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AUGUST
2025



From the International President's Desk

May I greet you all my dear brothers and sisters, with the words that encourages me at all time, *"The word became Flesh, and dwelt among us."* St Augustine's profound words *"you have made us for yourself. O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests on you"* I believe this beautifully express the deep longing within every human soul, for peace, purpose and connection with God.

This truth lies at the heart of our work as Catholic Nurses and Health Workers. To accompany those who are physically, mentally and emotionally unwell; with compassion and hope, grounded in the belief that true healing and rest, are ultimately found in God. Recalling the words from Pope John Paul 11's address in 1996, to the International Conference on Mental Health: *"the Church recognizes that the person affected by mental illness always bears the imprint of the image of God, and as such, must be treated with the utmost respect."* These words resonate with our motto: SEE CHRIST IN EVERY PERSON. Rooted in the dignity of every person as made in God's image, our work seeks to ensure that individuals facing health challenges are welcomed, accompanied and supported at all times.

As you are aware that on the 6th June while attending the Annual meeting of the Moderators of Lay Associations, Ecclesial Movements and New Communities, we were privileged to have an audience with the Holy, Father Pope Leo XIV. I would like to conclude by sharing an excerpt from his address. *"Dear friends, today we are meeting for the first time. God willing, we will have other opportunities to get to know each other better, but in the meantime I encourage you to press forward on your journey. Always keep the Lord Jesus at the Centre! All of us are called to imitate Christ, who emptied Himself to enrich us. Those who join with others in pursuing an apostolic goal and those who enjoy a charism are called alike to enrich others through the emptying of self. It is the source of freedom and great joy. Thanks for being who you are and for all you do. I entrust you to the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church, and I cordially impart my Blessing to you, and all those you represent."*

Thank you. Looking forward to meeting you all in Thailand!

---Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN



CICIAMS XXII World Congress, Thailand

EARLY REGISTRATION OPEN until 31 January 2026

Executive Board meeting 9 Nov; General Council Meeting 10 Nov;
Congress 11-13 Nov; Optional Excursion 14 Nov 2026

Baan Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center, 2/4 Moo 6, Petkasem Rd.

Tha Kham, Nakhonpathom 73110 Thailand

Program, Registration & Call for Abstracts at: www.ciciams2026.com/;

info@ciciams2026.com; Facebook: CICIAMS.2026; **Abstracts due 1 November 2025**



Hosted by the Catholic Nurses Guild of Thailand

Prayer for the CICIAMS 2026 World Congress

O gracious Father, Redeeming Son, and Holy Spirit, we humbly ask You to enlighten and guide the 2026 CICIAMS XXII World Congress. May all Catholic nurses be united in heart and spirit, standing firm in faith and bearing witness to the message of Your love and mercy for all humanity. For it is You alone, O Lord, who sustain the hearts of Your beloved people, created in Your image, to uphold their dignity and to dwell in peace, a peace the world itself cannot give.

We beseech the Holy Trinity to pour out blessings upon all participants. Grant them safe travels to and from the congress. May the weather during our gathering be pleasant and calm, free from rain, flooding, pandemics, illness, or any form of disaster, including political unrest or national crisis. Let every heart be touched by the warmth and beauty of Thailand, a land where You, O Lord, have sown the seeds of faith and the hope of Your eternal Kingdom. We place all our plans and intentions into the loving hands of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May this World Congress of Catholic Nurses be for the everlasting glory of our God. Through the grace of Christ Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

It is our hope that each National Association will translate into their native language this prayer and pray in union with CICIAMS Executive Board and CNGTH. It was written, upon inspiration, by Sr. Magdalena Daodee, PhD, RN, President, CNGTH.

Registration fee summary (9-13 Nov 2026) CICIAMS XXII World Congress

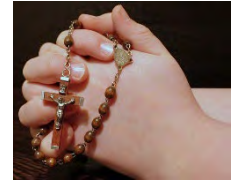
Category	Registration-Period	Room-Type-&-Dates	Fee- (USD)
Participants	Early Bird (1-July – 31-January 2026)	Twin-Room (10-14-Nov-2026)	\$590
	Standard (1-February – 30-June-2026)	Twin-Room (10-14-Nov-2026)	\$650
	Late (1-July – 30-September-2026)	Twin-Room (10-14-Nov-2026)	\$700
Executive-Board-Members	Early Bird (1-July – 31-January-2026)	Twin-Room (8-14-Nov-2026)	\$690
(No Late-Registration)	Standard (1-February – 30-June-2026)	Twin-Room (8-14-Nov-2026)	\$750
General-Council-Members	Early Bird (1-July – 31-January-2026)	Twin-Room (9-14-Nov-2026)	\$640
(No Late-Registration)	Standard (1-February – 30-June-2026)	Twin-Room (9-14-Nov-2026)	\$700
Accompanying-Persons	Accompanying-Participants (1-July-2025 – 30-June-2026)	Twin-Room (10-14-Nov-2026)	\$450
(No Early Bird & Late-Registration)	Accompanying-Executive Board-Members (1-July-2025 – 30-Jun-2026)	Twin-Room (8-14-Nov-2026)	\$550
	Accompanying-General-Council-Members (1-Jun-2025 – 30-Jun-2026)	Twin-Room (9-14-Nov-2026)	\$500

Our hosts have selected a beautiful facility 45 minutes from Bangkok. The link for registration opened 1 July 2025 at www.ciciams2026.com

Please register as early as possible so that CNGTH will have sufficient funds for the deposit for accommodations and other expenses.

For those arriving earlier than 8 November 2026, you may reserve a hotel in Bangkok or contact the Baan Phu Waan and request additional nights directly at <https://baanphuwaan.org/en/home-en/>
Regarding those who partake in the November 14 tour and river board cruise, your luggage will be moved by the host to the hotel you reserve locally or in Bangkok.

Information regarding airport transportation is available in the registration at a cost of \$50/van which has a capacity of six individuals. Hope to see many of you in Thailand in 2026!



