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“Dei Verbum Audiens et Proclamans” – “Hearing the Word of God with Reverence and Proclaiming it with Faith”

Cardinal Walter Kasper, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

*Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, was born on March 5, 1933 in Heidenheim/Brenz, Germany. He was ordained priest for the Diocese of Rottenburg–Stuttgart on April 6, 1957 and holds a doctorate in theology from the theological faculty of Tübingen. He was professor for dogmatic theology and dean of the theological faculty in Münster and later in Tübingen.*

*On 17 April 1989 he was appointed bishop of Rottenburg–Stuttgart and received episcopal consecration on June 17, of the same year. In 1994 he was named co-chair of the International Commission for Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue. On June 1, 1999 he was appointed secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. On March 3, 2001 he was named president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.*

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From Dei Verbum to Novo Millennio Ineunte – the Reception Process of Dei Verbum in the Light of the Change of Paradigm in the Past 40 Years

Msgr. John Onaiyekan, Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria, President of SECAM

*Archbishop John Onaiyekan was born on January 29, 1944 in Kabba, Nigeria. He was ordained priest on August 3, 1969 and consecrated bishop on January 6, 1983, becoming titular bishop of Thunusuda and auxiliary bishop of Ilorin. He became ordinary of Ilorin in October 1984 and remained there as bishop until 1990, when he became coadjutor bishop of Abuja. With the elevation of Abuja to a metropolitan see, he became the first archbishop of Abuja in March 1994. Msgr. Onaiyekan holds a licence from the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and a doctorate in biblical theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome.*

*He is currently president of SECAM (Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar), president of the Nigerian Episcopal Conference and a member of the Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops, serving both for the Ordinary Synod and for the Special Synod for Africa.*

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Central Role of the Word of God in the Life of the Church – Biblical Inspiration of the Entire Pastoral Ministry

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, Archbishop emeritus of Milan, Italy

*Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, S.J., archbishop emeritus of Milan, Italy, was born in Turin on February 15, 1927. He entered the Society of Jesus on September 25, 1944. In 1958, he received his doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. After some years of teaching on the faculty of Chieri he earned a doctorate in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute.*

*Dean of the faculty of Scripture at the Biblical Institute, he was rector of the Institute from 1969 to 1978 when he was nominated chancellor of the Pontifical Gregorian University. Pope John Paul II nominated him archbishop of Milan on December 29, 1979. Since July 22, 2002 he is archbishop emeritus. He was also president of the Council of the European Episcopal Conferences from 1986 until 1993.*

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Panel A: America

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**Gabriel Naranjo Salazar**

*Gabriel Naranjo Salazar, a Vincentian priest, was born in Colombia in 1950. In addition to his priestly studies he specialized in biblical theology at the Pontifical University Javeriana of Bogotá and in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, the École Biblique and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.*

*For years now he has been involved in the project of intercultural exegesis (Evangelium et Cultura) and in the Catholic Biblical Federation, of which he was zonal coordinator for the Bolivarian countries of Latin America. He has attended the last three CBF Plenary Assemblies.*

*He has worked in formation in his province and as professor of exegesis in the Vincentian theologate and in other institutions such as the Instituto Teológico de Pastoral of CELAM. He is presently provincial superior of his community in Colombia and president of the Conferencia Latinoamericana de Provincias Vicentinas (CLAPVI). He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the CBF, and is responsible ad interim for the subregional coordination for Latin America and the Caribbean.*



**Archbishop Diego Rafael Padrón Sánchez**

*Archbishop Diego Padrón was born on May 17, 1939 in Montalbán, Venezuela. He was ordained a priest in 1963. A lecturer of Spanish, literature and Latin, he graduated from the Instituto Pedagógico de Caracas, Venezuela, having completed studies in the areas of group dynamics and youth ministry in Bogotá, Colombia. He has a licence in biblical theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and holds a degree in oriental biblical sciences from the Franciscanum Biblical Institute in Jerusalem.*

*He has taught biblical Greek and biblical theology at the Instituto Universitario Santa Rosa de Lima of Caracas. Pope John Paul II appointed him bishop on May 27, 1990. He was auxiliary bishop of Caracas and later bishop of Maturín. On March 27, 2002 he was named Archbishop Metropolitan of Cumaná, Venezuela.*



**Eleana Salas Cáceres**

*Sr. Eleana Salas Cáceres was born in Peru in 1946. She has a licence in education, in the specialty of philosophy and social sciences. She pursued biblical studies at the Biblicum Franciscanum of Jerusalem and is currently completing studies for her masters in biblical pastoral ministry.*

*Sr. Eleana is a member of the Congregation of the Hijas de María Auxiliadora (Daughters of Mary Help of Christians), or Salesian Sisters, in which she*

*has served as coordinator for Youth Ministry at the provincial level, and she has also been provincial superior of her congregation. She has been a member of the diocesan team of rural pastoral ministry and coordinator of biblical pastoral ministry in the diocese of Cajamarca. She exercises the charge of executive secretary of the Episcopal Commission of Catechesis, Biblical Pastoral Ministry and Ministry to the Indigenous Peoples.*

*The following are a few of her publications in the area of pastoral ministry in the service of rural catechists and popular groups (catequistas campesinos y grupos populares): Colección para la Formación de Catequistas Campesinos, Diócesis de Cajamarca (for which she did both writing and editing); Celebraciones de la Palabra: para las Asambleas Cristianas presididas por laicos (Ciclo A, B y C).*

Moderator: Louis Castonguay

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Panel B: Africa

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**Moïse Adeniran Adekambi**

*Fr. Moïse Adeniran Adekambi is a priest from Porto-Novo Diocese in the Nigerian province of Benin. Born in 1957, he entered the Major Seminary of Ouidah, Benin, in 1979, where he completed his philosophical and theological studies in 1984.*

*Ordained a Catholic priest in 1984, Fr. Adekambi worked as an assistant pastor in Porto-Novo (1984–1986), before beginning a course of specialized studies in Sacred Scripture in Rome, at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. He received his licence in Sacred Scripture from the Biblicum in 1989, and officially became a doctoral candidate in 1990.*

*Having returned to Benin, Fr. Adekambi served as a director of formation in the Propedeutic Seminary of Misserete (1990–1993) and in the Major Seminary of Ouidah (1993–2002). He has managed to combine formation and administrative activities with pastoral assignments: biblical formation of the laity in Porto-Novo (1992–2002); biblical radio programme at the national radio station of Cotonou (1993–2002); diocesan chaplaincy of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Porto-Novo (1992–2002).*

*Since September 2002 he has been serving the bishops and the Church of Africa – as deputy director of the Catholic Biblical Center for Africa and Madagascar (BICAM) from December 2002 to February 2005, and as director of the same since February 2005.*



**Titus H. Amigu**

*Fr. Titus H. Amigu was born in 1960 in Muidumbe, Mozambique. He studied philosophy and theology in Peramiho Major Seminary, Tanzania. He was ordained a priest in 1989 and for two years taught biology and mathematics at Namupa Junior Seminary in Tanzania. In 1995 he received his licence in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.*

*Since 1996, he has been teaching New Testament, New Testament Greek and biblical Hebrew at Peramiho Major Seminary. Since 2000 Amigu has held the office of Rector of Peramiho Major Seminary. Since 2003, he has also been the national coordinator of the biblical apostolate in Tanzania. Among other engagements, his duties include conducting seminars on the Bible and responding to questions related to the Bible on the radio and in Catholic newspapers. He has authored several books for Kiswahili speakers in East Africa.*



