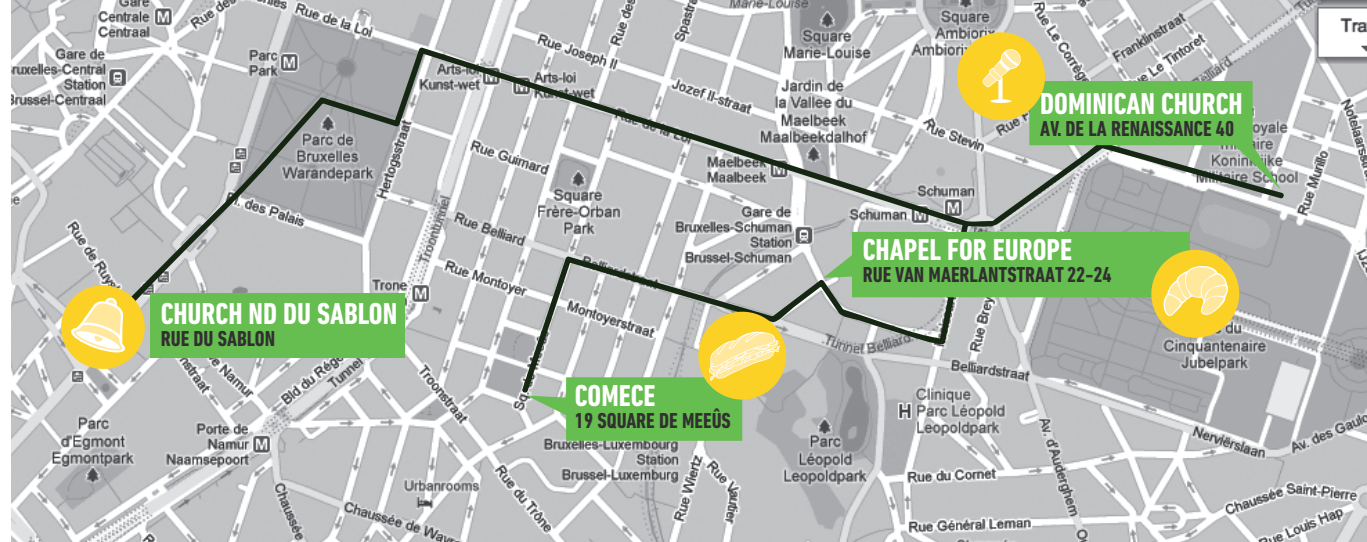
+ Reinhard Cardinal Marx,
President of COMECE

HOW CAN I JOIN THE WEEK FOR HOPE?

3 TIMES A DAY,
SPICE UP YOUR LIFE
WITH HOPE!

Menu or à la carte ?

Join us for all events or pick out what attracts you most



MORNING PRAYERS

8.00 AM UNTIL 8.45 AM
@ CHAPEL FOR EUROPE,
RUE VAN MAERLANT 22 - 24.

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Start your Day with an inspiring 45 min prayer + breakfast

Every morning from June 24th – 27th in the Chapel for Europe, you get a chance to discover a fascinating Saint or witness of faith of the 20th century. And still sufficient time to share breakfast together before heading off to work !

LUNCH DEBATES

12.30 PM UNTIL 2.00 PM
@ COMECE
SQUARE DE MEEÛS 19/1

At midday, have a break with an appetising lunch debate

The COMECE secretariat invites you to a sandwich lunch during the four days June 24th – 27th. Highly knowledgeable people will introduce you to the life and thoughts of some of the most famous Saints of Europe. Others will establish links to the challenges of today's Europe. To take part in the lunches, please register beforehand on our website www.comece.eu/week4hope or on the specific facebook event displayed at: www.facebook.com/Ecclesia.in.Europa

EVENING DISCUSSIONS

8.00 PM UNTIL 9.30 PM
@ DOMINICAN CHURCH,
AVENUE DE LA RENAISSANCE 40

Finish your day with a challenging evening discussion

On Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 in the evening, you can discover fascinating stories about what it means to resist evil. These are stories you will not forget. These evenings are meant to strengthen your hope. Beautiful music will touch your heart even further.

MASS TO CONCLUDE THE WEEK FOR HOPE

THURSDAY 27 JUNE 7.30 PM
@NOTRE DAME DU SABLON,
PLACE DU SABLON

Last but not least, the Eucharist at the conclusion of our Week for Hope

with the Apostolic Nuncio to the EU, Mgr Alain Lebeaupin on June, 27th

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Attendance to all events is free, but you may wish to make a contribution to the costs if you stay on for a lunch.

