

ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT



*Building a Culture of Life
at the UN and Beyond*

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Cover image: Pope John Paul II greets staff members before his
special address in the General Assembly Hall, 5 October 1995

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our celebration of the accomplishments of Pope St. John Paul the Great in establishing a culture of life at the UN and beyond.

St. John Paul the Great envisioned a grand alliance that would include people of all faiths banding together to defend life, faith and family at the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt 1994. He made a series of calls from St. Peter's Square and thousands of individuals of all faiths and dozens of governments responded.

Catholics, Evangelicals and Muslims and others joined in a great defense of the things we hold dear. This coalition stopped the attempt to create a "right" to abortion at the Cairo Conference, then proceeded to stop the same anti-life movement at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing the very next year and then at the Istanbul Housing Conference and the Rio Conference on the Environment and on and on and on.

To this day, the coalition he created is called by our opponents the "Unholy Alliance." They call us that name because when a proposition has been so successful, in this case, blocking a "right" to abortion and a redefinition of the family, all that is left sometimes is to call names!

In his many years as Pontiff, what John Paul the Great taught us all is to love our enemies; to defeat them in the arena of public policy and public opinion, but to love them all along the way.

Today you will hear from many of his collaborators from those days. You will learn what actually happened from deep inside the negotiations. You will also hear from those who were not at Cairo or Beijing but who were nonetheless inspired by him.

Welcome to St. John Paul the Great; Building a Culture of Life at the UN and Beyond.

Yours sincerely,

Austin Ruse
President
C-FAM (Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute)

Benjamin Bull
Chief Counsel, and Executive Director of Global
Alliance Defending Freedom

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

0800 – 0830 Registration

0830 – 0900 Preview of new JPPI documentary: “The Profit of Our Time”
Lanette Turicchi, Filmmaker

0900 – 0915 Welcome
Austin Ruse, President, C-FAM
Benjamin Bull, Chief Counsel, Executive Director of Global,
Alliance Defending Freedom

0915 – 1000 KEYNOTE
George Weigel
John Paul II's Vision and Call

1000 – 1100 John Klink, Giuseppe Benagiano, Ambassador Ray Flynn
Competing Perspectives of the Cairo Conference

1100 – 1130 Break



- 1130 – 1200 Dr. Robert Royal, Renato Cardinal Martino
Awarding of the Maximilian Kolbe Medal
- 1200 – 1245 KEYNOTE
Dr. Michael Novak
- 1245 – 1430 Lunch
- 1430 – 1515 Benjamin Bull, Thomas Schirrmacher
John Paul II and the True Ecumenism
- 1515 – 1545 Charmaine Yoest, Kishore Jayabalan
Inspired by John Paul II
- 1545 – 1615 Break
- 1615 – 1700 Archbishop Francis Chullikatt, Roger Kiska, Luca Volontè
Where are We Now? Issues at the UN and Beyond
- 1700 – 1800 KEYNOTE
Professor Rocco Buttiglione
Pope St. John Paul the Great

“ Life is the first gift which God has given us, it is the first resource which man can enjoy. The Church is called to proclaim ‘the Gospel of Life.’ And the State has as its primary task precisely the safeguarding and promotion of human life.”

Pope John Paul II
Address to the Diplomatic Corps to the Holy See
10 January 2005

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE MEDAL

C-FAM created the Maximilian Kolbe Medal more than a decade ago in order to honor statesmen who have contributed the most to the global fight for life with a special emphasis on the arena of the United Nations.

We named it the Maximilian Kolbe Medal in honor of the great Saint who proclaimed the Gospel under the most trying of circumstance, under the Nazi regime, and who was imprisoned at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp for his efforts. At one time, it was estimated that Auschwitz housed upwards of 6,000 Catholic priests, friars, brothers and nuns, making it by far the largest monastery in the world.

One day the Nazi guards called the prisoners out to make a selection for death. This as a reaction to an escape attempt.

A Jewish man was chosen who immediately pleaded for his life saying he had a wife and children. Kolbe stepped forward to offer himself instead of the man. The Nazis placed Kolbe in a starvation bunker with other men where he lived for two weeks offering prayers and Masses each day. After two weeks he still lived so the Nazis injected him with carbolic acid. Franciszek Gajowniczek, whom he saved that day at Auschwitz, was later present in St. Peter's Square when St. Kolbe was raised to the Altars as a Confessor and Martyr for the Faith.