Theme: HUMAN DIGNITY AND PEACE:
TIME FOR GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION

1. Perspectives of Catholic Nurses in Applying a Theology of Healthcare
2. Empower Catholic Nurses to Promote Human Values from Conception to Dignified Death
3. Unity in diversity – Being a Catholic nurse in a multi-cultural world

SUBMIT ABSTRACTS:

www.ciciams2026.com/
due 1 November 2025

Notification May 2025-January 2026





CICIAM 2026
WORLD CONGRESS
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CHINESE-AMERICAN



HUMAN DIGNITY AND PEACE PARTICIPATION, ACCOMMODATION AND PAYMENT

Item / Package	Full Package (650 USD)	Accompanying Person (450 USD)
Congress Attendance	✓ Included	✗ Not included
Conference Set / Booklets	✓ Included	✗ Not included
Access to the congress	✓ Included	✗ Not Included
Accommodation (Twin Room)	5 Day / 4 Night	5 Day / 4 Night
Meals	✓ Included	✓ Included
Cultural Night	✓ Included	✓ Included
Individual Insurance	✓ Included	✓ Included
Facilities in Baan Phu Wao	✓ Included	✓ Included
Tour Activities	✗ Not Included	✗ Not included

*Hotel: 10 Rooms / 2 Meals / 2 Accommodation, 08-12 Day / 4 Nights / 10-14 November 2026

Optional: Full-Day Tour

- Night Luang Prabang
- Night Luang Prabang (Heming)
- Night Luang Prabang

14 November 2025 (100 USD)

- American Catholicism in Laos
- CONGAM by Train
- Dinner Dinner along the Chao Phraya River



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Guideline for Abstract Submission

Guidelines for submitting Abstract/Poster To be presented at the CICIAMS XXII Congress.

1. Announcement of opening and closing of accepting abstracts through the official website of CICIAMS XXII. The announcement will begin 31 December 2024, and applications will close by 1 November 2025. www.ciciams2026.com

2. Theme: Human Dignity and Peace: Time for Global Transformation

2.1 Perspective of Catholic Nurses in Applying a Theology of Healthcare

2.2 Empower Catholic Nurses to Promote Human Values from Conception to Dignified Death

2.3 Unity in Diversity-Being a Catholic nurses in a new frontiers and multi-cultural world

3. Content and format of the abstract (Abstract Format)

3.1 The abstract must be consistent with the theme or sub-themes of the congress. It may be a research study (Research/study), project to develop or solve problems (Project to solve problem), Case study (case study or report)

3.2 Use an English, structured abstract form consisting of six topics

Titles and authors:

Objective:

Method/process:

Results

Conclusion/Recommendation

Keywords (not more than 5)

Note: No more than 300 words in Microsoft Word, submit via internet/online, and specify the method of presentation: whether they are interested in oral or poster presentations.

3.3 The text is single-spaced with a 12-point font Times New Roman.

4. Acceptance process. A group of experts will review and rate the project. It will be completed in two months (by December 2025) and notify to authors. The committee's decision is considered final.

5. Types of presentation

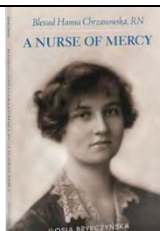
5.1 Slide presentation: Presentation time is 15 minutes per person (maximum), using no more than 20 slides with 5 minutes of questioning per topic (presentation time 10 minutes).

5.2 Poster presentation: The committee will provide further poster presentation details with the acceptance letter.

Abstracts received for presentation will be included in the program and abstract pdf file one month before the meeting and posted after the conference for a while.

A Nurse's Examination of Conscience

by Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN



A copy in Polish of the *Nurse's Examination of Conscience* mentioned by Helena Matoga, MA, RN, and Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, PhD, RN, OCV in the articles on pages 13-15 was translated to English by the English biographer for Blessed Hanna, Dr. Brykczynska and given the imprimatur by the Very Rev. Kazimierz Chawalek, MIC, Provincial Superior, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province, USA on March 25, 2019. The Examen was published by Marian Press in the biography by Dr. Brykczynska titled *Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN: A Nurse of Mercy* and by Marie Romagnano, MSN, RN, CCM in *Nursing with the Hand of Jesus: A Guide to Nurses for Divine Mercy*. Marie has also published a trifold of the examen. CICIAMS distributed copies at the 1954 Congress in Quebec and hopes to again distribute the *Examen* in booklet form. Copies are currently available from the Marians of the Immaculate Conception at: shopmercy.org.



**Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life; Annual Meeting of Moderators of
Associations of the Faithful, Ecclesial Movements and New Communities,
Congress Hall, Jesuit General Curia, Rome, June 4-6, 2025**

Theme: Hope Lived and Proclaimed: The Gift of the Jubilee for Ecclesial Communities

by Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President

Moderators, in person, plus two members from each of the approved associations, were invited to attend. In addition to Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President, in attendance this year were: Father Kenneth G. Sleyman, MM, CICIAMS Ecclesiastical Assistant and Mrs. Maria Murciano, CICIAMS Financial Manager/Treasurer. There were 230 participants in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 14:00 hours on the 4th June led by Father Beutome who then introduced Cardinal Kevin Farrell to make his opening remarks. Cardinal Farrell welcomed all delegates and thanked them for attending this meeting from different parts of the world. He acknowledged that all delegates are from associations and organizations that are led by the Holy Spirit and are committed to work with the Church to serve the people of God. He continued to thank the association for actively participating in the synodality. The universal church needed guidance of the Holy Spirit working through all of you; he averred.



Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, CICIAMS International President and Micaela Osimani, CICIAMS Executive Secretary greeting Kevin Cardinal Farrell

He went on to state that, Pope Leo XIV, in his first address to the staff at the Vatican proclaimed that the people of Christ and the aspirations of the Church illuminate the light of hope to the world. Mission is not only about planning and strategies, it is about spreading the joy of hope and the light of life, without hope a mission is useless. He emphasized that the hope and light that we have experienced may be passed to generations to come. Today the youth is to be developed to become future responsible men and women of truth, faith and hope in the world governed by activism. There is need to prevent crisis in families without hope. The lack of faith is never without consequences. The tragedy of loss of hope is loss of meaning of life.

Cardinal Farrell emphasized it is hoped that the jubilee will be the continuity of hope among all of us, trusting that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide you to carry out the vision and mission of our associations.