You will find more information about the Week for Hope and the apostolic exhortation at

www.comece.eu/week4hope
and
www.facebook.com/Ecclesia.in.Europa

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



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START YOUR DAY

WITH AN INSPIRING PRAYER BREAKFAST
CHAPEL FOR EUROPE / RUE VAN MAERLANT, 8H00 45 MIN



HAVE A BREAK

WITH AN APPETISING LUNCH DEBATE
COMECE SECRETARIAT / SQ DE MEEUS 19, 12H30 90 MIN



FINISH YOUR DAY

WITH A CHALLENGING EVENING DISCUSSION
DOMINICAN CHURCH / AV. DE LA RENAISSANCE, 20H00 90 MIN



MON
24

RESISTING OPPRESSION

Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko **P6**

EDUCATION 2.0

Blessed John Henry Newman & Joseph Leon Cardijn **P7**

FIGHTING ORGANISED CRIME

Blessed Don Pino Puglisi **P8**

TUE
25

WOMEN INVOLVED IN POLITICAL LIFE

Blessed Hildegard Burjan **P10**

BUSINESS ETHICS: THE FRANCISCAN WAY

Saint Bernardino Siena **P11**

RECONCILIATION ANTICIPATED

Blessed Karl Leisner & Archbishop Gabriel Piguet **P12**

WED
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LIVING AMONG PEOPLE WITH OTHER FAITH

Christian de Cherge **P14**

SUSTAINABILITY WANTED!

Saint Hildegard of Bingen **P15**

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LIVING AMONG PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS

Saint Pedro Poveda **P16**

MOBILITY: KEEP MOVING!

Saint Willibrord **P17**

MASS TO CONCLUDE THE WEEK FOR HOPE

@ ND DU SABLON THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 19:30

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3 times a day
spice up your life
with hope

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MORNING PRAYER

8:00-8:45 AM



SERVING TRUTH
RESISTING OPPRESSION
BLESSED JERZY POPIELUSZKO

*Solid foundations for a humane
coexistence in justice, peace,
freedom and solidarity*

Ecclesia in Europa, 98

Morning prayer with a spiritual portrait of Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko. After martial law was put in place in 1981 Jerzy Popieluszko delivered animated sermons on social justice and freedom. In 1984 the Polish Secret Service murdered this priest who was closely associated with the Solidarity union.

Followed by a breakfast

8.00 AM – 8.45 AM
CHAPEL FOR EUROPE
RUE VAN MAERLANT 22-24

Speaker: Ewa Czaczkowska, Polish journalist and author of a biography of Jerzy Popieluszko

*Language: Polish
(simultaneous interpretation in English
and French)*



TRUTH

GOODNESS

AND

SOLIDARITY

LUNCH DEBATE

12:30-14:00



"RETHINKING EDUCATION",
BUILD THE FUTURE, BUILD
A MORE JUST SOCIETY
**JOHN HENRY NEWMAN AND
JOSEPH LEON CARDIJN,
CHRISTIANS ENGAGED
IN EDUCATION ***

*Make every effort to guarantee
young people a truly humane future
with work, culture, and education
in moral and spiritual values"*

Ecclesia in Europa 115

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890), cardinal of the Catholic Church. He was instrumental in founding the Catholic University of Ireland and among many other books he wrote "The idea of a University". Cardinal Josef Henry Cardijn (1852 – 1967), founded the Young Christian Workers. His "See - Judge - Act" model was imitated throughout the world.

Followed by a sandwich lunch

12:30-14:00
COMECE SECRETARIAT,
SQUARE DE MEEUS 19/1

Speakers: Rev. Keith Beaumont, Australian priest of the Oratoire de France has written an authoritative biography of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman. Rev. Luc Roussel, priest of the diocese of Malines-Brussels historian, dean of Brussels North East and president of CARHOR (Centre d'animation et de recherche en histoire ouvrière et populaire)

Language: English and French



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FAITH

FORTITUDE

AND

SERVICE



EVENING DISCUSSION

20:00



DENOUNCING INJUSTICE IN ALL ITS FORMS

**THE NEWLY BEATIFIED DON PINO
PUGLISI (+ 1993) AND THE FIGHT
AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME**

*Church of Europe, in Jesus, who
is the justice of God, never grow
weary of denouncing injustice in
all its forms.*

(Ecclesia in Europa 105)

Blessed Fr. Pino Puglisi, who had delivered many sermons against the Mafia, the organised crime gangs of the region, was shot dead outside his home in Palermo at a time when there were many mafia killings in the Sicilian capital. The martyr was beatified this year on 26 May. During the evening his life and the current impact of his martyrdom will be presented. Organ and cello will accompany the two presentations.

