



GLOBAL CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC LEADERS

SYMPOSIUM 2027

INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AS THE TASK OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

18–25 April 2027 | Villa Palazzola, near Rome

Following on from a similar and successful symposium in 2024, The Global Centre for Catholic Leaders is drawing together Catholic school and system leaders from different countries to discern what wellbeing in our diverse contexts looks like when viewed through a Catholic lens. The symposium will deepen participants' understanding of the unique resources lying within the Catholic Tradition that address wellbeing and mental health challenges affecting many students and staff in our various educational settings at this time and devise fresh ways of responding in the service of authentic human flourishing.

WITH GLOBAL PRESENTERS, INCLUDING:

- **Fr Eamonn Conway**, Professor of Integral Human Development, UNDA
- **Dr Leonardo Franchi**, Professor of Education, Glasgow University/UNDA
- **Dr Judith King**, Theologian and Psychotherapist
- **Rev Mark Powell**, Director of Religious Education, Catholic Education Western Australia
- **Laura Avery**, Director, Global Centre for Catholic Leaders, UNDA

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- From wellbeing to human flourishing: mining the Catholic Intellectual Tradition
- Reflecting on Pope Leo XIV's teaching on Integral Human Development and Formation for mission
- Discerning existing policies and frameworks in our educational settings regarding wellbeing and mental health
- Sharing current best practice across participants' diverse Catholic educational contexts
- Caring for the whole school community: principals, teachers, administrators, as well as students
- Taking it all home: from reflection and discernment to policy and practice

The program will include a pilgrimage to St Peter's Basilica and meetings with the relevant dicasteries of the Holy See.



FROM A PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANT

The learning undertaken has been profoundly enriching, deepening an understanding of Catholic education as a shared mission centred on the flourishing of every person. As a principal, it has offered a powerful lens for wellbeing: one that attends not only to the achievement and support, but to the spiritual, relational, emotional and communal life of students, staff and families.



SYSTEM LEAD PARTICIPANT

This opportunity strengthened my capacity and confidence to lead in this space. It sharpened the importance of shaping policies, supports and leadership that places full flourishing of all persons at the centre of our mission in Catholic education.

COST

\$2800 AUD/€1750/£1500



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