DOMINICAN 800TH JUBILEE

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

DOMICANS 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 Ntakarutimana 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)