20:00-21:30

**DOMINICAN CHURCH,
AV. DE LA RENAISSANCE 40**

Speakers: H. E. Paolo Romeo, Cardinal Archbishop of Palermo
H.E. Vincenzo Bertolone, Bishop of Catanzaro-Squillace and postulator of the beatification cause

*Language: Italian and French,
(simultaneous interpretation in French.
Texts available in English)*



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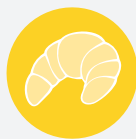
COURAGE

JUSTICE



MORNING PRAYER

8:00-8:45 AM



A WOMAN PIONEER
IN POLITICAL LIFE
AND SOCIAL WORK
BLESSED HILDEGARD BURJAN
(1883 - 1933)

*Men and women have and
continue to bear witness to Christ
and his Gospel by their service to
public life*

(Ecclesia in Europa, 54)

Morning prayer with a spiritual portrait
of Blessed Hildegard Burjan. The Austrian
politician was among the first women to
be elected to a parliament in Europe. She
launched major social reforms and founded
the religious congregation Caritas Socialis.

Followed by breakfast

8:00-8:45 AM
CHAPEL FOR EUROPE
RUE VAN MAERLANT 22-24

Speaker: Mag. Sr. Karin Weiler CS,
director of the section social pastoral
services, values and voluntary engagement,
Caritas Socialis.

Language: German
(in simultaneous interpretation English)



THE DIGNITY OF
WOMEN

JUSTICE

CO-OPERATION
WITH ALL
PEOPLE OF
GOOD WILL

LUNCH DEBATE

12:30-14:00



FRANCISCAN ECONOMIC
THOUGHT AND
THE EMERGENCE
OF A MARKET ECONOMY
XVTH CENTURY SAINT
BERNARDINO SIENA*

*Determined to safeguard the
dignity of the human person in
social and economic relations.*

(Ecclesia in Europa 87)

Bernardino of Siena preached in the first half
of the XVth century throughout Northern
Italy. His economic teaching includes the
justification of private property, the ethics
of trade, the determination of value and
price, and the usury question, but also a
forceful condemnation of greed. In his
defence of the entrepreneur he identified
a rare combination of four entrepreneurial
gifts: efficiency, responsibility, hard work,
and risk-taking. During the presentation
and in the subsequent debate his ideas will
be confronted with the current challenges of
the European economy and contemporary
business ethics.

Followed by a sandwich lunch

12:30-14:00
COMECE SECRETARIAT,
SQUARE DE MEEUS 19/1

Speaker: Stefano Zamagni, Professor
of Economics, University of Bologna;
Assistant Professor of International
Political Economy, Johns Hopkins
University.

Language: English

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FRATERNITY

DEVELOPMENT

COMMON
GOOD

EVENING
DISCUSSION

20:00

RECONCILIATION
ANTICIPATED

**THE IMPROBABLE
PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF
BLESSED KARL LEISNER BY
ARCHBISHOP GABRIEL PIGUET
1944 IN A CONCENTRATION
CAMP***

*Reconciliation must exercise
a fundamental role
in the recovery of hope*
(Ecclesia in Europa, 76)

Accompanied by organ music two speakers will present the biographies of Blessed Karl Leisner and Archbishop Gabriel Piguet. The latter secretly ordained the former in 1944 in the Dachau concentration camp, thus anticipating the forthcoming reconciliation between France and Germany. Archbishop Hippolyte Simon from Clermont (France) and Auxiliary Bishop Christoph Hegge from Münster (Germany) will conclude the evening: a cultural and spiritual event .

20:00-21:30

**DOMINICAN CHURCH,
AV. DE LA RENAISSANCE 40**

Speakers: Marc-Alexis Roquejoffre,
Director of the Diocesan radio of
Clermont-Ferrand (France).
Dr. Thomas Flammer, Director of the
Institute of the history of the diocese of
Münster (Germany).

Language: French and German

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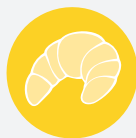
FREEDOM

PEACE



MORNING PRAYER

8:00-8:45 AM



INTERRELIGIOUS
DIALOGUE
THE TESTIMONY
OF CHRISTIAN DE CHERGE,
PRIOR OF THIBIRINE*

*A proper relationship with Islam
is particularly important.*

(Ecclesia in Europa 57)

Morning prayer with a spiritual portrait of Christian de Cherge, prior of the monks of Thibirine who were abducted from their monastery and killed in May 1996. The testament and other writings of Christian de Cherge are lasting contributions to the dialogue among Christians and Muslims.

Followed by breakfast

8:00-8:45 AM
CHAPEL FOR EUROPE
RUE VAN MAERLANT 22-24

Speaker: Rev. Christian Salenson, Director of the Institute for religious science and theology at the Catholic Institute of the Mediterranean, Marseille. Author of "Prier quinze jours avec Christian de Cherge".

Languages: French



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COMMUNION

GIFT

DIALOGUE

LUNCH DEBATE

12:30-14:00



THE POWER
OF LIVING SIMPLY
LEARNING FROM
SAINT HILDEGARD VON BINGEN
(1098 – 1179) *

*Committing ourselves in new
ways to a proper use
of the goods of the earth*
(Ecclesia in Europa, 89)

The person and works of Saint Hildegard of Bingen, proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 2009, will be presented, leading on to an exchange with Brussels actors in the field of environmental and development policies about inspirations for a sustainable life style in Europe.