We award this Maximilian Kolbe Medal in honor of modern day martyrs, not wet martyrs like Kolbe himself but dry martyrs, those who stand up to powerful forces who want to enshrine baby-killing as a human right, those who want to define the family out of existence and much else. It is no small thing to stand up to the richest and most powerful persons and institutions and say no, you may not do these things.

Renato Cardinal Martino in fact stood up to those forces every day for 16 years as Apostolic Nuncio to the United Nations. It may have been St. John Paul the Great's vision, but vision is nothing without brave men and women to carry it out.



Cardinal Martino and his collaborators carried it out under extreme pressure from the United States Government, the European Union, the UN bureaucracy, the powerful news media including the New York Times, the London Times and many others. He stood up to the rich foundations like Ford, Rockefeller, Hewlett and Packard.

Cardinal Martino did not simply say no. What he did was organize, lobby, cajole, argue, persuade, build bridges, and inspire.

It is a great honor for C-FAM, our staff members, partners, advisers, and board of directors to present the Maximilian Koble Medal to one of the greatest unsung heroes of the global pro-life and pro-family movement, Renato Cardinal Martino.



“Raise your tiny hand, Divine Child, and bless these young friends of yours, bless the children of all the earth.”

Pope John Paul II
Christmas Letter to the World's Family
December 1994

RECIPIENT OF MAXIMILAN KOLBE MEDAL

Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino

Honorary President of the Dignitatis Humanae Institute, Former Permanent Observer to the United Nations

Cardinal Martino was ordained on 20 June 1957, receiving his doctorate in Canon Law.

His Eminence is fluent in Italian, English, Spanish, Portuguese and French and has extensive international experience having worked for many years for the Vatican diplomatic service. From 1962 onwards, he served in Nicaragua, the Philippines, Lebanon, Canada and Brazil. Between 1970 and 1975, he worked within the Papal Secretariat of State, heading the Section for International Organizations. In 1980, following his work in the Vatican, he was appointed Titular Archbishop of Segerme, Pro-Nuncio to Thailand, and Apostolic Delegate in Singapore, Malaysia, Laos and Brunei. On 14 December 1980, he received episcopal ordination from the then Secretary of State, Cardinal Augustino Casaroli.

In 1986 the then-Archbishop was appointed Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, a post he held for sixteen years. During this time he was heavily active on a broad spectrum of international concerns including; global poverty, disarmament, the rights of minors, religious freedom, refugees, sustainability, the environment and the international promotion of human rights.

In 1991, in recognition of the additional humanitarian and conciliatory activities undertaken by the



Church, which went beyond the diplomatic purview of the Holy See Mission to the UN, he established the Path to Peace Foundation. This organization strives to promote the message of peace, justice and charity throughout the international community. In 1994, he was the Pope's official representative at the International Conference on Population and Development, showing great courage in defending the human life of the unborn child. On 1 October 2002, he was appointed by Pope John Paul II to head the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. He is noted for his great efforts during this tenure to promote peace in the Middle East, leading high-level diplomatic talks between Israel and Palestine, as well as for his efforts in Venezuela and Cote d'Ivoire. He was elevated as a Cardinal a year later. On 25 October 2004, he oversaw the publication of the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*.

In March 2006, Pope Benedict XVI extended Cardinal Martino's mandate to include the Presidency of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People; a position he held until his retirement in 2009. During this time he was awarded an Honorary Degree of Science in International Relations from the University of Salerno and the Romanian Order of the Star from President Basescu of Romania. Following his retirement from this position in 2009, Cardinal Martino continues to hold the position of Chairman Emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and remains heavily involved in the mission of the Church.

Cardinal Martino was appointed Honorary President of the Dignitatis Humanae Institute in July 2010.

“Let us strive to give to every man, woman and child a safe and healthy physical environment, let us join forces in providing them with real opportunities for development, but, in the process, let us not allow them to be robbed of their souls.”