CONFERENCE 1. CHALLENGES FOR MOVEMENTS TODAY

by Professor Andrea Riccardo and Professor Luigino Bruni

The two speakers elaborated on the changes that are taking place in the world today. Emphasizing that as church associations and movements we should be able to read and discern the signs of time. We are all pilgrims in the world that is changing rapidly. We need to learn from the story of the Good Samaritan to be able to survive the global challenges. We are no longer in the 20th century but, in our minds, we are still there. The global world is catastrophically made up of divisions and tensions that existed during the cold war and is still with us.

They challenged us not to focus on our challenges or even our sizes. We do not need to be strong or big to do something good. St Paul once said; “when I am weak is when I am strong.” They said we should pray more for peace. We need greater vision of sowing seeds of peace. Let us go against all the things that cause violence. The opposite of peace is not war, but it is jealousy, greed, hatred and many other evils that result in war.

The Catholic Church, over 200 years ago, has been preaching peace. That is what Jesus brought on earth. Looking at the challenge of the poor and peace, we must realize that if we want peace, we must address the challenges of the poor. Let us place the poor in the centre of the Church. Our associations are faced with complexes. As a result of greed, corruption and jealousy. We see all these in the increase in depression, substance abuse, and gender-based violence. We need wise believers to address the current challenges. We are faced with Artificial Intelligence and more individualism. We need people who care about others, to attend to personal elements. They emphasized that, we need to create compassionate individuals who are not self-centred, let us reject individualism.

Annual Meeting of Moderators (cont'd)

CONFERENCE II - RETHINKING MISSION IN THE LIGHT OF HOPE

by **Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle**

He opened his remarks, by stating that there is need to re-image mission, re-imagine Hope. If it is true that the Church is a missionary; the Church must renew its mission and the mission must renew the Church. The missionary life of the Church is threatened by injustice, war and violence; hence we need to re-imagine mission and hope. Christian Hope according to Catechism 17-19, "is a theological virtue by which we realize the love of God," he stated.



Khosi Mthethwa, Maria Murciano & Fr. Ken Sleyman, CICIAMS Representatives

Pursuit of happiness, love and charity are good virtues and are purified by Hope. Hope makes us to desire to labour for God's fullness of life. Hope does not deceive or disappoint; we know that Jesus himself rose from the dead and we too shall rise from the dead. He went on to explain how he thinks Christian hope can reorient, reorder and reorganize missionary hope. He illustrated that this by saying the door unites the outside with the inside, yet also divides the inside and the outside. Jesus is the Door. Through the Door the mystery of Christian Hope is shown. The welcoming Church is symbolized by the Door.

He also shared a story of a woman whom he assisted when she was needy and hungry, and this woman never forgot the assistance she received, hence she became the face of Caritas. Sharing food with needy people is a means of bringing together in the table where there is space for everyone especially eating with the needy and poor.

Cardinal also spoke of culture and human intelligence, noting that people are unique and intelligent. Our new Church in the synodal time requires cultural intelligence. Culture is one way of humbling us in journeying with others from different cultures. We must penetrate the ugliness of division and hatred through Hope.

CONFERENCE III BEING PEOPLE OF HOPE

by **Donna Orsuto**

She started by sharing how to become men and women of hope. As members of your associations and organizations, you are an incredible gift for the Church. It is with great respect to note that we need one another. The spiritual good which I do not possess, I receive from others. In this exile, the Church is still on pilgrimage and is in a certain sense plural. She is a single plurality and a plural unity. All our diversities, which make manifest the richness of God's gift will continue to exist in one house of the Father, which has more rooms.

She encouraged us to work together to bring hope to ourselves and others regardless of the prevailing contemporary challenges." Unless we dare to get it wrong, then we shall never get it right." We must form people who dare to think, to be intellectually adventurous, confident that their mistakes belong to their journey to the truth. We must learn to love others as they are with their weaknesses, while recognizing our own. Summing she quoted Auden who said, "you shall love your crooked neighbour with your crooked heart."

She concluded by sharing 3 points on spiritual formation:

- The importance of listening - The word of God is a campus, especially the gospel, hence we must listen to the word of God, realizing that that listening is more than just hearing.
- The value of spiritual accompaniment, through intellectual formation, that can assist members move from comfort zone.
- The benefits of practising discernment.



Maria Murciano greeting Cardinal Farrell



Dott.ssa Donna Orsuto, Dr. Philip Milligan, Dicastery Laity, Family and Life; Fr. Kenneth G. Sleyman, MM; Micaela Osimani*; Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN*, Sergio and Dora Trevino, Presidents, International Federation of Christian Family Movement (ICCFM), Mexico (iccfm.org), Fr. Antonio Ortensi, Association Sagrada Familia (<https://manyonet.org>), Maria Murciano, RN* *CICIAMS*

CLOSING REMARKS by Cardinal Kevin Farrell

As Associations we must be thankful that we celebrate two very important events together (the Ascension and the Pentecost). When Christ said, "GO," He was talking to all of us. We have the responsibility to bring Christ back to the people. We must live hope that is an encounter with Jesus - We are people of Hope. He urged us to reflect on this moment in the life of the Church and associations. Reflect on the mission we are called to. We are called to bring the sense of Christ to the people. The senseless violence and hatred are happening because we have forgotten what we were called to do. We are called to evangelize.

As associations we need to wake up. We cannot allow our associations to become a piece of material in the museum. We are the one the world and the Church has to INSTILL the whole different way of evangelizing and doing things. Every member of our association must be able to share the gospel. We must think about formation, especially spiritual formation. He also advised us to;

- Speak to the Dicastery, send a report at least once a year on what we are doing, share our successes, challenges and our financial situation.
- Share updates on the implementation of the guidelines about the protection of young people and children.
- Never lose courage, never be afraid, Christ sent us the Holy Spirit to guide us.
- Finally, he thanked us for all what we do and wished us a Happy Jubilee.

Penitential celebration and invocation of the Holy Spirit



Fr. Ken Sleyman, MM, Dr. Khosi Mthethwa & Maria Murciano at the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City, June 2025

After officially closure of the meeting we attended an inspiring penitential celebration and invocation of the Holy Spirit at St Peter's Basilica. The Main Celebrant was Cardinal Kevin Farrell. The Gospel from John 15:17-17.

