



**European Forum of National Laity Committees  
Forum kresťanských inštitúcií**



**Study Assembly  
Bratislava, July 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
“Religion and Diversity in Europe”**

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**Tuesday, 01-07-2008**

Until 18.00 Arrival

19.00 Dinner and Welcome Evening  
Presentation of the national delegations

*(21.00 Meeting of the Heads of Delegations)*

**Wednesday, 02-07-2008**

**Theme of the Day: Political Diversity**

8.00 Breakfast

9.00 Opening Session  
Welcome by the President of the European Laity Forum  
Drs. Maria Draaijers, Netherlands

9.15 "The Christian Identity in a pluralistic Europe"  
- Prof. Dr. Michał Seweryński, Poland, former Minister of Science and Higher Education  
- Prof. Dr. Leónce Bekemans, Belgium, University of Padua

12.00 Eucharist  
Main Celebrant: Cardinal Renato Martino,  
President of the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace

13.30 Lunch

*14.15-15.00 Meeting of the Head of Delegations*

15.00 Workshops with the speakers



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17.00-18.30 Participation in the presentation of the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church by Cardinal Renato Martino, President of the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace

19.00-21.00 International Buffet and meeting with the Slovakian National Council of Laity

### **Thursday, 03-07-2008**

#### **Theme of the Day: Social and cultural Diversity**

- 7.30        *Eucharist*
- 8.00        Breakfast
- 9.00        Meditation
- 9.15        Greetings:  
Sr. Lutgardis Craeynest,  
President of the Union of European Conferences of Major Superiors (UCESM)  
P. Lorenz Voith, Secretary General of CCPE  
Thierry Bonaventura, CCEE Media Officer  
Vladimir Durikovic, President of FAFCE  
Drs. Marie-Louise van Wijk-van de Ven, President of Andante
- 10.45        Break
- 11.15        "Is social and cultural diversity good or bad? - Inclusivity and the Soul"  
- Christina Sasaki Wallimann, former Secretary General of Justitia et Pax,  
Switzerland  
Discussion
- 13.15        Lunch
- 15.00        Testimonies  
- Luisa Costa-Hölzl, Germany  
- Victor Khroul, Russia  
- Sr. Ann Codd, Ireland  
- Margita Markova, Slovakia
- 16.15        Workshops with the speakers in language groups
- 17.00        *Meeting of the Heads of Delegations*
- 18.30        Dinner



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**Friday, 04-07-2008**

### **Theme of the Day: Spiritual Diversity**

- 7.30            *Eucharist*
- 8.00            Breakfast
- 9.00            Meditation
- 9.15            "Spiritual Diversity – Religious orders and Laity in Europe"  
- Sr. Lutgardis Craeynest, President of UCESM
- 11.00           "Spiritual Diversity – Religious Life in the Northern Countries"  
- Prof. Magnus Nyman, Sweden, University Uppsala  
"Spiritual Diversity – Religious Life in the Southern Countries"  
- Antonio Moniz, Portugal, SNALF  
"Spiritual Diversity – Religious Life in middle Europe"  
- Jozef Konc, Secretary of the council for laity, Slovakia  
"Networking as Laity in Europe – a proposal"  
- Hein Pieper, Netherlands, Director Catholic network
- 13.15           Lunch
- 14.00-15.30 "The European Year of Intercultural Dialogue"  
- Ján Figel', European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and  
Youth, Brussels  
Discussion
- 16.00-22.30 Excursion to Nitra, the oldest diocese of Slovakia  
Meeting with representatives of the Slovakian Bishops' Conference
- 19.00           Dinner in priest seminar
- 20.00           Open air concert



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### **Saturday, 05-07-2008**

8.00 Breakfast

9.00 Meditation

9.15 Statutory Assembly  
(3 nominated participants per delegation)

13.15 Lunch

15.00 Closing Session  
Summary by the President of the European Laity Forum,  
Drs. Maria Draaijers

15.30 Meeting of the National delegations

16.30 Final discussion in the plenary

17.30-18.30 Eucharist

19.00 Festive Dinner

### **Sunday, 06-07-2008**

8.00 Eucharist

9.00 Breakfast

9.45 Departure

12.00 Lunch (optional)