Archbishop Renato R. Martino
UN Conference on Environment and Development
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 4 June 1992



ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Giuseppe Benagiano

Dean, University La Sapienza, Former Director General of Italian National Institute of Health

Dr. Giuseppe Benagiano is the Dean of 1st Post-graduate School in Gynecology and Obstetrics at the University “La Sapienza” in Rome. He is a full Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the University “La Sapienza” in Rome; a member of the Executive Committee of the Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research; Former Secretary General of FIGO, the International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Former Director General of the National Institute of Health of Italy (Istituto Superiore di Sanità); Former Director of Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction, World Health Organization, Geneva; and Former Adjunct Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Geneva. Professor Benagiano’s scientific interests have been in reproductive endocrinology, gynecology and obstetrics. He is the author of some 490 scientific publications, and editor of several books.

Benjamin W. Bull

Chief Counsel, Executive Director of Global, Alliance Defending Freedom

Benjamin Bull serves with Alliance Defending Freedom as chief counsel, and executive director of Global. He oversees all global activities for Alliance Defending Freedom primarily from its headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona, and currently practices exclusively in the areas of international human rights and American constitutional law. As executive director of Alliance Defending Freedom-Global, Bull supervises and directs all Alliance Defending Freedom’s international activities to keep the door open for the spread of the gospel across the world. Alliance Defending Freedom has offices at the UN in New York City, at the OAS in Washington D.C., in Vienna, Austria, Mexico City, Mexico, and Delhi, India. He joined Alliance Defending Freedom in 2001 and is an active member of the bars of Arizona, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the US Supreme Court. He has practiced before most international bodies including the European Court of Human Rights. Bull has practiced law since 1975 and obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina Law Center, and post-graduate studies at Harvard and Stanford.

Rocco Buttiglione

Former Italian Minister of European Politics

Rocco Buttiglione is a Professor of Political Science at Saint Pius V University in Rome, and a member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. An academic and a Christian Democrat politician, Buttiglione has held various offices in Italian government including Vice President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies since 2008. He also served as a minister for EU policies from 2001 to 2006. In 2005 Buttiglione received an honorary doctoral degree from Francisco Marroquín University for his commitment to the ideas of liberty. Among his more recent publications are *Karol Wojtyła: The Thought of the Man Who Became Pope John Paul II* (1997) and *The Moral Mandate for Freedom: Reflections on Centesimus Annus* (1997). He studied law in Turin and Rome.

Archbishop Francis A. Chullikatt

Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations

Archbishop Francis Chullikat was born in Bolghatty, India, on 20 March 1953. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Verapoly in June 1978, and completed a doctorate in Canon Law and entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1988. Since then, he has served at the Apostolic Nunciatures in Honduras, various countries of southern Africa, and the Philippines, as well as at the Mission to the United Nations in New York and at the Secretariat of State in the Vatican. He was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Iraq and Jordan in April 2006, and ordained Titular Archbishop of Ostra in June 2006. He was appointed Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York on 17 July 2010.

Raymond L. Flynn

Former Ambassador to the Holy See

Raymond Flynn was the Mayor of Boston from 1984 to 1993, and later the American ambassador to the Vatican (1993 – 1997). Ambassador Flynn began his political career as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1971 to 1979, representing the South Boston neighborhood of the City of Boston during the turbulent Busing Crisis of the early 1970s. He later served on the Boston City Council from 1978 to 1984, before successfully running for Mayor. Prior to entering politics, Ambassador Flynn was an All-American basketball player at Providence College, was selected Most Valuable Player in the

National Invitational Tournament (NIT) during his senior year, and was the last player cut from the then-World Champion Boston Celtics. He is the author of two books: *The Accidental Pope* and *John Paul II, The Pope And The Man*.

Kishore Jayabalan

Director, Istituto Acton (Acton Institute, Rome)

Kishore Jayabalan is director of Istituto Acton, the Acton Institute's Rome office. Formerly, he worked for the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace as an analyst for environmental and disarmament issues and desk officer for English-speaking countries. Kishore Jayabalan earned a B.A. in political science and economics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. During his graduate studies at the University of Toronto, Kishore was baptized and received into the Roman Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II in Rome in 1996. He later worked as a student campus minister at the university's Newman Centre, which led to his appointment to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York in 1997. Two years later, he returned to Rome to work for the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. Kishore became director of Istituto Acton in 2005 and organizes the institute's educational and outreach efforts in Rome and throughout Europe.