Requests for forgiveness: Brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit, given to us in Baptism and reawakened in us by the grace of the sacraments, enlightens our hearts and makes us aware of our distance from God and from His plans for our salvation. Let us now turn to the Lord, acknowledging our infidelities, our shortcomings and our sins:

1. for not welcoming the Gospel and for inconsistency
2. for infidelities to the charism
3. for a lack of respect towards people
4. for our lack of zeal
5. for our lack of openness
6. for wounds to ecclesial communion
7. in the name of the Church's Pastors

Visit to the Vatican Museums followed by Dinner at the Vatican Museums

The visit to the museums was one of the highlights of the meeting. We were taken through the History of the Sistine Chapel and actually went through the chapel and also had a presentation on the historical background of the artistry found in the chapel.



After that we proceeded to have dinner in the museum, the experience of having dinner in the midst of saints was heavenly, an experience I will never forget in my life.

Holy Mass (Altar of the Cathedra - St. Peter's Basilica)

Our final Holy Mass celebrated on Thursday the 5th of June was held the Altar of the Cathedra- at St. Petr's Basilica.

Mass celebrant: Cardinal Pietro Parolin

← Marcia Murciano, RN, CICIAMS Financial Manager/Treasurer & Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City



Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN with Daniele Perri, Direttore federazione pueri cantores, St. Peter's Basilica

Audience with the Holy Father Pope

The Holy Father's address focused on the following points;

- The gift of associations, thanking us for our work, guidance and leadership, supporting and encouraging the communities we are working with and for. You represent the thousands of people who live out their faith and exercise their apostolate within associations, movements and communities.
- Unity and Mission, in Union with the Pope, unity and mission are two essential aspects of the church's life and two priorities of the Petrine Ministry. For this reason, He said He asks us to cooperate faithfully and generously with Him above all in these two areas. First of all, by being a leaven of unity. All of you constantly experience the spiritual communion that unites you. It is the communion that the spirit brings about in the Church. It is a unity that has its foundation in Christ, who drives us to Himself and thus unites us with one another.
- The Pope's message ended by saying, "Thank you for being who you are, and for all you do. I entrust you to the protection of Mary, mother of the Church and I cordially impart my blessings to you, and to all those you represent."



Audience with His Holiness Pope Leo XVI, June 6, 2025



Maria Murciano, Holy Father's Chair



Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, Holy Father's Chair



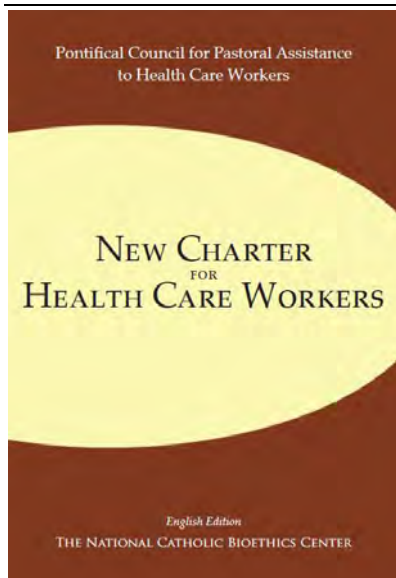
Maria Murciano & Dr. Khosi Mthethwa with Matthieu J.M. Borsboom, Vice Admiral RNLN (rtd), President AMI & COL Paolo Capanni, British Army, Deputy Secretary General Apostolat Militaire International, Ministry of Defence

Maria Murciano, Khosi Mthethwa and Fr. Ken Sleyman, MM →



From the CICIAMS Ethics Committee

New Charter for Health Care Workers Available online free of charge in downloadable pdf



www.ncbcenter.org/store/newcharter

In 1985, His Holiness Pope St. John Paul established the *Pontifical Commission for the Apostolate of Health Care Workers* which was later called the *Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Health Care Workers*. A CICIAMS nurse, usually the President of CICIAMS, has served on this Pontifical Council since 1997. An Verlinde was the first to serve and she served on the council from 1997 or 1998 until 2011. At the time she was selected, An was the CICIAMS Secretary General (1990-2002) and then the International President (2002-2007). Marylee Meehan, MA, RN, from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA and CICIAMS International President (2007-2012) was then asked by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to serve on the council, which she did from 2011-2017. In 2017, His Holiness Pope Francis reorganized the curia and combined this council with three other councils to form the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.



Joyce Asufi, BNSc, MPH, RN
Chair, Ethics Committee

One of the last activities of the council was to revise the 1994 edition of the Charter for Health Care Workers. This was accomplished in 2016 and translated into English by the National Catholic Bioethics Center in the United States. It is available printed in English and nicely bound on the NCBC website for \$19.95 plus shipping <https://www.ncbcenter.org/store/newcharter>. It is also available in **English** and directly downloadable **FREE of charge** from the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development thanks to the efforts of Ms. Elaine Cristina Camillo da Silva, Responsible for Research & Reflection / Health section.

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/risorse/documenti/nuova-carta-degli-operatori-sanitari.html>

Every Catholic nurse should read and have access to this resource. Here are links to the document in several language:

English: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/content/dam/svilupppoumano/pubblicazioni-documenti/documenti/nuova-carta-degli-operatori-sanitari/Nuova-Carta-Operati-Sanitar---EN.pdf> (FREE)

Italian: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/content/dam/svilupppoumano/pubblicazioni-documenti/documenti/nuova-carta-degli-operatori-sanitari/Nuova%20Carta%20Operatori%20Sanitari%20-%20IT.pdf> (FREE)

Spanish: <https://gcloyola.com/p/salterrae/pastoral/carta-agentes-sanitarios/> (Purchase)

French: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/content/dam/svilupppoumano/pubblicazioni-documenti/documenti/nuova-carta-degli-operatori-sanitari/Nuova-Carta-Operati-Sanitar---FR.pdf> (FREE)

Dutch: <https://betsaida.org/product/nieuw-handvest-voor-werkers-in-de-gezondheidszorg/> (Purchase)

Portuguese: <https://encontrocomcristo.com.br/cnbb-atualiza-e-publica-a-nova-carta-aos-agentes-de-saude/> (INFO)

Polish: <https://duszpasterstwochorych.pl/nowa-karta-pracownikow-sluzby-zdrowia/> (FREE)

We encourage you to download the pdf and place it on your National Catholic Nurses Association website for easy access by members. Each chapter would make nice study for Catholic nurses monthly meeting.

