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◆ **Le Udienze**

Il Santo Padre Francesco ha ricevuto questa mattina in Udienza:

- S.E. la Signora Chiara Porro, Ambasciatore di Australia, in occasione della presentazione delle Lettere Credenziali;
- Em.mo Card. Willem Jacobus Eijk, Arcivescovo di Utrecht (Olanda);
- S.E. Mons. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, O.F.M., Arcivescovo tit. di Verbe, Amministratore Apostolico "sede vacante" del Patriarcato di Gerusalemme dei Latini;
- Il Dottor Maximino Caballero Ledo, Segretario Generale della Segreteria per l'Economia, con la Consorte.

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- ◆ **Le Lettere Credenziali dell'Ambasciatore di Australia presso la Santa Sede**

Questa mattina, il Santo Padre Francesco ha ricevuto in Udienza S.E. la Signora Chiara Porro, Ambasciatore di Australia presso la Santa Sede, in occasione della presentazione delle Lettere Credenziali.

Riportiamo di seguito i cenni biografici essenziali del nuovo Ambasciatore:

S.E. la Signora Chiara Porro,

Ambasciatore di Australia presso la Santa Sede

È nata il 30 luglio 1984.

È sposata ed ha due figli.

Laureata in Politica, Filosofia e Economia (*University of York, Gran Bretagna, 2005*) e ha ottenuto un Master in Relazioni Internazionali e Diplomatiche (*University of Leiden, Paesi Bassi, 2007*).

Ha ricoperto i seguenti incarichi: Funzionario presso il Ministero degli Affari Esteri e del Commercio (MAE) (2009); Secondo Segretario, High Commission, India (2011-2014); Executive Officer per l'Africa Est e Centrale, MAE (2014); Executive Officer, Ebola Taskforce, MAE (2014-2015); Vicedirettore, Sezione di Bilancio e Programmazione delle Risorse Finanziarie, MAE (2015-2016); Consigliere, Sezione Internazionale, Gabinetto del Primo Ministro (2016-2018); Vice Console Generale presso il Consolato Generale a Nouméa, Nuova Caledonia (2018-2020); Direttore, Sezione di Collegamento Ministeriale, MAE (2020).

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◆ **Press Release: World Council of Churches and Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue release “Serving a Wounded World” document**

The World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) have released a joint document, “Serving a Wounded World in Interreligious Solidarity: A Christian Call to Reflection and Action During COVID-19.” Its purpose is to encourage churches and Christian organizations to reflect on the importance of interreligious solidarity in a world wounded by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The document offers a Christian basis for interreligious solidarity that can inspire and confirm the impulse to serve a world wounded not only by COVID-19 but also by many other wounds.

The publication is also designed to be useful to practitioners of other religions, who have already responded to COVID-19 with similar thoughts based on their own traditions.

The document recognizes the current context of the pandemic as a time for discovering new forms of solidarity for rethinking the post-COVID-19 world. Comprised of five sections, the document reflects on the nature of a solidarity sustained by hope and offers a Christian basis for interreligious solidarity, a few key principles and a set of recommendations on how reflection on solidarity can be translated into concrete and credible action.

Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, President of the PCID, reflected that Christian service and solidarity in a wounded world has been part of agenda of the PCID/WCC since last year. The COVID-19 pandemic pressed the project into action as “a timely ecumenical and interreligious response”, adding that “the pandemic has exposed the woundedness and fragility of our world, revealing that our responses must be offered in an inclusive solidarity, open to followers of other religious traditions and people of good will, given the concern for the entire human family.”

WCC interim general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca reflected that interreligious dialogue is vital to healing and caring for one another on a global level. “In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the human family is facing together an unprecedented call to protect one another, and to heal our communities,” he said. “Interreligious dialogue not only helps clarify the principles of our own faith and our identity as Christians, but also opens our understanding of the challenges—and creative solutions—others may have.”

The document is the latest to be co-produced by the WCC and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue following the publication of “Education for Peace in a Multi-Religious World: A Christian Perspective” in May 2019.

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