



2° SEMINARIO INTERNAZIONALE SULLA FORMAZIONE PAOLINA PER LA MISSIONE 4-8 NOVEMBRE 2019 • CASA DIVIN MAESTRO, ARICCIA

COMMUNICATION 2

Work continues for the participants in the 2nd *International Seminar on the Pauline Formation for the Mission* in Ariccia. After the reports on consecrated life and on the world of the young, on the second day, Tuesday 5 November, we focused on the specific dynamics of the complex mechanisms of communication. Professor **Luca Toschi** of the University of Florence emphasized the influence of the “post-truth” on the younger generation and on the intrinsic (and often unconscious) risks of manipulation. Professor **Massimiliano Padula**, of the Lateran University, highlighted the need to introduce a type of formation called “meducation”, that is, a media education that activates useful skills for a lifestyle that integrates virtuality and reality in relationships. The three-part round table saw, on the one hand, two priests who are expert in communication (Father **Marco Sanavio** and Father **Rosario Rosarno**) to photograph with a positive vision the development going on in the internet and some phenomena linked to virtuality (e.g., the virtual “singer” *Hatsune Miku*); and, on the other hand, the reference to a “hard” realism of the distorted and dangerous use of the network by **Federico Bianchi di Castelbianco**, a developmental psychologist and psychotherapist. A group work ended the day. On the third day, Wednesday 6 November, formation in religious life entered more into detail. Professor **Laura Dalfollo**, a lecturer at the “Claretianum” in Rome, presented in a systematic way the theological and magisterial foundations of religious life, of the founding charism and of formation for religious life. The following round table saw three religious present the formative experiences of their respective congregations or orders: Father **Angelo Schettini**, a Jesuit; Father **Carlo Maria Zanotti**, a Salesian; Father **Giuseppe Rubino**, an Oblate Missionary of Mary Immaculate. The day continued with the presentation, by Councilor General Father **Celso Godilano**, of the results of the Questionnaire on formation proposed by the SIF to all members of the Society of Saint Paul, which highlighted, among other things, the shift in the number of vocations in Africa and Asia as well as the large number of young professed leaving during the past 10 years (over 50%). The day ended with a talk by Father **Salud Paredes**, President of the SIF, on some of the challenges the Congregation is experiencing in the formation field.

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