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Consecration of all Catholic Physicians to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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As our new president, Prof. Dr. Bernard Ars, has announced in his first address to all the members of Catholic Medical Associations throughout the world, he has asked the Holy Father for the consecration of all Catholic Physicians to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in order to be “missionaries of respect for the dignity of human life, as well as the development of the person, free and responsible, creative, and open to transcendence, to the Heart of Jesus and also to his fellow human beings, especially the poorest and most fragile”. In this way “we will testify to the profound hope that the joy of the Gospel is a reality”

The Holy Father has accepted his request! The consecration will be organized by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development under which FIAMC is ordered. The Holy Father will consecrate all catholic doctors, present and absent, to the Sacred Heart at the end of the **Sunday Eucharist of June 23, 2019, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. The mass will take place in St. Peter's Square and will be broadcast live worldwide by all Catholic media.

For those who wish to prepare themselves more deeply for this extraordinary moment, the Dicastery organizes two days of retreat – seminars: on **Thursday and Friday, June 20th and 21st, in Rome**. The exact venue is still to be determined. The retreat will include adoration, interventions on the role of the Catholic doctor, meditations on the Old and the New Testament, Further information will follow in February 2019.

We invite all Catholic Medical Associations throughout the world to send a considerable delegation of their members to this *unique event*. This consecration to the Sacred Heart of our Lord will certainly bear fruit for our mission as catholic physicians and for our medical associations.

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