

PRESS RELEASE

An International Symposium on the Creation of Adam and Eve and the Foundations of Holy Marriage

ROME, ITALY. In anticipation of the re-opening of the Synod on the Family in October, an international symposium on the creation of Adam and Eve as the foundation of the Catholic doctrine on Holy Marriage will be held on September 26, 2015, at the Centro Congressi Cavour - Via Cavour 50/A (near Termini Station) in Rome. Experts in theology, philosophy, and natural science will demonstrate that the traditional doctrine of the Church on the divine creation of Adam and Eve harmonizes with the best arguments in theology and philosophy, as well as with sound natural science, including the latest findings in biology, genetics, and paleontology.

At the end of the nineteenth century, the first wave of the modern assault on Holy Marriage began as social revolutionaries attempted to introduce divorce into Catholic countries. In response to these coordinated attacks on Holy Marriage, Pope Leo XIII exhorted the Bishops and theologians of the Catholic Church to defend the divine institution of Holy Marriage on the foundation of the divine creation of Adam and Eve. In his encyclical *Arcanum* he told the Bishops:

*The true origin of marriage, venerable brothers, is well known to all . . . We record what is to all known, and cannot be doubted by any, that God, on the sixth day of creation, having made man from the slime of the earth, and having breathed into his face the breath of life, gave him a companion, whom He miraculously took from the side of Adam when he was locked in sleep . . . And this union of man and woman . . . even from the beginning manifested chiefly two most excellent properties . . . namely, **unity and perpetuity** (emphasis added) (Pope Leo XIII, *Arcanum*, 5).*

According to Monsignor Barreiro, long-time director of Human Life International in Rome, “The international symposium will demonstrate the timeless wisdom of Pope Leo XIII’s teaching while exposing the serious errors in theology, philosophy and natural science that beset alternative explanations for the origins of the first human beings.” Participants in the symposium include Fr. Chad Ripperger, Ph.D., Philosophy (formerly professor of Dogmatic Theology at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary); D. Q. McNerny, Ph.D., Philosophy (professor of Philosophy at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary); Fr. Thomas Hickey, M.A., Theology (Faculty, Holy Apostles Seminary); Mr. John Wynne, (author, *A Catholic Assessment of Evolution Theory*); Dr. John Sanford, Ph.D., Plant Genetics (author, *Genetic Entropy*); Bai Macfarlane, (Director, Mary’s Advocates); and Fr. Francesco Giordano, STD (Director, Human Life International, Rome Office).

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For additional information and updates, please visit the Human Life International website at <http://www.hli.org/>

Event:

An International Symposium on the Creation of Adam and Eve and the Foundations of Holy Marriage

Place:

Centro Congressi Cavour - Via Cavour 50/A Rome near Termini Station

Date:

September 26, 2015

Time:

9 :00-1:00; 2:30 - 6:30

Cost:

None

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"The Two Shall Be One": The Creation of Adam and Eve and the Foundations of Holy Marriage

Fr. Chad Ripperger, Ph.D., Philosophy (formerly professor of Dogmatic Theology at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary) -
The Metaphysical Impossibility of Human Evolution

Fr. Thomas Hickey, M.A., Theology (Faculty, Holy Apostles Seminary) -
The Special Creation of Adam and Eve: The Foundation of the Church's Teaching on Holy Marriage

Fr. Thomas Crean, STD,
The Perfection of Our First Parents in the Writings of St. Thomas Aquinas

Mr. John Wynne, Author, *A Catholic Assessment of Evolution Theory*
The Bankruptcy of the Hypothesis of Human Evolution

Dr. John Sanford, Ph.D., Plant Genetics -
Twenty-first Century Genetics Confirms the Special Creation of Adam and Eve

Hugh Owen, M.S. -
The Creation of Adam and Eve in the Writings of the Mystical Saints and Doctors of the Church

Bai Macfarlane -
"What God Has Joined Together": The Current Marriage Crisis in the Light of the Original Creation and the Code of Canon Law

Fr. Francesco Giordano, STD (Director, Human Life International, Rome Office)
"The Two Shall Become One": The Evils of Contraception and the Strengthening of Catholic Marriages through the Correct Teaching of Natural Family Planning

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