**Guy Theunis**

*Fr. Guy Theunis was born in 1945 in Brussels, Belgium. He became a member of the Société des Missionnaires d'Afrique (White Fathers) in 1968 and was ordained a priest in 1969. He studied at the Catholic University of Louvain and at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and holds licences in theology and Sacred Scripture.*

*From 1970 to 1994 he worked as a missionary in Rwanda. Since 1998 he has been assigned to South Africa. Among other functions he served as parish priest in various parishes, as professor of theology, philosophy and deontology in several secondary schools, as professor of biblical studies at the Institut Catéchétique Africain in Butare (1977–1978) and at the Major Seminary in Nyakibanda (1978–1986). Theunis has always been engaged in biblical pastoral ministry and has collaborated in the translation of the Bible into Kinyarwanda.*

*While staff member of the Pastoral Institute of Lumko (South Africa) from 1998 to 2003, he was also in charge of the biblical apostolate for the whole of Southern Africa. Since 2003 he has been in charge of ongoing formation in his order at the mother house of the Société des Missionnaires d'Afrique.*

**Moderator:** Archbishop Ignatius Kaigama

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Panel C: Asia-Oceania

**Cecilia Chui**

*Cecilia Chui is a Chinese lay woman, born in Hong Kong. She holds an executive master's degree in*



*business administration and is a public relations consultant by profession.*

*As a parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Kowloon Bay), she serves as a lector and catechumenate class teacher. She is also a member of her parish's liturgical and formation committees. As a representative of her parish, she participated in the Hong Kong Diocesan Synod from 2000 to 2001, which dealt with the topic of evangelization.*

*Since 1984, she has been an active member of the Hong Kong Catholic Biblical Association, a lay organization responsible for promoting biblical pastoral ministry. She was a member of the local organizing committee of the Fifth Plenary Assembly of the Catholic Biblical Federation held in Hong Kong in 1996.*

*Ms Chui has been the coordinator of the CBF Northeast Asian subregion since 1990. She also serves as the liaison secretary of the United Chinese Catholic Biblical Association (UCCBA) and is the editor of the bulletin "Communion", published by the UCCBA.*



**Marie Emmanuel Gunanto**

*Sr. Emma Gunanto was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, in 1937. She entered the Ursuline order in 1958. Having studied education at the University of Louvain, Belgium, for two years, she continued her studies in Jakarta, where she earned her master's degree in English literature from the Catholic University, Faculty of Education. She then served as headmistress of a teachers' college in Ende Flores, and later in Jakarta.*

*From 1977 to 1982 she worked for the LBI (Catholic Indonesian Biblical Association), in a joint project of several Churches, translating the Old Testament into today's Indonesian version. From 1982 to 1987 she conducted biblical meditations and animations for young people and teachers at the Jesuit retreat house Girisonta in Central Java. In 1988 she participated in the Dei Verbum course in Nemi, Italy, and a course for retreat directors on Jesuit Spirituality at the Jesuit Generalate in Rome. As an outcome of these studies and her first contacts with the Catholic Biblical Federation she founded the Angela Merici Biblical Center in Bandung, Indonesia, in 1989. Since 1996 she has been serving as CBF subregional coordinator for Southeast Asia.*



**Jacob Theckanath**

*Fr. Jacob Theckanath is a diocesan priest of the archdiocese of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar in India. After his biblical (S.S.L.) and theological studies (S.T.L.) and a period of ministry in the diocese, he became a lecturer in biblical theology in the department of Christianity in the state-run University of Mysore.*

*He served as the secretary of the National Episcopal Commission for Bible, Catechetics and*

*Liturgy of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) for over 9 years, and was director of the National Biblical Catechetical and Liturgical Centre (NBCLC) of the same Episcopal Conference in Bangalore, for over 10 years, where he had earlier worked as the associate director of the Bible Department from 1977 to 1981.*

*His main involvement has been in the field of ongoing formation of various sectors of the Church through numerous workshops. He was South Asian subregional coordinator of the Catholic Biblical Federation for three terms. He is also acting director of the Bible correspondence course.*

*He has written books in the form of popular commentaries on the Gospels and was for a time editor of the review "Word and Worship" and he has also edited several books.*

**Moderator:** Archbishop John Ha

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Panel D: Europe-Middle East



**Florencio Abajo Núñez**

*Fr. Florencio Abajo Núñez, born in 1965, is a Sacerdote Operario Diocesano (diocesan worker priest). He studied theology at the Pontifical University of Salamanca and holds licences in religious science and theology. At the Pontifical University of Comillas he did a specialization in the Bible.*

*Abajo has served as formation director for the Minor Seminary Maestro Ávila, and also for the Minor Seminary in Toledo. He has also served as a parish priest, and as professor and vice-rector of the Major Seminary in Zaragoza.*

*Since 1997, he has been director of the Casa de la Biblia. The Casa de la Biblia is an institution of the fraternity of the Sacerdotes Operarios Diocesanos, and represents the Spanish Episcopal Conference at the Catholic Biblical Federation. In this capacity, Abajo has given numerous courses and published many articles on biblical and biblical pastoral topics in recent years.*



**Dieter Bauer**

*Dieter Bauer was born in 1956, in Köngen near Stuttgart, Germany.*

*Bauer studied Catholic theology in Tübingen, Germany, and Chur, Switzerland. After completing his theological studies with an emphasis on the New Testament, he worked for 20 years with the German Catholic Biblical Association (Katholisches Bibelwerk) in Stuttgart as editor of the periodicals "Bibel und Kirche" (Bible and Church) and "Bibel heute" (Bible Today), and in adult education. He developed there, among other things, the so-called "Grundkurs Bibel" (Basic Bible Course), wrote a*



**Gérard Billon**

*Fr. Gérard Billon was born in 1953 and has been a priest of the diocese of Luçon since 1983. He did his biblical studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (1986–1989) and at the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem (1989–1990).*

*He was a professor of biblical studies at the Seminaries of Angers and Nantes (1990–2004) and has been teaching on the Faculty of Theology in Angers since 1994. Presently he serves as director of the Service Biblique catholique Évangile et Vie and as coordinator of the Catholic Biblical Federation for the subregion of Southern and Western Europe (both since 2003). Since 2000 Billon has worked part time as a parish priest in Fontenay-le-Comte (Vendée) and in biblical formation in the diocese of Luçon.*

*Billon is editor of the periodicals "Cahiers Évangile" (of which he has been managing editor since 2004), "Dossiers de la Bible", "Biblia" and "Le Monde de la Bible". He is the chief editor of the website [www.bible-service.net](http://www.bible-service.net). His most recent publication (in collaboration with J. Delumeau) is: *Jésus et sa passion*, Paris, 2004.*



**Ayoub N. Chahwan**

*Fr. Ayoub N. Chahwan was born in 1951 in Wadi as-Sitt (Lebanon). In 1965 he entered the Lebanese Maronite Order (O.L.M.). He did graduate degrees in philosophy (1975) and theology (1980) at the Holy Spirit University in Kaslik, Lebanon, and advanced studies in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (1985). In 1997 he received his doctorate in biblical theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. At the Holy Spirit University, he has been professor of Old Testament since 1987, and was the secretary general of his order from 1986 to 1993 and chairman of the Department of History from 1987 to 1993. In 1991 he founded the historical museum. Since 2001 Chahwan has also been the chairman of the Department of Liturgy.*

*Since 1997 Prof. Chahwan has been the editor of "Majallat Biblia" (Arabic language biblical review). He is currently editing and publishing the Arabic Commentary on the Bible, written by Ibn at-Tayyib (the Baghdad Nestorian scholar, † 1043). From 1998 to 2003 Chahwan was a member of the Catholic Biblical and Theological Commission in*

Lebanon. In 2002 he was elected coordinator of the Catholic Biblical Federation in the Middle East subregion. In the summer of 2005 he was named director of the doctoral program at the School of Theology of the Holy Spirit University.



