



INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF CATHOLIC ACTION

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Catholic Action: Synodality and Mission

Rome - Domus Mariae, 15–18 October 2026

Provisional programme (9 July 2026)

Thursday 15 October 2026

BACHELET Auditorium, Domus Mariae

PUBLIC SESSION

4.00 pm **Welcome**

Giuseppe Notarstefano, National President of Italian Catholic Action

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life (message)

Prayer with St Francis, 800 years after his death

Barbara Pandolfi, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences of Tuscany

INTERVENTIONS

- **Catholic Action: Synodality and Mission.** Eva Fernández Mateo, Coordinator of the FIAC Secretariat
- **Artificial Intelligence and Educational Service: A Challenge for Catholic Action,** Fr Paolo Benanti

Witnesses of Peace contributions from certain countries in conflict

7.30 pm Holy Mass presided over by Msgr. Eduardo Garcia, IFCA Ecclesiastical

8.30 pm Dinner

Friday 16 October 2026

8.30 am Morning prayer

9.00 am

Catholic Action: a training ground for synodality

Catholic Action walks through history with the whole Church, in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, in dialogue with the world

Claudia Carbajal de Inzaurraga, President of Catholic Action Argentina

The priorities of the synodal document: the choice of association, relationships, social prophecy,

Experiences and proposals

Eva Fernández Mateo

10.30 am – 12 noon **Group work by language**

Conversation in the Spirit

12.30 pm Holy Mass

Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops

Lunch – Buffet

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3.30 pm

- Group work report by language
- **Group work by continent**

6.00 pm

- Report on group work
- FIAC and the Catholic Action Foundation 'School of Holiness Pius XI'

7.30 pm Vespers according to the Byzantine rite

8.30 pm Dinner (Casa San Juan de Avila)

Festival of the Continents

San Juan de Avila Auditorium

Saturday 17 October 2026

8.00 am Holy Mass

Cardinal Luis Tagle, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelisation

Departure from the Domus Mariae

11.30 am AUDIENCE WITH HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

1.30 pm Lunch

===== STATUTORY ASSEMBLY

3.00 pm Presidents and Assistants, Member Countries and Representatives of Observer Countries

- Normative document
- Election of the Secretariat countries
- Outlook for 2026–2030

6.00 pm: departure for the **Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore**

7.00 pm **Marian Vigil**

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State

Rome by night

The proceedings of the international conference will also be streamed online with simultaneous interpretation during the plenary sessions

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Sunday 18 October

WORLD MISSION DAY

7.30 am: departure for St Peter's Square Holy Mass presided over by Pope Leo XIV
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Departures on Sunday afternoon or Monday