Documents for National Association Presidents to Review & Comment on Documents

If you have not already done so, please send your comments on the **CICIAMS Ethics Guidelines** and the **Safeguarding Policy for Minors and Vulnerable Adults** to your Region President for consolidation and forwarding to Joyce Asufi, Chair, CICIAMS Ethics Committee. The Committee hopes to the Ethics Guidelines approved at the CICIAMS XXII World Congress. Statutes require that any document for approval must be sent to the General Council members (e.g. presidents of each National Catholic Nurses' Association) six months prior to the meeting. Thank you for your input and sharing your expertise.

Thank you to the Ethics Committee for your continued excellent work, a truly international collaboration: Joyce Asufi, BNSc, MPH, RN, Chair (Nigeria), Rev Fr. Kenneth G. Sleyman, MM (Japan), Rev. Sr Marivincet, PhD, RN (Korea), DiAnn Ecret, MSN, RN, MA cert. THL (USA), Teresa Lynch, MSc, RN (England & Wales), Mary Ogina, KRN, KRM, BSc, MSc, RN (Kenya) and Catherine Pero, BNSc, RMW, Adv. Dip. PHNsg, MED, RN (Malaysia).

From the CICIAMS Family Committee Infertility and Natural Family Planning Project

Family Health and Reproductive Health Challenges

The Chair of the Family Committee in Nigeria desired to teach both Natural Family Planning and to assist couples with infertility and other gynaecological health problems. Sr. Cecilia attended the National Association of Catholic Nurses, U.S.A. (NACN-USA) conference in 2016 and subsequently obtained training in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTechnology to assist couple and women with reproductive and procreative health challenges. It was becoming alarming and of great concern that infertility generally had led to and still is causing an increase in divorce, polygamy, decrease of family values and ties, etc.



*Sr. Cecilia Adache, OSF
Chair, CICIAMS Family
Committee*

According to research finding by the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals, about 95% of nurses have little or no knowledge of Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTechnology. Therefore, Sr. Cecilia not only took the training to teach couples, she went on to become an Educator. Since that time, Sr. Cecilia has lectured nationally and internationally presenting at the CICIAMS XXI World Congress in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, USA in 2022 and the National Association of Catholic Nurses, USA conference in 2025 and in various countries in Africa.

An unfunded grant was submitted to the Papal Foundation in 2023 to train two nurses per CICIAMS region at the St. Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska, USA. This year, 2025, another grant was submitted to the Papal Foundation which requests funding to train seven (7) nurses in Kenya in the 13-month program.

Please pray for favorable consideration of this grant.

From the CICIAMS Midwives Committee International Day of the Midwife

On 5th May 2025, the Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild members celebrated the International Midwives Day at St. John Vianney Hospital conference room. Sixteen (16) midwives were present in the celebration. In the occasion 3 midwives (Puspa M. Costa, Teresa Baroi, Mary Bernadate Biswas) shared their experiences as a midwife, Mala Reberio talked about the present situation of midwives in the country and Mabel D. Rozario, Chair, CICIAMS Midwives Committee focused on the theme of the day.



*Mabel D Rozario,
Chair, CICIAMS
Midwives Committee*

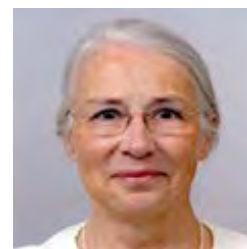


*Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild Midwives
International Day of the Midwife*



2nd International Congress on the Pastoral Care of the Elderly What do you hope for in the care of the elderly? Respond before September 15, 2025

The question Ms. Beatrice van Dorsser, is proposing to CICIAMS members and leadership is, "What do you hope in the care of Elderly?" She wrote on July 15, 2025: "On this eve of the 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, I am coming to you, Catholic Nurses. " *Happy is who does not see his hope fade away*" is the theme bringing by our dear Pope Francis. Together with Pope Leo XIV, let us be "a beacon that illumines the dark nights of this world" (cf 1 Pet 2:3). Dear Colleagues, what do you hope in the care of Elderly? God bless you.



*Beatrice van Dorsser,
CICIAMS Representative*

Please be amiable to answer before September 15, 2025. Beatrice shall bring your thought, to the October Meeting of the 2nd International Congress on the Pastoral Care of the Elderly: "Your Elderly shall have dreams" (Jl 3,1), organized by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. Email responses to: Beatrice van Dorsser at globe9@xs4all.nl or send via post to: Zeeruststraat, 218, 2584BZ The Hague, The Netherlands or share via phone at +31 70 355 7 123. She has free calling with several countries. If you call and leave a message, she will call you back directly so there is no cost to you.

From the Statutes Committee

Statutes, Standing Orders & Elections



Grace Thirikwa, RN , RM
Chair, Statutes Committee

Statutes

Recommendations for modifications to the Statutes must be submitted to the General Council members for review at least 6 months prior to the General Council Meeting which is scheduled for November 10, 2026 in Thailand at which time any changes will

be voted upon. The General Council is composed of Presidents of each National Catholic Nurses' Association and is the supreme governing body of CICIAMS. If you have any recommended changes, please send these to the Secretary General to forward to Grace Thirikwa, Chair, Statutes Committee. See for the Statutes and Standing Orders:

<https://www.ciciams.org/ciciamsreports.html>

Elections

Nominations for the 2026-2030 Officer of the CICIAMS Executive Board will be requested in early 2026. As an international association, CICIAMS strives to maintain international representation on the Executive Board with 2-4 members from each region serving. Currently the breakout is as follows:

- Africa - 6 (1-Eswatini, 2-Kenya, 3-Nigeria)
- Asia – 3 (2-Japan, 1-Bangladesh)
- Europe – 3 (1-United Kingdom, 1-Italy,
- Pan America – 3 (3 USA)

Open positions for the 2026-2030 Term are:

- Secretary General
- International Ecclesiastical Assistant
- President, CICIAMS Africa Region
- Chair, Family Committee
- Chair, Statutes Committee

1-USA; 1-Japan; 3-Nigeria; 1-Kenya

Terms are 4 years. A nurse may serve two terms, if elected to do so, and then must be off the Executive Board for one term unless they are nominated for International President.