#### Ambrogio Spreafico

Fr. Ambrogio Spreafico was born in 1950 and received his doctorate from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in 1984. He taught at the *Biblicum* from 1978 to 1991. He is now full professor of Old Testament at the Pontifical University Urbaniana, where he was also rector from 1997 to 2003. From 2000 to 2003 he was president of the Conference of Rectors of the Roman Pontifical Universities.

Among his numerous books and articles are the following: *Sofonia (Commentario Storico ed esegetico all'Antico e al Nuovo Testamento)*, Genova 1991; *Guida allo studio dell'ebraico biblico*, Roma 1990 (which has been translated into French, English, Spanish, Polish and Korean); *Il libro dell'esodo*, Roma 1992 (translated into Spanish and Polish); *Il nome di Dio. Temi biblici dell'Antico Testamento*, Milano 2002; *La voce di Dio. Per capire i profeti*, Bologna 2003; *Lo straniero e la difesa delle categorie più deboli come simbolo di giustizia e di civiltà nell'opera deuteronomico-deuteronomistica*, in: *Ricerche Storico Critiche* 8 (1996) 117-134; *La redazione persiana degli oracoli contro Babilonia di Isaia e Geremia*, in: *Ricerche Storico Bibliche* 11 (1999) 59-68; *La Bibbia, modello e sfida di inculturazione*, in: *Euntes Docete* 52 (1999) 13-21; *La "scoperta" della Bibbia*, in: *La nazione cattolica. Chiesa e società in Italia dal 1958 ad oggi*, edited by Marco Impagliazzo, Milano 2004, 343-354; *Frieden ist auch ein Werk Gottes. Eine biblische Reflexion*, in: *Frieden – Utopie einer globalen Gesellschaft*, Kevelaer 2004, 94-108.

Moderator: Adrian Graffy

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Encountering the Word of God – Word of God in human words

Panel E: Word of God and cultures



#### Anna Fumagalli

Anna Fumagalli is originally from Mariano Comense, Italy, and is currently engaged in the formation program of the *Centri Internazionali G.B. Scalabrini*, especially at Solothurn, Switzerland. She belongs to the *Secular Institute of the Missionarie Secolari Scalabriniane*, who live their vocation as women consecrated to God in the world amidst the wanderings of migrants and refugees.

She completed her theological studies at Tübingen, Milan and Rome, and received her doctorate in biblical theology (*Gesù crocifisso, straniero fino alla fine dei tempi. Una lettura di Mt 25,31-46 in chiave comunicativa*) from the Pontifical Gregorian

University in Rome. She works within the SIMI (Scalabrini International Migration Institute), an Institute recently launched by the *Missionari Scalabriniani* in collaboration with the *Pontificia Università Urbaniana* of Rome. She is a member of the *Progetto di Egesi Interculturale* (project of intercultural exegesis) promoted by the *Association Evangelium und Kultur*.



#### Maria Ko Ha-Fong

Sr. Maria Ko Ha-Fong was born in Macau, China, and is a member of the *Congregation of the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco* in Italy. After her religious profession she studied educational science in Turin, Italy, and theology in Münster, Germany, where she was awarded a doctorate in theology.

Presently she is professor of *New Testament exegesis* on the *Pontifical Faculty Auxilium* in Rome and also teaches at the *Holy Spirit Seminary* in Hong Kong and at several Catholic seminaries in China. She often organizes courses on biblical spirituality at the major centers of formation of her religious congregation in Asia, Latin America and Africa. She is a consultant to the *Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life*, member of the *Pontifical Theological Academy* and of the *theological commission Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches*.

She has written in the fields of biblical hermeneutics, biblical pastoral ministry and biblical spirituality. Most of her publications are concerned with the reading of the Bible in a multicultural society.



#### Lucien Legrand

Fr. Lucien Legrand was born in 1926 at Mons-en-Baroeul in France and joined the *Société des Missions Etrangères de Paris (mep)* in 1944. He was ordained a priest in 1950 and received his licence in Sacred Scripture from the *Pontifical Biblical Institute*, Rome, in 1952. He holds a degree from the *École Biblique* of Jerusalem, and doctorates from the *Institut Catholique*, Paris, and from the *Sorbonne*, Paris IV.

He has been living in India since 1953 and teaches *New Testament* at *St Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology* in Bangalore. From 1980 to 1994 he also served as pastor, successively, of two rural districts of North Tamil Nadu, India. He was a member of the *Pontifical Biblical Commission* in Rome from 1974 to 1978, has been a member of several biblical associations in India and abroad, and is associate director of the *National Biblical Catechetical and Liturgical Centre* at Bangalore and consultant for several ecumenical translation projects in different Indian languages.

He is the author of several books in English and French, as well as of articles in various periodicals in India and abroad which have recently been published as a collection in *"My Word is Near You"* (3 volumes).

Moderator: Eloy Sanchez

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**Massimo Grilli**

Massimo Grilli received his doctorate in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. His doctoral thesis, entitled *Comunità e missione: le direttive di Matteo. Indagine esegetica su Mt 9,35-11,1*, was published by Peter Lang Publications, in the series "Europäische Hochschulschriften". He has taught at the Pontificia Università Urbaniana and is currently regular professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Besides his doctoral thesis and numerous other articles, he has published "Il pathos della parola. I profeti di Israele", Milano 2000. Moreover, he collaborated with Rainer Dillmann and C. Mora Paz in the publication of "Lectura pragmatológica de la Biblia", Estella/Navarra 1999, a book which has been translated into German under the title "Vom Text zum Leser. Theorie und Praxis einer handlungsorientierten Bibelauslegung", Stuttgart 2002. He is also co-author with Detlev Dormeyer of: "Palabra de Dios en lenguaje humano. Lectura de Mt 18 y Hch 1-3 a partir de su instancia comunicativa", which also appeared in German translation under the title: "Gottes Wort in menschlicher Sprache. Die Lektüre von Mt 18 und Apg 1-3 als Kommunikationsprozess", Stuttgart 2004.



**Ralf Huning**

Fr. Ralf Huning was born in 1967 in Germany and has been a member of the Societas Verbi Divini (svd) since 1989. He studied philosophy and Catholic theology in Sankt Augustin and Paderborn, Germany. In 2004 he received his doctorate from the Cultural Sciences Faculty of the University of Paderborn.

He has done biblical pastoral work in Nicaragua, Germany and the Netherlands. He lives today in Steyl (Netherlands) and is there responsible for the biblical pastoral program in the house of formation "Centrum St. Michaël". He is coordinator for biblical pastoral ministry in the European zone of the SVD and coordinator for biblical pastoral ministry and spirituality in the North German province of the SVD.

He is author of the book "Bibelwissenschaft im Dienste populärer Bibellektüre. Bausteine einer Theorie der Bibellektüre aus dem Werk von Carlos Mesters", Stuttgart 2005, and has published several articles on biblical pastoral themes (e.g. *lectura popular, intercultural hermeneutics*).



**Fernando F. Segovia**

Professor Fernando F. Segovia was born in Havana, Cuba. In 1961, with the growing radicalization of the Cuban revolution, the family emigrated to the United States, where he underwent secondary socialization. In 1966 he began studies toward the priesthood, pur-

suing biblical criticism in the light of the Constitution on Divine Revelation. From 1972 to 1978 he continued his biblical studies at the University of Notre Dame, where he earned his doctoral degree in 1978, with a specialization in New Testament Studies.

