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ROME

PROGRAMME AND DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENTS - 2026

Arrivals: Thursday, 24 Departures, Sunday, 27 or Monday, 28 September

CONFERENCE

Charity, Dignity and Solidarity in the World.

The Catholic Church in international cooperation and human development,
with particular reference to the Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, dedicated to
safeguarding the human person and his dignity in the age of artificial intelligence.



Dear Diplomatic Correspondents, Dear Friends,

Our next event will be held in Rome on the occasion of the customary and exclusive ceremony for the designation of Diplomatic Correspondents for the year 2026.

As usual, before proceeding with the appointment of the new CDs, we shall dedicate a moment of reflection and in-depth discussion to a topic of great importance: the role of the Catholic Church in international cooperation and human development, with particular reference to Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas.

"The Catholic Church is one of the largest humanitarian actors worldwide, engaged in education, healthcare and poverty reduction. Its action focuses on assisting victims of conflicts and natural disasters, as well as on creating legal and safe pathways for refugees."

Through an extensive network of dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, charitable organizations and volunteers, the Church operates daily in the most fragile and complex contexts of the planet. Schools, hospitals, dispensaries, reception centres and community development programmes are concrete instruments through which it translates its evangelical mandate of charity and solidarity into action.

One of these actions is carried out by the Diocese of Srikakulam in India, thanks to His Most Reverend Excellency Bishop Vijay Kumar Rayarala, P.I.M.E., who coordinates emergency interventions & provides food assistance, medical care, psychological support & protection to the most vulnerable people, particularly women and children.

Furthermore, the Diocese of Srikakulam promotes sustainable development projects aimed at strengthening the autonomy of local communities through vocational training, microcredit and education.

This extensive humanitarian work is not merely the expression of a structured organization, but is deeply rooted in the social doctrine of the Church, which places at its centre the inviolable dignity of the person, the principle of solidarity and the common good. In this way, the Church continues to be, in many parts of the world, a moral point of reference and a concrete safeguard of hope for millions of people.

The meeting will bring together experts in the field in an interdisciplinary spirit, with the aim of promoting and protecting the dignity of the human person, considered inviolable and central to the Christian vision, as affirmed by Pope Leo XIV in his first Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, dedicated to the safeguarding of the dignity and value of the human person in our time, marked by the emergence of Artificial Intelligence, and to recognizing and promoting the value of every individual, regardless of ethnicity, religion or social condition.

**Looking forward to meeting you, Yours,
Lello M. Governor General**

To learn more about these topics, we invite you to join us.



GENERAL PROGRAMME

GUESTS' ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATION IN THE CHOSEN HOTEL

Alternatively, those who wish may book at:



Taking advantage, from 24 to 27 or 28 September 2026, of the following rates:

Single room:	€ 265,00 per room per night including breakfast.
Double room:	€ 290,00 per room per night including breakfast.
Junior Suite:	€ 362,00 per room per night including breakfast.
Suite Bedroom:	€ 495,00 per room per night including breakfast.
Presidential Suite	€ 1800,00 per night including breakfast.

The above rates include taxes and 10% VAT.

City tax: € 7.50 per person per day not included. To be paid directly at the hotel.



This hotel was also chosen for its proximity to the venues where our evening activities will take place.

Conditions:

25 rooms are available at the rates listed above.

These rates apply only to Group CD and for 25 rooms.

Prices will vary if a guest prefers to manage and pay for their stay directly at the hotel.

At 6.00 p.m. our delegates will provide guests with the uniforms, shoes, and accessories they will need to wear during the ceremony the following day.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - CONFERENCE & NOMINATIONS OF CDs
SALONI NOBILI DEL PALAZZO DELLA CANCELLERIA SEDE APOSTOLICA - DEL VATICANO

Piazza della Cancelleria, nr. 1 - Rome

Dress Code: Historical Ceremonial Uniform

Guests: Mandatory: Suit, jacket, and tie



9.30

Start of work

Moderator: Generale Brigata Ris. Gaetano Russo

Opening and introduction

Prof. Dr. Lello Marra - Governor General CD

In attendance will be:

His Excellency Most Reverend

Rayarala Vijay Kumar, P.I.M.E. - Bishop of Srikakulam

His Excellency Most Reverend

Salvatore Pennacchio Archbishop - Italian Catholic and diplomat
President of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy.