Roger Kiska

Legal Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom

Roger Kiska serves as senior legal counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom and is based in Vienna, Austria, where he specializes in international litigation with a focus on European law. He has developed the Alliance Defending Freedom allied attorney network in Europe, working with allies to litigate European cases that threaten religious liberty, life, and the family. He understands the international impact that judicial rulings in Europe and elsewhere have on Christians everywhere. He is particularly focused on cases at Europe's most important international court—the European Court of Human Rights—a court looked to by judges around the world. After earning his J.D. at Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Kiska began his legal career in the Slovak Republic as an attorney with the firm of former Slovak Prime Minister Jan Carnogursky. He is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and also passed the Solicitor's Bar examinations for the United Kingdom. Kiska is fluent in English and Slovak.

John Michael Klink

Longtime Chief UN negotiator for the Holy See at the United Nations

John Michael Klink has served the Catholic Church in official capacities for 30 years, first with Catholic Relief Services in postings in North Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the Caribbean, and subsequently, as an Advisor to the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations for 16 years. He is also a Consultor for the Pontifical Council for the Family. In 2007 he was elected as President of the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) founded by Pope Pius XII in 1951 which serves as the International Migration Commission for the Catholic Bishops' Conferences and reports to both the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples and the Second Section of the Secretariat of State. Klink received his Bachelors of Arts degree from Santa Clara University in 1971 and a Masters in English Literature from Georgetown University in 1973.

Michael Novak

Author, Former US Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

Michael Novak is a retired George Frederick Jewett Scholar in Religion, Philosophy, and Public Policy from the American Enterprise Institute. He is an author, philosopher, and theologian. Mr. Novak resides in Ave Maria, Florida as a trustee and visiting professor at Ave Maria University. Novak served as United States Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in 1981 and 1982 and led the US delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in 1986.

Robert Royal

President, Faith and Reason Institute

Dr. Robert Royal is the founder and president of the Faith & Reason Institute in Washington, D.C. and editor-in-chief of TheCatholicThing.org. His books include: *1492 And All That: Political Manipulations of History* (1992), *Reinventing the American People: Unity and Diversity Today* (1995), *The Virgin and the Dynamo: The Use and Abuse of Religion in the Environment Debate* (1999, Eerdmans), *Dante Alighieri in the Spiritual Legacy Series* (1999, Crossroad), and *The Catholic Martyrs of the Twentieth Century: A Comprehensive Global History* (2000, Crossroad), *The Pope's Army* (2006, Crossroad), and *The God That Did Not Fail* (2006, Encounter). His history of the Catholic intellectual tradition in the twentieth

century will appear in the Fall (Ignatius Press). He has received fellowships to study in Italy from the Renaissance Society of America (1977) and as a Fulbright scholar (1978). He writes frequently on matters of culture, religion, ethics, and public policy, and his work has been translated into a dozen foreign languages.

Austin Ruse

President, Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute

Austin Ruse has headed the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM) since shortly after its creation in the summer of 1997. Mr. Ruse has held the title of President since 2000. Ruse or his team have participated in every major UN social policy negotiation since 1997 including the multi-year negotiations that created the International Criminal Court. He has briefed members of the U.S. House and Senate on U.N. matters, as well as briefing White House and National Security Council staff. Ruse has also briefed senior government officials, journalists, Church and non-governmental leaders from around the world. He has appeared on a number of national cable network programs discussing UN and Catholic issues, including news programs on CNN, CBS News, MSNBC, and Fox News. Ruse has published in First Things, Washington Times, National Review Online, Weekly Standard, Human Events, Touchstone, as well as newspapers around the world. He is a biweekly columnist for TheCatholicThing.org and a regular contributor to Breitbart.

Thomas Schirrmacher

Director, International Institute for Religious Freedom

Dr. Thomas Schirrmacher, Ph.D., DD, is Ambassador for human rights and executive chair of the Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance, speaking for approximately 600 million Christians. He is also director of its International Institute for Religious Freedom (Bonn, Cape Town, Colombo). He is member of the board of the International Society for Human Rights. Schirrmacher is professor of the sociology of religion at the State University of the West in Timisoara (Romania) and Distinguished Professor of Global Ethics and International Development in Meghalaya (India). He is also president of 'Martin Bucer European Theological Seminary and Research Institutes', where he teaches ethics and comparative religions.