After an initial appointment at Marquette University, Professor Segovia was appointed in 1984 to the Divinity School and the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University, where he presently holds the chair of Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity.

Professor Segovia's areas of scholarly interest and research include: method and theory in biblical studies; non-Western theology and criticism, especially in Latin America; minority theologies and criticism in the West, especially Latino/a theology and criticism in the United States; the reception of the Bible in society and culture; political theology and criticism.

Moderator: James Swetnam

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**Bruna Costacurta**

Bruna Costacurta was born in Rome in 1946. After studying philosophy and theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, she obtained a licence in Sacred Scripture and then a doctorate in biblical sciences at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. A full professor of Old Testament exegesis on the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Gregorian University of Rome, she is also actively engaged in the diffusion and deepening of Sacred Scripture in Italy and abroad.

In addition to a number of articles for scientific journals or for more popular audiences, she has published three monographs: *La vita minacciata. Il tema della paura nella Bibbia Ebraica*, Rome 1988; *Con la cetra e con la fionda. L'ascesa di Davide verso il trono*, Rome, 1994; *Il laccio spezzato. Studio del Salmo 124*, Bologna, 2001. She has been a member of the Presidential Council of the Italian Biblical Association and is on the editorial board of the *Rivista Biblica*. She also belongs to the Gruppo nazionale di Coordinamento Apostolato Biblica of the National Catechetical Office of the Italian Episcopal Conference.



**Ludger Feldkämper**

Fr. Ludger Feldkämper, a Divine Word Missionary (svd), was born in Mesum, Germany, in 1937. After having completed his novitiate and the study of philosophy in Germany he did graduate work in theology in the USA and in Rome, where he obtained a licence from the Gregorian University in 1964 and a license in exegesis from the Pontifical

Biblical Institute in 1966. He then continued with advanced studies at the *Biblicum* in Rome, where he received a doctorate in Scripture in 1977.

From 1978 to 1983 he taught Sacred Scriptures and formation at the Immaculate School of Theology and St. Benedict Catechetical Institute in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Northern Philippines, where he had been involved in biblical pastoral ministry since 1968. In 1978 he was one of the founders of the John Paul I Biblical Center, the first regional biblical center in the Philippines. In 1980 he and his team established the so-called Basic Bible Seminar which has since been used in many countries of Asia and Africa.

From 1984 to 2000 Feldkämper served as General Secretary of the Catholic Biblical Federation in Stuttgart, Germany. During his term of office he initiated a four-month biblical pastoral course for ministers of the Word (*Dei Verbum* Course) which is held annually in Nemi, Italy. From 2000 to 2005 he served as CBF subregional coordinator in Rome.



#### Bruno Secondin

Fr. Bruno Secondin was born in 1940 and is a Carmelite. He studied in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University and earned his doctorate in theology, with a specialization in spirituality, in 1973. He continued his studies at various German universities and at the *École Biblique* in Jerusalem. Since 1975 he has taught at the Gregorian University, and since 1987 he has been full professor of the history of modern spirituality and of spiritual theology at the Institute of Spirituality.

He has published about twenty books, many of which have been translated into different languages, on topics of spirituality, on the religious life and on new ecclesial experiments. For nine years now he has been conducting a special *lectio divina* experiment in a Roman parish. He has published five volumes on this experiment with the *Messaggero Publications*, in Padova.

Moderator: Florencio Abajo

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Bible and media I:

print media – group media – mass media



#### Pierre Babin

Fr. Pierre Babin, omi, has a more than forty-year history in pioneering and innovative thinking in the fields of evangelization, catechesis and the media. Fr. Babin has been able to articulate in depth a new Christian approach to communication. He relates the media to new ecclesial forms, new youth cultures, new theological emphases, new forms of religious education, and the contemporary quest for religious experience. In this global village that is our world he is regarded as one of the most original and visionary thinkers on matters concerning religious communication.

He established the center for religious communications research, CREC AVEX International, in Lyon, France, where religious media personnel from 110 countries are educated and trained. He has published *Photo Language*, which combines education with group media. He has also authored numerous books, including: *Crisis of Faith, New Era of Religious Communication, The Gospel in Cyberspace*, and, with Marshall McLuhan as co-author, *Different Human, Different Christian in the Electronic Era*. In 2001, he received an honorary doctorate in Communication Arts from St. John University in Thailand.



#### Thomas Langarica Lozano

Fr. Tomas Langarica Lozano was born in Logroño, Spain, in 1942. He is a religious priest belonging to the Missionaries of the Divine Word (SVD). He holds a degree in philosophy from the Pontifical University Angelicum in Rome, and a degree in philosophy and literature from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

For many years he was the editor of *Verbo Divino* (1983–2004). He is currently active as provincial administrator of the Missionaries of the Divine Word in Spain.



#### Reginald-Ferdinand Poswick

Br. Reginald-Ferdinand Poswick was born in 1937 in Brussels, Belgium, and joined the Benedictine order in 1955 at Maredsous Abbey, Belgium. He studied philosophy in Brussels and theology in Paris. In 1964 he earned a licence in theology at the Ateneo Sant'Anselmo, Rome.

He is the founder of "Promotion Biblique et Informatique" in Maredsous, Belgium (since 2000: *Informatique Et Bible*, asbl). Among the publications in the biblical field of his center are: *Table pastorale de la Bible* (1974); *Dictionnaire Encyclopédique de la Bible* (1987, second revised edition 2002); *Concordance de la TOB (Traduction Oecuménique de la Bible, 1993)*; *Bible Pastorale de Maredsous, 1998* (in the web 2005). He is also editor of the series "Fils d'Abraham" and "Bible et Vie Chrétienne", of the periodical "Interface", and of the websites [www.cib-maredsous.be](http://www.cib-maredsous.be) and [www.knowhowsphere.net](http://www.knowhowsphere.net).

From 1984 to 1990 Br. Ferdinand Poswick has been member of the Executive Committee of the Catholic Biblical Federation, and of its Administrative Board from 1990 to 1996.

Moderator: Bishop Victor Hugo Palma

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Bible and media II:

print media – group media – mass media

#### Ettore Bernabei

Ettore Bernabei, born in Florence in 1921, is married, with eight children. He holds a graduate degree in modern arts.



In 1946 Ettore Bernabei began his activity as a journalist and in 1951 he became the managing editor of the Florentine daily *Giornale del Mattino*, of Christian inspiration. In 1956 he was called to Rome to manage *Il Popolo*. From 1960 to 1974 he was director general of RAI.

Since 1991 Ettore Bernabei has been president of the *Lux Vide* firm. This company – which is geared to the production of films for television, aimed at family audiences – has produced, in a joint European venture, a number of programs that have been aired by networks in Italy, Germany, France and the United States. The most compelling project produced by *Lux Vide* is the television series of twenty-one films drawing on the Old and New Testaments, aired by RAI in Italy and in 143 other countries.

*Lux Vide* is currently engaged in the production of a 24 episode television series on the great personalities of the 20th century. The first episode, "Papa Giovanni", aired by Rai Uno in April 2002, obtained a record high audience rating for television documentary. "Mother Teresa", the third episode of the same series, obtained first place in the audience ratings in Italy.



**Joseph Kallanchira**

Fr. Joseph Kallanchira is a religious of the Society of the Divine Word (svd). Ordained as priest in 1987 in his home town in Kerala, South India, he has been a missionary in Benin, West Africa, ever since. Announcing Jesus Christ and His Word was his main activity in Africa – trying to do it in many ways, especially using the traditional African means of communication. He is the regional superior of his order for the Togo-Benin region.