From the Finance Committee

Annual Subscriptions – June 30 each year



Maria Murciano, RN
Financial Mgr/Treasurer

Payment of membership fees: All member associations pay a fee to CICIAMS annually, which will be used to realize its aims. The amount of the fee is determined by the General Council. Notice of fees due are sent on June 1st and fees are due by June 30th. (CICIAMS Statutes, Art. 7, § 1). Thank you to the association whose subscriptions are current for 2025. Thank you also to the four individual members: 3 from Ireland and 1 from The Netherlands. Your support of CICIAMS is much appreciated.

Currently, CICIAMS subscriptions pay for our office in the Vatican (Palazzo San Calisto 16) and for the Executive Secretary, Micaela Osimani. There is approximately \$1000 remaining after these expense.

The resources of CICIAMS include the annual fee from member associations; subsidies, gifts and grants that might be given to CICIAMS; the Solidarity Fund to be used according to the regulations of the Solidarity Fund set up by the General Council; sponsorship for projects; and profit from World Congresses and Regional Seminars (Art 12).

Recurring expenses include the Secretary General's operations, which are currently being donated. Attendance at international meetings, of which there are currently are three, are only partially funded and then only if funds are available.

If CICIAMS is to exist, if Catholic nurses across the world are to have an alliance of the National Associations and Guilds of Catholic Nurses, it is imperative that each association continue to pay annual subscriptions in a timely manner, that the Congresses make a profit and donations are received. With a desire for fiscal solvency, CICIAMS published our first booklet with a two-fold mission to: 1) help nurses be holy and bring the Christian supernatural to their patients and 2) raise funds for CICIAMS. All profits from the sale of the booklet, "Record of Five First Saturdays Devotion" are given to CICIAMS. Available at:

www.lulu.com/spotlight/Ruzicka

We again thank all the association who have paid their subscriptions and humbly request those who haven't, to do so.



LEGACY GIVING: Families and individuals can leave a legacy/donate monies to fund the mission and aims of the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants by giving now or in your estate plans/will. Your good deeds here on earth can live on in the actions of nurses across the world. Consider supporting CICIAMS. For more information about financial ways of supporting CICIAMS, please contact the Secretary General at: CICIAMSInternational12@gmail.com



From the CICIAMS Pan America Region MOVIMIENTO DE ENFERMERAS DE ACCION CATOLICA (MEAC)

Those of us who belong to the Catholic Action Nurses Movement are committed lay people, organized internally and involved in pastoral ministry, for the evangelization of the world and in communion with the Pope, bishops, and priests.



National Spiritual Retreat, Ciudad Juárez

Associations of Catholic nurses have existed in Mexico since 1950. Thanks to the joint efforts of Master Paulina González Martínez and Priest Anacleto Aguilera Hernández, the Catholic Action Nurses Movement emerged in 1955 as a community of lay people who practice the nursing profession, with their own autonomy, committed to the Gospel, the Church, our pastors, and our neighbors, especially the sick.

As MEAC's nurses, our work goes beyond providing care to the sick. We want to discover the living and suffering Christ in every sick person, putting our knowledge and effort at the service of the suffering person, caring for them with respect,

tenderness, and love. To be a living witness of God through service to the sick.

Science, Purity, and Charity is our motto. And our mission as an organization of Catholic Action is the evangelization of those in the healthcare field, to be nurses who are humanly understanding, professionally up-to-date, evangelically committed, and apostolically communitarian.

The shield that represents us, should silently and eloquently remind us, with its red color, of the blood of Christ, its blue of Mary, its white of the purity that should characterize us, and the nursing lamp with its burning flame of science that reflects the love of God.

In 1959, the MEAC standards were



National Spiritual Retreat, Ciudad Juárez



National Spiritual Retreat, Ciudad Juárez

published in the bulletin of the National Board, and in 1960 it was officially established as an autonomous organization of Mexican Catholic Action. In order to foster the growth and development of the various groups that emerged in Mexico (23 dioceses), the MEAC manual was updated and authorized by Archbishop Rosendo Rodríguez on February 27, 1961, establishing its mission, symbol, shield, flag, and anthem.

Since 1955, the MEAC has actively participated in national and international meetings, retreats,

From the CICIAMS Pan America Region

MOVIMIENTO DE ENFERMERAS DE ACCION CATOLICA (MEAC) (cont'd)



Tesseration Diocese of Ciudad Juárez

assemblies, conventions, and congresses. With the aim of strengthening the mission of MEAC nurses, we have joined and actively worked with various international associations, such as the Western and National FREM, CENCAMEX, and CIE.

Currently, our movement includes 7 dioceses and a total of 100 nurses, who face great challenges. Strengthen our mission as a Christian movement, grow in our spiritual life, increase the number of members, promote training activities and strengthening of the vocation with a true Christian sense, make use of information technologies and above all ensure that our testimony as Meacist nurses motivates our active colleagues, retirees, in training and in their different work settings to provide more humane and Christian care, living our apostolic ideal: Charity, science and purity.



