



DOMINICAN 800TH JUBILEE

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

DOMINICANS IN THE PROMOTION AND DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Salamanca, Spain
1 – 5 September 2016

PROGRAMME:

Thursday 1 Sept: Arrivals and Opening

- 15:00 Registration begins
- 18:00 Opening Ceremony
 - Keynote Address : [fr Bruno Cadore](#), Master of the Order
- 19 :30 Eucharistic Celebration
- 21:00 Welcome Dinner

Friday 2 Sept:

History and Current Reality of the involvement of Dominicans in the promotion and defence of human rights.

- 9:00 [Philippe Denis OP](#): *History of Dominican engagement in promoting and defending human rights.*
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 [Celestina Veloso Freitas OP](#)/ [Mike Deeb OP](#): *Report on Current Engagement of Dominicans:*
 - i. *At a practical level on the ground*
 - ii. *At the academic level*
- 12:15 Workshops:
 - i. *Which people and experiences in our history and current practice need to be added to complete the picture?*
 - ii. *What are the lessons from our history?*
- 14:00 Lunch
- 16:00 Conclusions in Plenary
- 17:30 Break

Theological Reflections

- 18:00 Panel discussion:
 - a. [Frank Brennan SJ](#): *The Church's View on Human Rights [including a critique of other perspectives of human rights]*
 - b. [Marcela Soto Ahumada OP](#): *The obstacles that prevent the promotion and defence of human rights being integral to Dominican preaching*
- 19:30 Free Time
- 21:00 Supper

Saturday 3 Sept:

9:00 Workshops: *Critical Reflection on the obstacles identified.*

10:00 Conclusions in Plenary

11:30 Break

Key Global Human Rights Challenges Today

12:00 Panel discussion:

Leif Wenar (tbc), Madonna Gay Lumina Escio, Emmanuel Ntakirutimana OP : What are the key global human rights challenges today, and to what extent are the UN and other international, regional and national institutions able/unable to address them?

14:00 Lunch

16:00 Panel discussion:

Margaret Mayce OP/ Mike Deeb OP : To what extent are Dominicans addressing these challenges?

17:30 Break

18:00 Workshops:

i. Have the challenges of our region been adequately identified ?

ii. Evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of current Dominican global engagement in the light of the global challenges and possibilities.

19:30 Free Time

21:00 Supper

Sunday 4 Sept:

9:00 Conclusions in Plenary

10:30 Break

What to do as Preachers of Human Rights?

11:00 Workshops to develop concrete recommendations.

i. How can our Justice and Peace Structures be strengthened to ensure that the promotion and defence of human rights is integral to Dominican preaching?

ii. How do our intellectual institutions need to be transformed to ensure that our research and teaching prepares people to become preachers of human rights?

iii. How can Dominicans have a bigger impact on the United Nations system and on regional and national institutions?

iv. Which networks on human rights issues need to be developed in the Order?

v. What common policies on the defence of human rights need to be proposed to the next provincial, congregational and general chapters?

vi. How can the promotion and defence of human rights be integrated into the formation of brothers, sisters and lay Dominicans ?

12:30 Plenary Reports and discussion

14:00 Lunch

16:00 Plenary Reports and discussion

17:30 Break

18:00 Conclusions and Final Statement

19:30 Closing Eucharist

21:00 Supper

Monday 5 Sept:

Departures

Outing to Caleruega (optional)