**Robert A. White**

Professor Robert A. White was born in Wamego, Kansas, USA, in 1931. He joined the Jesuit religious community in 1949. He holds a Ph.L. in philosophy, an M.A. in anthropology and a S.T.L. in theology from St. Louis University, Missouri. In 1973 he earned his Ph.D. in developmental studies, agricultural economics and organizational behavior from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

After having done academic work in various Latin American countries and especially in Honduras he was director of research at the Centre for the Study of Communications and Culture in London from 1978 to 1989, and director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Communication at the Gregorian University in Rome from 1990 to 2001. Since 2004 he has been project manager and professor at the Centre for the Study of African Culture and Communication at the Catholic Institute of West Africa in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

Among other positions, Professor White is chairmann of the publications committee of the International Association for Mass Communication Research. He was also elected a member of the International Governing Council of the International Association for Mass Communications Research.

He is a member of the editorial advisory board of several journals and has initiated three book series on communication and culture.



**Teresa Marcazzan**

Sr. Teresa Marcazzan was born in Verona, Italy, in 1941 and is a member of the Daughters of Saint Paul. She holds a licence in philosophy from the Athenaeum Antonianum in Rome and an S.T.L. from the Pontifical Gregorian University in the same city. In 1972 she was sent to Uganda where she was in charge of the Book Centre in Kampala for 12 years. In 1985 she started the Paulines' publishing activity in Kenya which gave birth to Paulines Publications Africa. Sr. Marcazzan is now the director of Paulines Publications Africa.

Moderator: Moise Adekambi

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The Word of God in Christian life

Panel H: Bible and catechesis



**Cesare Bissoli**

Don Cesare Bissoli is a Salesian of Don Bosco (sdb). He holds a licence from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and a doctorate in theology from the Pontificia Universitaria Salesiana, where he is professor of Biblical Catechesis. He is a consultor in the Congregation for the Clergy, the national director of the biblical apostolate with the Italian Episcopal Conference, and a member of the European Team of Catechesis (Equipe Européenne de catéchèse).

Bissoli is the author of a number of publications in the area of biblical pastoral ministry, among which are: *Bibbia educazione* (1981), *La Bibbia nella scuola* (1982), *La Bibbia nella catechesi* (1988), *Viaggio dentro la Bibbia* (1998), *Maestro, dove abiti? Lectio divina per i giovani* (2001).



**Fidel Oñoro**

Fr. Fidel Oñoro, born in Colombia in 1963, is a priest of the Eudist Congregation. He completed his theological studies at the Pontifical University Javeriana, where he also obtained his master's in biblical theology. He has a licence in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and he completed his studies at the École Biblique in Jerusalem.

He is currently director of the Centro Bíblico Pastoral para América Latina (Biblical Pastoral Ministry Center for Latin America, CEBIPAL) of the Latin American Bishops' Conference (CELAM) and president of the Association of Scripture Scholars of Colombia (ACEC). He has also served as academic vice-rector of the Universidad Minuto de Dios, as dean of the Theological Pastoral Institute for Latin America (IBPL) and as rector of the Major Seminaries in Brazil and Colombia.

He is known in Latin American biblical pastoral ministry for his publications sponsored by CELAM (*A la escucha del Maestro*, 1996; *A la sombra del Espíritu – Introducción a Lucas*, 1998; *En los brazos del Padre – Proyecto de vida según Mateo*, 1999; *La pedagogía de Jesús en Juan*, 2000) as well as for an extensive series of radio programs that teach *lectio divina*. He has just finished publishing a collection of 14 booklets that contain aids for reading the Gospels following the liturgical year.



**Maria P. Almonte**

Maria P. Almonte was born in 1946 in the Philippines and obtained a Bachelor of Science in elementary education at the Far Eastern University, Manila. In 1967, she joined the newly opened catechetical formation center, Mother of Life. Having completed the practicum year she joined the secular institute of Notre Dame de Vie in the Philippines. From 1972 to 1974, she was a catechist working towards the creation of Basic Ecclesial Communities in the Prelature of Infanta. She completed her Master of Arts in sociology at the University of the Philippines in 1977 and had her spiritual-theological formation at Notre Dame de Vie Spiritual Center, France, in 1977–1979.

Upon returning to her country, she became a researcher on popular religiosity in the Bicol region and a professor of sociology at the University of Nueva Caceres and at the Ateneo de Naga. She served the Archdiocese of Caceres as its archdiocesan catechetical coordinator (1984–1987), and as director of the Caceres Catechetical Center (1987–1993). From 1994 to 1997 she has been the assistant director of Mother of Life Center. At present she is working as sociology professor at the Ateneo de Naga University, and as thesis mentor and Bible professor at Mother of Life Center.

Moderator: Bishop Arturo Bastes

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Panel I: Bible and liturgy



**Ansgar Franz**

Ansgar Franz was born in 1959. Franz studied Catholic theology, history and romance languages in Mainz and Rome. After his state exam (1984), his doctorate (1991) and his qualification as university professor (1998) in the specialties of liturgical science and homiletics, he was appointed professor at the Ruhr University in Bochum in 2000. Since 2004, he is professor at the Johannes-Gutenberg-University in Mainz.

His research concentrations are the question of the use of the "Old" Testament in Christian liturgy in the context of Jewish-Christian dialogue, the upheavals in today's culture with respect to the ritual accompaniment of death and mourning for the deceased, and the fields of Latin hymnody and German Church music.



**Paul Puthanangady**

Fr. Paul Puthanangady, born 1934 in India, is a member of the Salesians of Don Bosco. He was ordained in 1964 in Torino, Italy, and holds a doctorate in theology with specialization in liturgy (Ph.D.), from the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant'Anselmo in Rome. He is professor of theology and liturgy at the Salesian Theologate, Kristu Jyoti College, Bangalore. Before that he was director of National Biblical Catechetical and Liturgical Centre (NBCLC), Bangalore, for nine, director of Visvadeep Catechetical Institute for one and was the rector of Kristu Jyoti College, Salesian theologate, for five years. In 2000 he served as executive secretary of the National Committee for Yesu Krist Jayanti 2000 (YKJ 2000).

Presently he is executive secretary of the interritual committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) for textbooks in seminaries and secretary of the follow-up committee of YKJ 2000, executive secretary of the Asian Liturgical Forum and rector and director of Visvadeep, a Centre for faith education and youth ministry.

He has published four books (*On the new order of the Mass*, *Initiation to Christian worship*, *A New way of being Church and Chosen for the World*), edited several others and has written more than 200 articles for Indian and international journals.



**Walter Ruspi**

Msgr. Walter Ruspi was born in Castelli Cusiani, Italy, in 1942. He received his doctorate in theology, with a specialty in liturgical theology, at the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant'Anselmo in Rome.

He lectures at the Theological Seminary S. Gaudenzio, an affiliate of the Theological Faculty of Northern Italy, for the courses on catechetics and introduction to the liturgy and at the I.L.P. – S. Giustina of Padova for the course "Catechesis and Liturgy". He also teaches courses on missionary catechesis, introduction to the Liturgy and Theology of Christian Initiation at the Pontifical University Urbaniana in Rome.

Ruspi is currently the director of the National Catechetical Office of the Italian Episcopal Conference, and is in charge of the service agency for the catechumenate and a member of the European team for the adult catechumenate.

He holds memberships in various institutions, including the European Team of Catechetics, the editorial board of the journal "Via Verità e Vita", the scientific

committee of the periodical "CHIESA OGGI: architettura e comunicazione", and he is on the editorial board of the periodical "Communio".