Tesseration Diocese of Guadalajara



Nurse Saints - St. Maria de Jesus Sacramentado Venegas de la Torre (1868-1959) served as a nurse, religious sisters and is the founder of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Guadalajara. In religious life, she was known as Mother Nati. She was dedicated to the care of the sick, elderly and abandoned. For 54 years she cared for the poor and sick in the small Sacred Heart hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico. As the Congregation's leader for 35 years, she opened hospitals and clinics. She famously kept the Sacred Heart Hospital open during the repression of Catholicism and persecution of the Church during the Cristero War, caring for both soldiers and Cristeros. Her canonization miracle involved the healing of Anastasio Ledezma Mora whose heart stopped during surgery and, following resuscitation, was in a coma. The family prayed for

the intercession of Mother Nati and Anastasio was healed. She is the first canonized Mexican saint. St. Maria de Jesus Sacramentado was canonized by Pope St. John Paul on May 21, 2000 at St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

From the CICIAMS Europe Region
Association of Catholic Nurses of England and Wales, United Kingdom Branch



United Kingdom Nurses - Afternoon with Chaplain, June 21, 2025

Catholic Association of Polish Nurses and Midwives
Katolickie Stowarzyszenie Pielęgniarek i Położnych Polskich (KSPiPP)
Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN and the Examination of Conscience for Nurses
by Helena Matoga, MA, RN, Krakow, Poland



*Helena Matoga, MA, RN
a student of Blessed Hanna and
Vice Postulator for the
Cause of the Canonization*

On May 17, 2025, Helena Matoga, MA, RN, a student of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska and the Vice Postulator for the Cause of the Canonization of Blessed Hanna provided the words below at the request of Diana Ruzicka, Secretary General CICIAMS for a CICIAMS publication of the *Examination of Conscience for Nurses*. This was expertly translated to English by the English biographer of Blessed Hanna, Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, PhD, RN, OCV whose preface follows this narrative.

Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska was a devout Catholic and she drew her strength from prayer and the systematic participation in the sacramental life of the church. Her life was an example of combining religious practices with nursing service.

Already by the second half of the 1950s she was demonstrating the need to help ill people get closer to God, especially those not accepting their approaching death but still requiring special care and attention. For Hanna, it was not a question of “converting”

them, but rather of pointing out to nurses the spiritual dimension of their nursing care. But the nurse who bends over her patient will herself require a special bond with God, since she is someone who will constantly be searching for the spiritual understanding/significance of her work. Therefore, in the patient's environment she will need to evangelise – by her own example.

To facilitate this, Hanna undertook various works whose aim was to deepen the spirituality of her nurses. She organised for them days of prayer, Lenten retreats, even cyclical conferences, despite constant problems thrown up by the communist regime, who all the while kept a close eye on her varied activities and referred to them as “*illegal gatherings of nurses*”, which threaten the public [i.e. communist] order. During these meetings, because of problems around state censorship, Hanna Chrzanowska would distribute in small quantities and in manuscript form, copies of the *Examination of Conscience*, without explicitly stating the author of the work.

She also initiated nursing retreats held [held to this day] at the Dominican nuns' monastery in Kraków, where during the years 1931-1947 Servant of God sister Magdalena Maria Epstein lived out her consecrated life. Sister Magdalena had been the Director of the Kraków School of Nursing and therefore Blessed Hanna's principal, prior to entering the Dominican cloistered monastery.

In the promoted *Examination of Conscience* there are questions concerning our personal contact with God and our vocation. Hanna points out to us that it is precisely God himself who places in our hands our various talents, which we are obliged not squander.

The *Examination* is quite detailed. Her insightful examination of every possible aspect of nursing work constitutes a priceless help in developing our own sensitivities and skills in observing Christ in every situation; since it is Christ himself through his work with the sick who shows us how to act. The *Examination* is a lesson concerning the dignity of the nursing vocation in serving others - through daily acts of mercy.

Hanna was one of the organisers of the national [nursing] retreat in Laski, situated close to Warsaw, which came about as a result of the annual pilgrimage of nurses to Jasna Góra [shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa] and was organised through the church's pastoral ministry to nurses, under the specific patronage of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński [now Blessed Cardinal Wyszyński] - who had just been released from prison. The retreat itself was conducted by Father Placid Galiński, OSB – Hanna's personal Benedictine confessor from Tyniec Abbey. The retreat in Laski was hosted by the Franciscan sisters who run a centre there for the visually impaired.

The aim of the national annual nursing pilgrimage to Jasna Góra was to: “*introduce participants into ways of fulfilling their [nursing] duties from the perspective of faithfulness to God, the Cross, the Gospel and the Church.*”

Due to organising a large pilgrimage group from Kraków in 1958, Hanna lost her position as director of the School of Neuro-psychiatric nursing in Kobierzyn. Most probably it was during that pilgrimage that the nurses received *The International Code of Nursing Ethics*, approved during the Fifth CICIAMS Congress in Quebec in 1954 and published in a small booklet format. The Code was published by the Primate of Poland's *Institute of National Vows* on Jasna Góra. It was published as a spiritual aide and copies were made at the request of the Polish Primate and dated 1958.

After Hanna Chrzanowska went on early retirement, based on the church in Kraków, she proceeded to organise long-term care of the chronically sick and terminally ill. She was a forerunner of domiciliary hospice care and the extensive use of volunteers.

She prepared for her nurses and volunteers *Ethical Issues in Home Nursing* and dedicated to them her memoirs. Undoubtedly, *The International Nursing Code* published in 1958 was the inspiration behind her own writings and reflections. *The Examination of Conscience* prepared by her is adapted to Polish conditions, focusing on the nursing profession [there is no mention of midwifery] and guided by the scope of nursing responsibilities.

She was beatified by Pope Francis on the 28th April 2018 in Kraków, Poland.



Helena Matoga, MA, RN

A FEW WORDS OF INTRODUCTION TO THE NURSE'S EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Blessed Hanna wrote the *Nurse's Examination of Conscience (NEC)* in Communist Poland the 1960s, distributing it freely among her Parish Nurses and volunteers. Her primary aim was to raise the moral standard of the nurses and in addition to the usual nursing skills and arts - to emphasise the spiritual, religious and ethical dimensions of their nursing work – something which was not being addressed in the schools of nursing or among the various professional nursing groups - at that time.



Hanna Chrzanowska, RN

As Bl Hanna stated - *Do I realize that as a Catholic my duty is to evangelize, above all by example?* If that is the case, what sort of an example do I need to be... What sort of a nurse do I need to be? This inward looking, reflective and almost confessional approach to character building, proved not only to be very insightful but also prophetic. The NEC was read, commented upon and discussed among the nurses; it was retyped many times on multiple layers of carbon paper and distributed for many years - all over Poland. It was read and re-read and reflected upon right up to the commencement of Blessed Hanna's canonisation process.