His Excellency Most Reverend

Elias Joseph Gonsalves Archbishop of Nagpur

S.E. Luigi Scotto

Già ambasciatore Italiano, diplomatico di carriera del Ministero degli
Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale.

Ambasciatore italiano in Kenia, Tanzania e Repubblica Democratica del Congo

Mons. Vittorio Formenti

Canonico della Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore a Roma
Prefetto dell'associazione Fraternitas Mater Dei et Ecclesiae.

11.00

Coffee Break - Pause 30 minutes

11.30

CD Mrs. Mara New - Ambassador at-Large CD

Certificates of participation awarded to speakers

New CDs designation

14.00

End of session - End of program

Closing and Acknowledgements

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7:14 PM
WELCOME DINNER**

*Old Church of San Leone Magno from the late
19th century, formerly home to the renowned
San Leone Magno college.*

**DRESS CODE CD: GALA UNIFORM
GUESTS: SUIT, JACKET AND TIE**



The historic Church of San Leone Magno, dating back to the late 19th century, was once part of the renowned San Leone Magno College. The complex is home to a historic Catholic school run by the Marist Brothers, which has been active in Rome since 1887. Originally founded in Via Montebello, the complex includes an internal chapel and is renowned not only for the excellence of its educational programme, but also for having provided refuge to numerous Jewish children during the Nazi-Fascist occupation of 1943-1944. This heroic act has been commemorated with a dedicated plaque.

The Marist Organisation

The complex forms part of an administrative unit known as the Marist Mediterranean Province, which includes Italy, southern Spain, Lebanon and Syria, and is led by the Provincial Superior and his Council. The Mediterranean Province comprises 27 schools, 5 of which are located in Italy.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
PALAZZO DELL'ARTE ANTICA - ORE 7:14 PM
1,1 Km From Hilton Hotel Lama



GRAN GALA DINNER



Piazza Guglielmo Marconi, 26/B – Roma

At 7:14 p.m., the guests will be welcomed with an exclusive welcome cocktail. During the dinner, the International Mediterranean Award 2026 – will be conferred, consisting of the presentation of a trophy and commemorative medal to distinguished personalities who have excelled in their activities in the fields of culture, medicine, science, television, art, journalism, music, entertainment, sport, and more. This year, other guests, personalities and artists will also receive the award, and their names will be announced as soon as their participation is confirmed.

For technical reasons, it is essential to confirm one's participation no later than Monday, August, 21 to : valletta.cd@diplomaticmalta.com

The form (All.1), in which the names of the participants must be indicated, must be sent to the Treasurer, Dr. Nino Candeloro, the only person authorized to manage payments & reservations – at the email address indicated below, with a copy of the bank transfer.

treasurer.cd@diplomaticmalta.com

Once payment has been received, the Treasurer will publish the table numbers
And assigned seats on our website one week before the events.

(Under no circumstances will payments in cash and/or by cheque be accepted).



CDs in Historical Ceremonial Uniform

IMPORTANT NOTICE - GALA EVENING DRESS CODE

All Diplomatic Correspondents (men and women) must wear the **black** gala uniform with a **black bow tie**, white shirt, black socks and **classic black shoes**.

For guests, dark suit or tuxedo with black bow tie is mandatory for gentlemen, while ladies are required to wear an evening dress.

Awaiting your kind communications, we thank you all for your present and future cooperation and take this opportunity to extend to you and your families our most cordial expressions of esteem and affectionate regards.



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(SCAN QR code below).



Welcome Dinner



Gran Gala Dinner



Tables will be assigned according to the order in which reservations are received.

It is prohibited to occupy seats other than those assigned.
Anyone failing to comply will be publicly invited to move.

Only by working together can we achieve success...together!