Moderator: Ayoub Chahwan

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Panel J: Bible and the family

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Elena Lea Bartolini

Elena Lea Bartolini, born in Pavia in 1958 by a Jewish mother, has a licence and a doctorate in ecumenical theology from the Antonianum, in Rome, and is a member of the Italian Association for the Study of Judaism (Associazione Italiana per lo Studio del Giudaismo, AISG). She teaches at the Center for Studies on the Middle East (Centro Studi del Vicino Oriente) of Milan, and works with a number of Pontifical Athenaeums and theological institutes.

She directs the series *Studi Giudaici* for the Effatà Publications of Cantalupa (Torino, Italy) and edited the ecumenical revision and the articles on Hebrew terms for the *Enciclopedia del Cristianesimo* of the De Agostini (Novara 1997). She also edited the *Quaderni on Judaism and on the Churches of the Reform* for the *Studio Domenicano Publications* (Bologna 1997–1999). With Paola Benedetti she is managing editor of the section on Judaism for the new edition of the *Enciclopedia Filosofica*, edited by Sansoni, and currently being revised by Bompiani.

She contributes to the periodicals *SeFeR*, *QoI*, *Studi Ecumenici*, *Parola Spirito e Vita*, *Rivista di Pastorale Liturgica*, *La scuola domenicale*, and to the *Uffici Nazionali* of the CEI. She is a member of the Teshuvah group of the Centro Ecumenico Diocesano of Milan. Among her publications, some of the most outstanding are: *Gesù Ebreo per sempre* (with C. Vasciaveo), EBologna 1991; *Anno sabbatico e giubileo nella tradizione ebraica*, Milano 1999; *Per amore di Tzion. Gerusalemme nella tradizione ebraica*, Cantalupa 2005.



Jaime Hernán Castillo Astudillo

Jaime Hernán Castillo Astudillo was born in Cuenca, Ecuador, in 1969. He studied at the State University of Cuenca, the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador and the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador, Quito. He holds a licence in theology.

He was involved in the formation and ongoing support of the Basic Ecclesial Communities and the popular, rural and indigenous organizations and was formation director of pastoral ministry to the youth. Since 1997 he has been lecturing at the School of Theology for the Laity of the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador and serving as a professor-tutor at the Cardinal Echeverría Franciscan University of Quito. He also lectures at the School of Theology for the Laity.

Castillo is presently the coordinator of the Biblical Department and also of the Department of Christian Communities of the Ecuadoran Episcopal Conference. He is also a member of the Academic Council, responsible for the biblical area, of the Institute of Pastoral Theology of Ecuador (ITEPE) of the Ecuadoran Episcopal Conference and a professor-tutor of the International Institute for correspondence courses in Theology (IITD), of the Pontifical Catholic University of Comillas (Madrid, Spain), Quito campus.

Among his publications are essays on the Trinity, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, an introduction to the Bible and a theological synthesis that confronts the realities of science.



Agnes Wuckelt

Professor Agnes Wuckelt was born in Germany in 1949. After commercial training, abitur and university studies in the pedagogy of religion in Munich (1971–1974) she has been active as a religion teacher in Nuremberg and Bamberg, Germany, and as seminar director and school counselor in the School Department of the Episcopal Ordinariat in Bamberg where from 1976 to 1986 she was responsible for the second training phase for women religion teachers in Church and State service. From 1976 to 1979 she studied Catholic theology and received her doctoral degree in theology (Old Testament exegesis) from the University of Bamberg. Since 1986 she has been professor of religious pedagogy at the Department of Theology of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences North Rhine-Westphalia, Paderborn division, where she is currently the dean of the department.

Her work and research concentrations are Bible didactics and gender-orientated religious pedagogy. She has published numerous books on Bible didactics and is co-publisher of the "Wörterbuch der Feministischen Theologie" (Dictionary of Feminist Theology), Gütersloh, 2002.

Moderator: Bettina Eltrop

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Sacred Scripture and Christian unity

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Adelbert Denaux

Adelbert Denaux, born in 1938, is professor emeritus of the Faculty of Theology at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. His fields of teaching and research are Scripture, biblical Greek, ecumenism and new religious movements.

He is a member of the Society of New Testament Studies (SNTS) and the Sodalium Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTC). He is also chairman of the National Roman Catholic Commission for Ecumenism (Belgium), representative of the Catholic Church in the Concertation of Christian Churches in Belgium, president of the International Ecumenical Fellowship (from 2001), member of ARCIC II (Anglican Roman

*Catholic International Commission, 1992–2005), chair of the Interdiocesan Working Group that deals with sects and the new religiosity (Belgian Bishops' Conference) and, from 1999 to 2005, of the Information and Advice Center concerning Harmful Sectarian Organisations (Belgium), member of the International Theological Commission of the Catholic Church, Rome (since 2004) and guest lecturer at the National Catholic Theological Institute (NCTI), Karachi, Pakistan (2004).*

*Denaux is a canon of the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Bruges, Belgium, and honorary canon of the (Anglican) Cathedral of Lincoln, England.*



*since 1986, where she has taught since 1971. She retires in September 2005, aged 65, and is known internationally for publications in the fields of New Testament and patristic studies, especially for her book "Biblical Exegesis and the Formation of Christian Culture" (1997).*

*She holds 1st class degrees in classics (London) and theology (Cambridge), as well as Ph.D. (Cambridge) and an honorary DD (Aberdeen); she is a Fellow of the British Academy.*

*She was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1984, but has worked ecumenically throughout her career and in particular was invited to provide Bible Studies on Galatians for the World Faith and Order Conference at Santiago di Compostela in 1993. She is closely associated with L'Arche International and Foi et Lumiere as a theological and ecumenical adviser.*



#### John Muddiman

*The Revd. Dr John Muddiman is lecturer in theology at the University of Oxford, England, and the George Caird fellow in New Testament studies at Mansfield College, England. He was appointed to the second Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) in 1991 and has collaborated on three of the ARCIC documents: *Life in Christ*, *The Gift of Authority and Mary - Grace and Hope in Christ*.*

*Muddiman is the author of "The Bible Fountain and Well of Truth", "The Black's Commentary on Ephesians" and the co-editor with John Barton of the "Oxford Bible Commentary". He is a priest of the Church of England and serves at John Henry Newman's parish of St Mary and St Nicholas, Littlemore, Oxford.*

Moderator: Msgr. Juan Usma Gómez

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The Word of God and interreligious dialogue  
Panel F: The Bible – Sacred Scripture for Jews and for Christians



#### Theodore G. Stylianopoulos

*Fr. Theodore G. Stylianopoulos, a Greek Orthodox priest, is Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology and professor of New Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Ma., USA. He was born in 1937 in Greece and emigrated to the United States in 1951. After completing his seminary studies at Holy Cross in 1962, he obtained his S.T.M. in New Testament from Boston University School of Theology (1964) and his Th.D. in New Testament from Harvard Divinity School (1974).*

*He has taught fulltime at Holy Cross since 1967 and individual courses at various times at Emmanuel College, Boston College, and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary. For many years he served as a member of the Roman Catholic-Orthodox Consultation in the United States, a bilateral ecumenical group. He has also served as a member of the Central Committee of the WCC and was a plenary speaker at the 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Vancouver, B.C. in 1982.*

*Among his books are "The New Testament: An Orthodox Perspective", 1997, and "The Way of Christ", 2002, both published by Holy Cross Press, Brookline, Ma., USA.*

#### Pier Francesco Fumagalli

*Msgr. Pier Francesco Fumagalli was ordained a priest in 1978. He holds a degree in classical arts from the Catholic University in Milan and a doctoral degree in theology from the Ambrosian University in Milan. He has done in depth research on Hebrew manuscripts in Italy and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.*

