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News in Brief

Summit of Pan American Judges on Social Rights and Franciscan Doctrine

The Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences has organized the Summit of Pan American Judges on Social Rights and Franciscan Doctrine from 3 to 4 June 3 to 4 in the Vatican's Casina Pio IV, to be attended by magistrates of the three Americas, whose competences are part of the effective implementation of social, economic and cultural rights (DESCS).

The summit is the ideal continuation of the First Conference on Social Rights and Franciscan Doctrine, held on 4 June 2018 in the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, attended by 300 magistrates and judicial officials, to discuss the legal inspiration rooted in the fundamental documents of the Magisterium of Pope Francis.

The objectives of the summit include how to confront the three "Ls" (land, lodgings and labour) [in Spanish, the three "Ts" – *terra, techo, trabajo*], how to deal with budget constraints and exogenous banking or financial controls based on countries' external debt, and how to overcome political pressures and create a worldwide movement based on the unrestricted defence of social rights.

During the meeting the magistrates will talk about the progress recorded in their specific tasks that obey the Social Doctrine of the Church and the *ad hoc* proposals of new legal practices in the courts.

In addition, the summit wishes to consolidate a "Permanent Pan American Board of Judges in Defence of Social Rights" that will be able to coordinate future efforts in the region to optimize judicial policies focused on full respect of social, economic and cultural rights, providing training and courses and setting up committees responsible for the defence of magistrates under pressure, etc.

Pope Francis will speak at the closing ceremony and present a special document on the importance of the theme.

The works will be published by the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences in a special edition and will be

distributed worldwide, serving as a theoretical basis for a future world meeting of judges on social, economic and cultural rights and Franciscan Doctrine.

International Conference of the *Centesimus Annus* – *Pro Pontifice* Foundation:

“The Catholic Social Teaching from inception to the digital age: how to live the *Laudato Si*” is the theme of the international conference organized by the *Centesimus Annus - Pro Pontifice* Foundation that will take place from 6 to 8 June 2019 in the New Synod Hall in the Vatican, with the participation of 31 experts who will contribute their knowledge, experience and responsibility developed in the course of their own work and business. Emphasis will be given to some practical testimonies from entrepreneurs, third sector operators, and national and international institutions engaged in the application of integral ecology.

The conference will analyze the topic from three points of view, along with other sessions: 1) Look – The path towards an integral ecology. What has been done. What remains to be done. Possible developments; 2) Judge: The many obstacles obstructing the path to an integral ecology, problems and difficulties; and 3) Act – How to smooth the path. Possible initiatives.

The works will conclude on 8 June with an intervention by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin. Later the participants will be received in audience by the Holy Father.

Charismatic Catholic renewal begins a new stage with CHARIS

CHARIS, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service, will begin its journey on 9 June, Sunday of Pentecost. On the same day the ICCRS and Catholic Fraternity will cease to exist, since the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life established in December 2018 a new single service for the current of grace of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, naming it CHARIS.

Strongly desired by Pope Francis, CHARIS is first and foremost a service of communion among all the entities of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, which currently numbers more than 120 million Catholics in the world who live the experience of baptism in the spirit through three different expressions: prayer groups, communities and schools of evangelization, and networks of communications and various ministries. The aim of CHARIS is to awaken communion between all these realities at national, continental and global level, and its statute emphasizes the importance of spreading the grace of baptism in the spirit, work for the unity of Christians, service to the poor and participation in the evangelizing mission of the whole Church.

On the occasion of its initiation, from 6 to 7 June CHARIS will hold an international conference in Rome for the leaders of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, to be attended by more than 550 people participate. On 8 June Pope Francis will address a message to charismatics throughout the world and on Sunday 9, all those responsible for the Charismatic Renewal will attend the Holy Mass for Pentecost in Saint Peter’s Square.
