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Considerations on organ donation

The event is organized by the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAV), the World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations (FIAMC), and the Italian National Transplant Centre (CNT).

The Congress will be a meeting of people from all over the world, at which the organ donating activities of five continents will be represented. Papers will be presented pertaining to scientific and medical, as well as to organizational, legal and ethical, aspects of organ donation. The first day of the Congress will be dedicated to the current 'state of the art' of the transplant system on an international basis, with a focus upon the historical evolution of transplantation sciences and of organ donation. It will also analyse crucial matters, such as the need for organs world-wide, the problem of trafficking in organs, and the importance of spreading the culture of organ donation.

On the second day of the meeting, ethical and anthropological dimensions of organ donation will be the core of the discussion, which will extend to theoretical, ethical and legal aspects of 'living wills' in relation to the donation of organs. The third and last day will be devoted to the role of the mass media in respect of the culture of donating organs.

An audience with His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, has been requested for the last day of the Congress, in which the Church's position and teachings on organ donation may be presented.

Scientists, researchers and experts on ethical issues from the scientific world and from Catholic associations will constitute the audience at the Congress. The presence of the Pontifical Academy for Life enhances the ethical and moral value of the event, which seeks to identify common and shared ways of increasing further the availability of organs.

DATE

Thursday, November 6th – Saturday, November 8th, 2008

VENUE

Auditorium della Conciliazione, Rome, I

www.auditoriumconciliazione.it

LANGUAGE

The official language of the International Congress will be English and Italian. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

TOPICS

- **The experience of donating**
- **From history to reality: the development of transplant science**
- **State of the art in modern transplantology**
- **Organ donation, requirements and trafficking in the world**
- **Giving oneself and organ donation: an anthropological perspective**
- **Expression of will in organ donation and transplants: theoretical and legislative aspects**
- **Ethics of organ allocation and the transplant system**
- **Health provider training**
- **Ethical issues on marketing, predation and social pressure**
- **International legislation and guidelines**
- **Educational proposals to promote a culture of donation**
- **Pastoral initiatives**
- **Role of the mass media**
- **Address by the Holy Father**

CME CREDITS

The Congress will apply for accreditation from the Italian Ministry of Health and European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME - UEMS).

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