*Fumagalli has served as secretary of the Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. From 1986 to 1990 he was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Catholic Biblical Federation.*

*A number of his publications are devoted to the theme of interreligious dialogue and especially to the dialogue between Christians and Jews. Among these are: *Fratelli prediletti - documenti e fatti del dialogo cattolico-ebraico*, Milan 2005; *Cina e Occidente. Culture e religioni a confronto*, Milan 2003; *Ecumenismo*, in: *Una cultura per l'uomo. Libri di cultura religiosa nell'editoria italiana*, Milan 2002; *Antichità e Medio Evo: cristiani di fronte all'antigiudaismo*, in *Radici dell'antigiudaismo in ambiente cristiano*, Rome 2000; *Religion e Pace. Simposio internazionale*, Pechino, 14–16 settembre 2000, in: *Mondo Cinese* 105 (2000).*

#### Frances Young

*Frances Young has been the Edward Cadbury Professor of Theology in the University of Birmingham (UK)*



#### Baruch Abraham Levine

*Baruch Abraham Levine, born 1930, in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, earned his Rabbi from the MHL Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, in 1955 and his Ph.D. from Brandeis University in 1962.*

*He was instructor and associate professor at Brandeis University from 1962 to 1969 and professor of Hebrew, of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies*

at New York University from 1969 to 2000 where he presently is Skirball Professor Emeritus of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies. He held guest professorships at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beer-Sheba, Israel.

Some of his major publications are: *In the Presence of the Lord*, 1974; *Leviticus, JPS Society Torah Commentary*, 1989; *Numbers, Anchor Bible Commentary* (2 vols.), 1993/2000; *Documents from the Bar Kochba Period* (with Ada Yardeni), 2002. In addition, he has written numerous scholarly articles on biblical religion and law, on Aramaic, Ugaritic, and West-Semitic epigraphy.



#### Rabbi Jonathan Magonet

Rabbi Professor Jonathan Magonet was born in London in 1942 and studied medicine before entering the rabbinical programme at Leo Baeck College in 1967. He did research at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Heidelberg. From 1974 to 1985 he was head of the Department of Bible Studies at Leo Baeck College and president of the college from 1985 to July 2005. He is now emeritus professor of Bible.

For more than 30 years Rabbi Magonet has co-organised the annual Jewish-Christian Bible Week and the pioneering annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Student Conference, both in Germany.

He is the editor of the journal *European Judaism* and author of several books, among them the following: *A Rabbi Reads the Bible*, 1991/2004; *A Rabbi Reads the Psalms*, 1994/second enlarged edition 2004; *Talking to the Other: Jewish Interfaith Dialogue with Christians and Muslims*, 2003.

Rabbi Magonet is vice-president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He is also on the boards of the Three Faiths Forum, the Maimonides Foundation and the Interfaith Foundation. He is a frequent lecturer and broadcaster in the UK, Germany and America.

Moderator: Marc Fang

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The Word of God and interreligious dialogue  
Panel L: The Word of God in the dialogue with Islam



#### Hmida Ennaifer

Born in 1942, Hmida Ennaifer did advanced studies at the Sorbonne University, Paris, France, and at the Zitouna University, Tunis, Tunisia. He holds doctoral degrees in literature and theology and has devoted special attention to the question of Muslim dogmatic theology and modern Islamic thought.

From 1981 to 2004 Ennaifer was professor for Muslim Theology at the Zitouna University, Tunis. From 1982 to 1991 he was the founder and then director of the *Revue Culturelle tunisienne*. Since

1985 he has been a member of the Groupe de Recherche Islamo-Chrétien (GRIC), and from 1989 to 1991 Ennaifer served as counsellor of the minister for national education and religious questions in Tunisia.

Among his numerous articles in Tunisian, Arab and European scientific periodicals are: *L'Islam, les droits de l'homme et le questionnement de la modernité* (1988); *Coran, Révélation et histoire culturelle*, in: *Revue EUNTES DOCOTE, LII* (1999); *Islam et Modernité: Quêtes et défis du XX<sup>e</sup> siècle* (2000), *L'homme et le Coran face à face, étude de la méthodologie exégétique moderne* (in Arabic; 2000), *Foi et croyants, communauté musulmane et pluralité de l'expression. Collaboration aux travaux du GRIC* (2001).



#### Sidney Griffith

Sidney H. Griffith is professor of Syriac and Christian Arabic in the Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

He has published extensively in the areas of Syriac Patristics and Christian Arabic literature, concentrating on the history of the relations between Muslims and Christians, especially in the early Islamic period. Two collections of articles are pertinent: *Arabic Christianity in the Monasteries of Ninth-Century Palestine, Hampshire/UK* 1992; *The Beginnings of Christian Theology in Arabic, Hampshire/UK* 2002.



#### Christian W. Troll

Fr. Christian W. Troll was born in 1937 in Berlin. He studied philosophy and theology in Bonn and Tübingen, Germany, and Arabic in Beirut, Lebanon. In 1963 he entered the Jesuit order, and in 1975 received his Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London.

From 1976 to 1988 he was professor of Islamic Studies at the Vidyajyoti Institute of Religious Studies in New Delhi; from 1988 to 1993 he was senior lecturer at the Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations in Birmingham, and from 1993 to 1999 professor of Islamic Institutions at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. In 1999 he took over the direction of the Christian-Islamic Forums of the Catholic Academy in Berlin. In 2001 he was named honorary professor of the Philosophical-Theological University of St. Georgen in Frankfurt am Main.

From 1990 to 2005, Professor Troll has been a member of the sub-commission for religious relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims, which is a department of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. Since the summer of 1990 he has been a member of the sub-commission of the German Bishops' Conference for interreligious dialogue.

Moderator: Guido Tisera

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The Word of God and interreligious dialogue  
Panel M: The Word of God in the dialogue with  
Hinduism and Buddhism

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#### Felix Anthony Machado

*Msgr. Felix Anthony Machado, born 1948 in Karadi, India, graduated from the University of Bombay with a major in inter arts studies. He received his priestly formation from St Pius X College, Goregaon, Bombay, from 1966 to 1973. From 1974 he studied theology in Lyon, France, where he obtained his licence in 1976. He was ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Bombay the same year. After several years of pastoral engagement he continued his studies in theology with a specialization in Catholic missiology at Maryknoll School of Theology, New York, USA, and at Fordham University, New York, where he earned his Ph. D. in dogmatic theology in 1984.*

*From 1984 to 1993 he was professor of Catholic dogmatic theology and missiology and formator of future priests at St Pius X College, Bombay. In April 1993 he was called to the Roman Curia to work at the Asia Desk of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. In 1999 he was nominated under-secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. While in Rome he has been appointed visiting professor of Catholic dogmatic theology and missiology at the Pontifical Institute Regina Mundi, the Pontifical Institute of the Sciences of Education Auxilium and at the Pontifical Urban University*



#### Stefano Piano

*Stefano Piano was born in 1941. He was director of the Department of Oriental Studies and is presently professor of Indology with the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of the University of Torino. He is a specialist in the traditional religious literature of India in Sanscrit. He has given lectures and seminars in various Italian as well as foreign universities and has completed many research trips to India to integrate the study of sources with the direct experience of the living aspects of Brahmanic culture.*

*Among his more recent publications, the most outstanding are: Bhagavad-gītā. Il Canto del glorioso Signore, 1994; Sanātana-dharma. Un incontro con l'«induismo», 1996; Enciclopedia dello Yoga, 1996; Le letterature dell'India, in collaboration with G. Boccali and S. Sani, Lessico elementare dell'induismo, 2001; Primo incontro con l'India, 2002; Lineamenti di storia culturale dell'India antica, 2004. He has also contributed essays on Hinduism and Sikhism to the volume Hindūismo, ed. G. Filoramo, 2002.*