Followed by a sandwich lunch

12:30-14:00
COMECE SECRETARIAT
SQUARE DE MEEUS 19/1

Speaker: Sr. Philippa Rath OSB, Benedictine Abbey of St. Hildegard, Rüdesheim/Eibingen
Discussant: Mr. Peter Liese, Member of the EU Parliament, EPP Group.

*Languages: German
(in simultaneous interpretation English)*



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MEMORY

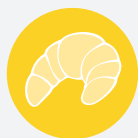
HONOUR

PRUDENCE

MERCY

MORNING PRAYER

8:00-8:45 AM



A PRIEST "WITH THE MIND
AND HEART IN
THE PRESENT MOMENT"
SAINT PEDRO POVEDA (1874-1936)*

*Persons have value in themselves,
apart from their economic,
cultural, and social status*
(Ecclesia in Europa 86)

Morning prayer with a spiritual portrait of the Spanish priest, writer and founder Saint Pedro Poveda, who was shot in 1936 in Madrid during the Spanish Civil War. In 1912 he founded the Theresian Association and in 1914 he opened Spain's first university residence for women in Madrid. He was pushed into the heart of society by the force of the Spirit and believed in the transforming capacity of education. Trusting in no other power than prayer, tolerance and the strength of love, he knew how to build and share with the men and women of his time.

Followed by breakfast

8:00-8:45 AM
CHAPEL FOR EUROPE
RUE VAN MAERLANT 22-24

Speaker: Giulia Maria Gonzalez, General Secretary of the Theresian Association

*Language: Spanish
(in simultaneous interpretation English)*



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the Theresian Association



PRAYER

TOLERANCE

STRENGTH
OF LOVE

LUNCH DEBATE

12:30-14:00



AN EXAMPLE
FOR MOBILITY
IN A CHANGING EUROPE
SAINT WILLIBRORD (658 - 739)

The globalization of solidarity
(Ecclesia in Europa, 112)

The life and travels of Saint Willibrord are presented as a role model for Young Europeans today. Saint Willibrord was at the service of the Gospel when Europe as we define it today was in its infancy. He was born in England, lived and worked in Ireland, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Patron Saint of Luxembourg he is venerated in an annual Spring procession. The conference opens with a short film about this authentically European event.

Followed by a sandwich lunch

12:30-14:00
COMECE SECRETARIAT,
SQUARE DE MEEUS 19/1

Speaker: H.E. Archbishop Jean Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg

Language: English



PRACTICAL
WISDOM

KNOWLEDGE

APOSTOLIC
EAGERNESS

MASS TO CONCLUDE THE WEEK FOR HOPE

19H30



CONCLUSION OF THE
WEEK FOR HOPE
EUROPE'S VOCATION TO
OPENNESS

Europe needs to be an open and welcoming Continent, continuing to develop in the current process of globalization forms of co-operation which are not merely economic but social and cultural as well.

(Ecclesia in Europa 111)

19:30

**NOTRE DAME AU SABLON,
RUE DU SABLON**

Celebrant: H.E. Mgr Alain Lebeaupin,
Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union





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ECCLESIA IN EUROPE: AN OVERVIEW

At times when European peoples were – and still are – taking epochal steps towards integration and communion, the Church could not but be encouraging a deep reflection on the part of Europeans, confronted with unprecedented challenges and decisive choices.

What direction should Europe follow? What is the role of Church and Catholics in Europe in this process? What the Pope is pointing at is, in a single word, hope. Hope is mentioned in the title itself, which then inspired this initiative: “Exhortation [...] on Jesus Christ, alive in His Church, the source of hope for Europe”.

The framework of this Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation (a document by the Pope as a result of work carried out by bishops from a given region) is the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation. Why this choice? Because it is a “prophetic revelation” which discloses to the community of believers the deep and hidden meaning of what is taking place (cf. Rev 1:1).

But how is this hope transmitted at a time of crisis and disorientation?



The duty of the Church is to announce the Gospel of Jesus Christ to each man and each woman always and everywhere. This Gospel of Hope sheds light and gives meaning to family, consecrated life, ecumenism, youth and education, protection of human dignity and life, solidarity, co-responsibility in public life.

These topics build up to a powerful document, which proves to be very much up-to-date and really fruitful for our reflections and engagement today.

Read the full text (in 8 languages)

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_exhortations/index.htm

or

<http://goo.gl/z7DSt>

**A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO
MGR ALAIN LEBEAUPIN, APOSTOLIC
NUNCIO TO THE EUROPEAN UNION.**

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spice up your life
with hope*



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