Lannette Turicchi

Filmmaker, Falling Upwards Productions

Lannette Turicchi began her career at Hollywood Pictures then went on to new business development for The Disney Store's Walt Disney Gallery (both a division of Disney). Lannette then took on the challenge of establishing and running the Non Theatrical Distribution department for DreamWorks SKG. Lannette left DreamWorks for the start up, Captive Entertainment, which she cofounded with Paul Poste and Karima Taylor. Captive Entertainment specializes in the sale and distribution of Independent and Studio produced feature film and television product. Clients included major domestic and international airlines, Air Force One, Military installations, cruise ships and college campuses. Lannette later sold her interest in Captive to her partners. The company, which was a major success, continues to be a player in the Non Theatrical World. With more than 20 years experience in media, marketing and entertainment, Lannette now focuses her time and interest in Falling Upwards Productions.

Luca Volontè

General Director of the Novae Terrae Foundation and Chair of Dignitatis Humanae Institute

Luca Volontè was a member of the Italian Parliament from 1996 to 2013 and President of the European People's Party at the Strasbourg-based Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly. In February 2013, Cardinal Martino confirmed the appointment of Luca Volontè as Chairman of the Dignitatis Humanae Institute (DHI), also known as the Institute for Human Dignity. Volontè has been a Member of several Committees at PACE, including the Presidential Committee, PACE Bureau, Social Affairs and Development Committee, Political Committee, Monitoring Committee, and Rules Committee. His efforts were particularly focus on Conscientious Objection, Freedom of Religion, Youths and Family, Life issues, including anti euthanasia measures. He was the Italian Deputy from 1996 to 2013, and President of the Union of Christian and Centre Democrats (UDC) from 1998 to 2008. He was a Member of various permanent committees, including Foreign Affairs, Constitutional Affairs, Social Affairs, Budget, Culture, Fiscal, Labour and Welfare, and Industry. Volontè worked in the foreign relations office at Filanto Spa in Milan from 1993 to 1994. He was, at the same time, General Director of the John Paul II Foundation.



George Weigel

Biographer of John Paul II

George Weigel is Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a Catholic theologian and one of America's leading public intellectuals. He holds EPPC's William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies. From 1989 through June 1996, Mr. Weigel was president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he led a wide-ranging, ecumenical and inter-religious program of research and publication on foreign and domestic policy issues. From June 1996, as a Senior Fellow, Mr. Weigel prepared a major study of the life, thought, and action of Pope John Paul II. *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II* was published to international acclaim in the fall of 1999, and has since been translated into twelve languages, with a Chinese edition currently in progress.

Charmaine Yoest

President, Americans United for Life

Charmaine Yoest is President & CEO of Americans United for Life (AUL), the first national pro-life organization in the nation, whose legal strategists have been involved in every pro-life case before the United States Supreme Court since *Roe v. Wade*. Dr. Yoest began her career in the White House during the Reagan Administration and served as a Senior Advisor to the 2008 Huckabee for President Campaign. She is also the co-author of *Mother in the Middle*, an examination of childcare policy, published by HarperCollins. Previously, Dr. Yoest served as the Project Director of the Family, Gender and Tenure Project at the University of Virginia, a nationwide study funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. She was also a recipient of Mellon, Olin, Bradley, and Kohler Fellowships. She also served as a Vice President at the Family Research Council, one of the largest pro-family public policy organizations in the country.



“ It is necessary to go back to seeing the family as the sanctuary of life. The family is indeed sacred: it is the place in which life — the gift of God — can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth. In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of the culture of life. ”

Pope John Paul II
Encyclical Letter *Centesimus Annus*
1 May 1991

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Launched in 1994, Alliance Defending Freedom (formerly Alliance Defense Fund) is a well-established international human rights organization (NGO) with more than 2200 allied lawyers and nearly 200 allied organizations world-wide. Alliance Defending Freedom has offices throughout the world, including New Delhi, Mexico City, New York City, and Vienna, Austria, and is fully accredited with all of the major international organizations, including: The Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union; the European Parliament; the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the United Nations (Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council).

Alliance Defending Freedom has been directly involved in over 30 cases at the European Court of Human Rights and has on numerous occasions provided expert opinions and key-note addresses to different International and European Parliamentary Committees and Inter-groups, as well as national parliaments. Alliance Defending Freedom has been involved in 70 cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and several cases before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.



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