#### S.K. Venkatram

*S.K. Venkatram is 43 years old and is a Hindu by birth (though his entire schooling and environment was very Christian). He is a qualified chartered mechanical engineer and has worked for an American multinational millipore in the capacity of general manager for the last 13 years.*

*For the last 8 years he has been associated with Prasanna Trust, a non-profit organisation in pursuit*

*of spirituality, under the guidance of Swami Sukhabodhananda. He has taken courses that qualify him as a pracharak (trainer) in Hinduism, Bhagavad Gita, Upanishad, Vedanta and Mantras.*

*S.K. Venkatram has been conducting classes at the National Biblical Catechetical and Liturgical Centre (NBCLC), Bangalore, India, and other institutions and organisations, both in management and in spirituality.*

Moderator: Thomas D'Sa

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The Word of God and interreligious dialogue  
Panel N: The Word of God and the new religious  
movements

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#### Hans Gasper, Germany

*Hans Gasper was born in 1942 in Dortmund, Germany. He studied Catholic theology, and since 1980 has been working in the Secretariat of the German Bishops' Conference in Bonn, first in the area of pastoral ministry, but since 2001 in the realm of faith and culture, as manager of the Ecumenical Commission.*

*His work has focused mainly on fundamental questions of pastoral ministry, among others, the question of a missionary pastoral ministry in Germany. The challenge that came from the new religious movements led in 1990 to the co-editing of the "Lexikon der neureligiösen Gruppen, Szenen und Weltanschauungen" (Encyclopedia of New Religious Movements, Scenes and Ideologies). From 1996 to 1998 Gasper was a member of the Commission of Inquiry of the German Bundestag "Sogenannte Sekten und Psychogruppen" (So-called Sects and Psycho Groups).*

*On behalf of his department, Gasper collaborated, among other things, on the foundation paper of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Germany, "Der Geist macht lebendig" (The Spirit Gives Life). Since 1998 he has been a member of the International Dialogue Commission for the Roman Catholic and the Pentecostal Churches.*



#### Manuel Guerra Gómez

*Fr. Manuel Guerra Gómez was born in 1931, in Villamartin de Sotoscueva (Burgos, Spain). He is a priest of the diocese of Burgos, and has a doctorate in classical philology (Salamanca) and in Patristic theology (Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum, Rome).*

*He was a professor on the Faculty of Theology of Northern Spain, seat of Burgos, till his retirement (in 2001) and was president of the Faculty of Theology of Northern Spain, seat of Burgos and Vitoria, during the three-year period from 1985 to 1988.*

*He is the author of 23 books and a hundred articles, in addition to philological-theological studies on texts and issues of the first Christian centuries, as well as on religious, and especially marginal historiography both of antiquity and of our time (sects, new religious movements). He is a consultant for the Episcopal Commission of Interconfessional Relations of the Spanish Episcopal Conference on questions*

relating to the new religious movements, and is a member of the Real Academia de Doctores de España, Theology section.



#### Russell P. Spittler

Professor Russell P. Spittler, born 1931, served on the faculty at Fuller Theological Seminary for more than 27 years before retirement in 2002. In 2003 he began his current role as the provost at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California.

His education includes a diploma from the Southeastern Bible Institute in Lakeland, Florida; a B.A. in religion at Florida Southern College, Lakeland; an M.A. in theology at Wheaton College, Illinois; a B.D. at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; and a Ph.D. in Christian origins at Harvard University in 1971.

Spittler is a former president of the Society for Pentecostal Studies and an occasional lecturer on charismatic Christianity old (1 Corinthians) and new (the Pentecostal and Charismatic traditions). In addition to several articles in theological journals, Bible encyclopedias, and dictionaries are his books, "The Corinthian Correspondence" (1976), "Perspectives on the New Pentecostalism" (editor, 1976), "God, the Father" (1976), "Pentecostal Currents in American Protestantism" (co-editor with Edith Blumhofer and Grant Wacker, 1999), and "Fuller Voices: Then and Now" (2004).

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#### Michel Camdessus

Michel Camdessus, senior general director of the International Monetary Funds (IMF) and honorary governor of the Banque de France, was born in 1933 at Bayonne, France.

He is president of the Semaines Sociales of France, and personal representative of the president of the French Republic for the NEPAD/G8. Camdessus was president of the World Panel on Financing Water Infrastructure in March 2003 and he presided over the group of independent experts whose report "The Jump Start – Toward a New Growth for France" was published in October of 2004.

Camdessus holds advanced degrees in political economics and in economic sciences from the University of Paris and he is also a graduate of the Institut d'études politiques de Paris and a senior student of the École Nationale d'Administration. He assumed the functions of director general and president of the Administration Council of the IMF in 1987. In 1996, the Administration Council entrusted him with a new mandate as director general of the IMF for a third term of five years, beginning January 1997.

Among his publications are: *Notre Foi dans ce Siècle* (with co-authors Jean Boissonnat and Michel Albert) 2002; *Eau* (with co-authors Bertrand Badré, Ivan Chéret and Pierre-Frédéric Ténière-Buchot) 2004.



#### Cardinal Paul Poupard

Cardinal Paul Poupard was born in Anjou, France, and has been president of the Pontifical Council for Culture since its creation in 1982. He has been a cardinal since 1985 and a member of the Congregations for Divine Worship, for Evangelization of Peoples and for Catholic Education. He is also a member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and he is on the Presidential Committee of the Pontifical Council for the Laity.

Ordained a priest in 1954, he worked as a parish priest, as a chaplain for university students and for Action Catholique in Paris. He holds a doctorate in theology and in history, and is a graduate of the École Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Religious Sciences Section. He has also been an administrative assistant at the Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). In 1959, he began his service to the Secretariat of State. Elected Rector of the Institut Catholique in Paris in 1971, he fulfilled his mandate till 1981.

On June 28, 1980, he was summoned by the Holy See to succeed Cardinal Franz König as president of the Secretariat for Non-Believers and was asked to participate in the work of the Studies Commission instituted on 3 July, 1981, to re-examine the case of Galileo Galilei. With the creation of the Pontifical Council for Culture on 20 May, 1982, he was named president of the Executive Committee of this new Dicaster, while remaining president of the Secretariat for Non-Believers until these two councils were fused into the new Pontifical Council for Culture in 1993.



#### Andrea Riccardi

Andrea Riccardi was born in 1950. He presently is Professor for contemporary history at the Terza Università degli Studi of Rome and is dedicating special attention to the study of the Church in the modern and contemporary eras. Riccardi has been a professor since 1981, and has taught at the University of Bari and at the Sapienza in Rome.

In recent years he has published a number of books, with an emphasis on relations between various religious worlds in the Mediterranean region in the 19th and 20th centuries. Among his works are the following: *Il Mediterraneo nel Novecento*, 1994, and *Mediterraneo. Cristianesimo e islam tra coabitazione e conflitto*, 1997. His most recent essays are: *Intransigenza e modernità. La Chiesa cattolica verso il terzo millennio*, 1996; *Le politiche della Chiesa*, 1997, and *Vescovi d'Italia*, 2000, which pick up the themes of the difficult relationship between Christianity, culture and modernity in the 20th century. In 2003 he published "Governo carismatico. 25 anni di pontificato", a reading that attempts to comprehend the dynamics of the pontificate of Karol Wojtyła, in the difficult transition between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

Riccardi is known as the founder of the Comunità di Sant'Egidio in 1968. The community now numbers more than 50,000 members and is present in about seventy countries of the world.

Moderator: Thomas Osborne