

Catholic Schools and Religious Liberty: A Global Perspective

Sponsored by the University of Notre Dame and Australian Catholic University

December 11-14, 2022

Notre Dame Rome Global Gateway, Via Ostilia 15, Rome
Australian Catholic University Rome Campus, Largo Giovanni Berchet 4, Rome
Domus Australia, Via Cernaia 14B, Rome

Arrival | Sunday December 11, 2022

6:00 p.m. **Opening Mass**
Chapel of St Peter Chanel,
Domus Australia, Via Cernaia 14B, Rome

Principal Celebrant: His Eminence Cardinal George Pell AC

7:00 p.m. **Cocktail reception**
Domus Australia, Via Cernaia 14B, Rome

Welcome: Professor Zlatko Skrbis
Vice-Chancellor and President
Australian Catholic University

Day 1 | Monday December 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. **Optional Mass**
Notre Dame, Rome Global Gateway Chapel
Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Casamento CSMA
Vice-President, Australian Catholic University

9:30 a.m. **Coffee and biscuits**
Notre Dame, Rome Global Gateway

10:00 a.m. The imperative of religious freedom for Catholic schools.

Facilitator: Fr. Anthony Casamento CSMA
Vice-President, Australian Catholic University

Remarks: G. Marcus Cole
Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law
University of Notre Dame

Most Rev. Thomas Daly

Bishop of Spokane, Chair USCCB Committee on
Education

11:00 a.m. **Morning coffee**

11:30 a.m. **Regional Challenges Panel 1:** Catholic Schools' Autonomy and
Religious Liberty in the United States and Canada

Facilitator: John Staud
Executive Director, Alliance for Catholic Education
University of Notre Dame

Panelists: Fr. Deacon Andrew P.W. Bennett
Program Director for Religious Freedom, Cardus

Kathleen Porter-Magee
Superintendent, Partnership Schools

Nicole Garnett
John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law
University of Notre Dame

1:00 p.m. **Lunch** Casual lunch at the Gateway

2:30 p.m. **Regional Challenges Panel 2:** Catholic Schools' Autonomy and
Religious Liberty in Latin America

Facilitator: Maria Paz San Martin
JSD candidate, Notre Dame Law School

Panelists: Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves
Professor, Law Faculty, Universidade Federal de
Uberlândia, and Director, Brazilian Center of Studies in
Law and Religion

Ana Maria Celis Brunet
Professor of Law, Pontifical University of Chile &
Vice-President, International Consortium for Law &
Religion Studies

Fr. Beau Schweitzer, SOLT
Chancellor, John Paul II Junior College, Belize

4:00 p.m. **Afternoon tea**

4:30 p.m. **Regional Challenges Panel 3:** Catholic Schools' Autonomy and
Religious Liberty in Europe

Facilitator: Paolo Carozza
Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame

Panelists: Paul Barber
Director, Catholic Education Service in England and
Wales
Ignasi Grau
President, OIDEL

Grégor Puppinck, Director General
European Centre for Law and Justice

6:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

7:30 p.m. **Reception and Conference Dinner**

Location: Australian Catholic University Rome Campus,
Largo Giovanni Berchet 4, Rome

Welcome: Hon. Martin Daubney AM KC
Chancellor, Australian Catholic University

Remarks: Christopher White
Vatican correspondent, National Catholic Reporter

Day 2 | Tuesday December 13, 2022

9:00 a.m. **Mass**
Notre Dame, Rome Global Gateway Chapel
Celebrant: Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC
Vicar General, Congregation of Holy Cross

9:30 a.m. **Coffee and biscuits**
Notre Dame, Rome Global Gateway

10:00 a.m. **Regional Challenges Panel 4: Catholic Schools' Autonomy and
Religious Liberty in South-East Asia and Oceania**

Facilitator: Michael Casey
Director, PM Glynn Institute, Australian Catholic
University

Panelists: Fr. Frank Brennan, SJ
Adjunct Professor of Law, Australian Catholic University

Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC
Vicar General, Congregation of Holy Cross

Fr. Robert McCulloch
Procurator General, St Columban's Mission Society

Fr. Johnny Go, SJ
Coordinator, Jesuit Education Commission for Asia
Pacific

11:30 a.m. **Morning coffee**

12:00 p.m. **Regional Challenges Panel 5: Catholic Schools' Autonomy and Religious Liberty in Africa**

Facilitator: TJ D'Agostino, Program Director, International Education Program Research Initiative, University of Notre Dame

Panelists: Sr Mary Cecilia Draru, LSMIG
Executive Director, African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC), Uganda

Augusta Muthigani
National Executive Secretary, Commission for Education & RE
Kenyan Conference of Catholic Bishops

Sr Mary Amanda Evangeline Ukamaka, IHM
Education Secretary, Religious Institute of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ
Anambra State, Nigeria

Fr. Lindbergh Mondésir, CSV
Director, Institut Théologique Enseignement,
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

1:30 p.m. **Lunch** Casual lunch at the Gateway

3:00 p.m. **Legal Panel: Civil Law Protections of Religious Liberty Globally for Catholic Schools**

Facilitator: Stephanie Barclay
Associate Professor of Law and Director, Notre Dame Religious Liberty Initiative

Panelists: Patrick Quirk
Associate Professor, Thomas More Law School
Australian Catholic University

Marc DeGirolami
Cary Fields Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Law and Religion
St. John's University

Jorge Barrera Rojas

Assistant Professor of Law, University of San Sebastian,
Chile and JSD candidate, University of Notre Dame

4:30 p.m. Afternoon tea and adjournment until 5pm for Keynote 3.

5:00 p.m. **Keynote 3:** Catholic Schools, Religious Liberty, and Global Diplomacy

Facilitator: Her Excellency Ambassador Chiara Porro
Australian Ambassador to the Holy See

Keynote: His Excellency Most Rev. Paul Gallagher
Secretary for Relations with States, Secretariat of State,
Holy See

6:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Free Evening

Day 3 | Wednesday, December 14, 2022

9:00 a.m. **Coffee and biscuits**
Notre Dame, Rome Global Gateway

9:30 a.m. **Governance Panel:** Schools' Governance Models and Religious
Liberty

Facilitator: Patrick Quirk
Associate Professor, Thomas More Law School
Australian Catholic University

Frank Malloy
National Director, Marist Schools Australia

Fr. Friedrich Bechina FSO
Undersecretary Emeritus, Congregation for Catholic
Education

John Schoenig
Senior Director of Teacher Formation and Education
Policy, Alliance for Catholic Education, University of
Notre Dame

11:00 a.m. **Morning coffee**

11:30 a.m. **Keynote 2:** Religious Liberty Challenges for Catholic Schools in the
Islamic world

Facilitator: Fr. Frank Brennan, SJ
Adjunct Professor of Law, Australian Catholic University

Keynote: Gianluca Parolin
Professor of Comparative Law, Aga Khan University.

12:30 p.m. **Lunch** Casual lunch at the Gateway

2:00 p.m. **Keynote 4:** Religious Liberty and the Mission of Catholic Schools

Facilitator: Fr. Lou DelFra, CSC
Director of Pastoral Life, Alliance for Catholic Education

Keynote: His Eminence Cardinal George Pell, AC

Response: Jacinta Collins
Executive Director, National Catholic Education
Commission, Australia

4:00 p.m. **(Optional) Tour of the Basilica of San Clemente Crypt**

5:00 p.m. **Closing Mass**

Basilica of San Clemente, Via Labicana, 95, Rome

Celebrant: Most Rev. Thomas Daly
Bishop of Spokane and Chair, USCCB Committee on
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