Dr. Malgorzata Brykczynska,
PhD, RN, OCV

In Bl Hanna's beatification portrait – unveiled in Łagiewniki on the 28th April 2018, she is seen holding the NEC in her hands. In post-communist Poland today, the NEC is freely published and distributed by the Association of Catholic Nurses - without any restrictions and it is as relevant today as it was fifty years ago. This predominantly virtue-based approach to nursing ethics is consistent with the Second Vatican Council's understanding of the role of the laity and indeed the need for an appropriate sanctity for those members of the laity working within the caring professions. In 2019, I translated into English Bl Hanna's NEC. It is hoped that in time, all Catholic nurses wherever they may be, will be able to read and reflect on Bl Hanna's NEC in their own native tongue.

RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO HAVE PROMOTED THE CAUSE

Many Polish nurses and clergy worked tirelessly to promote the cause of the canonization of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN. In 1998, Metropolitan Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, in addition to the priests, appointed the following nurses

- To the Trial Tribunal: 1. Registered nurse Helena Matoga, a student of Hanna Chrzanowska as vice postulator
2. Registered nurse, MA in law, a student of H. Chrzanowska, Maria Cherian (+2012) as notary
- To the Historical Commission: 1. Registered Nurses Krystyna Pęczalska as a member of the commission - she worked the entire time, currently serves as the association's archivist. 2. Registered nurse Maria Przybylska, who resigned shortly afterwards.

Master of nursing Izabela Ćwiertnia was already serving as chairwoman of the Catholic Association of Nurses and Midwives, Kraków Branch. She was very active until the end of the beatification process. She, together with the Postulator, then parish priest Andrzej Sołtysik, filed a motion to start the process with Cardinal Macharski.

- Our priests - chaplain Fr. Kazimierz Kubik and Canon Fr. Józef Gubała (since 2014 parish priest of St. Nicholas) were very active in spreading the cult of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska
- The senior nurses still alive at that time, also Hanna's students and co-workers, actively cooperated with in the canonization process until the end of their days. They were: Alina Rumun, Irena Iżycka, Zofia Szlendak (healed).
- Since around 2006, we have been financially supported by the newly elected chairman of the Małopolska District Chamber of Nurses and Midwives, Mr. Tadeusz Wadas.

by Helena Matoga, May 17, 2025

From the CICIAMS Asia Region

Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild (BCNG)

46th Annual General Meeting (AGM), Holy Cross Pastoral and Retreat Centre

Gazipur, Bangladesh, June 20, 2025

by Professor Mabel D Rozario, President, BCNG

The 46th Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Catholic Nurses' Guild (BCNG) was held on 20th June 2025 at Holy Cross Pastoral and Retreat Centre, Father Tek, Vadun, Gazipur - 1720, Bangladesh. Most Rev. Archbishop Bejoy N D Cruze was the Chief Guest on the occasion. We were honored and blessed to have Prof. Hiroko Shimizu, the President, Asia Region, CICIAMS and Rev. Fr. Kenneth Sleyman, MM, the Ecclesiastical Assistant, CICIAMS among us as the Special Guests this year. Fr. James Clement Cruze, the Spiritual Director, BCNG, Dr. Edward Pallab Rozario, the President, ABCD and Vice President, CMAB, Mr. Babu Markus Gomes, former President, the Christian Cooperative Credit Union Ltd., Mr. Duke Gomes, Vice Chairman, the Metropolitan Christian Cooperative Housing Society Ltd. and members from different branches of BCNG attended the AGM. A total of 150 participants were present.



*Fr. Cruze James, Archbishop Bejoy N.D. Cruze, Fr. Somor Cruze,
Fr. Kenneth G. Sleyman, MM, Fr. John Lolit Biswas*



Holy Cross Pastoral and Retreat Centre Chapel

This year our theme was, "Human Dignity and Peace: Time for Global Transformation." On the occasion of AGM, the participants from all over the country started coming on 19th June 2025. In the evening registration and exchange of ideas and views among the participants were done. On 20th June, 2025 Jubilee mass was offered by Archbishop Bejoy ND Cruze, Fr. James C Cruze, Fr. Kenneth Sleyman, MM, Fr. John Lolit Biswas and Fr. Somor Cruze. After the holy mass the AGM started. The Reception Team received all the participants by Chandon Tip on the foreheads, ribbon badge and song when entering the hall. After taking the seats by all distinguished guests, President of BCNG, Prof. Mabel D Rozario welcomed all in the AGM and highlighted BCNG's achievement, future plans, challenges, and dreams in her speech. Most Rev. Archbishop Bejoy N D Cruze spoke on the theme of the AGM. All the special guests including Prof. Hiroko Shimizu and Rev. Fr. Kenneth Sleyman gave their encouraging and valuable speeches for the audience and members present. To honor our guests, BCNG gave crests to the all of guests. The members from all the branches performed in the program.



Far left - BCNG President Rozario; Last row - Fr. Kenneth G. Sleyman, MM, CICIAMS Ecclesiastical Assistant; Far right - BCNG Advisory Priest Fr. Cruze; Back row, sixth from the right - Japan Catholic Nurses Association (JCNA) & President, CICIAMS Asia Region, Hiroko Shimizu

From the CICIAMS Asia Region

Educational Seminar, June 21, 2025

Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild, Holy Cross Pastoral and Retreat Centre, Gazipur, Bangladesh

An Education Seminar was held on June 21, 2025, the subsequent day of the Annual General Meeting like each year. Various topics were chosen based on the opinions of the different branches of Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild (BCNG). One hundred (100) members participated in the education seminar. The topics and presenters were:

Sl. No	Topics	Presenters
1	Spiritual Care	Prof. Hiroko Shimizu
2	Ethics	Fr. Kenneth Sleyman MM
3	Natural Family Planning & Laudato Si	Lily Anthania Gomes
4	Management of Depression	Dr. Sr. Lipy Gloria Rozario
5	Safe & Healthy Environment	Fr. James C. Cruze
6	Palliative Care	Teresa Baroi

After her presentation Prof. Hiroko Shimizu distributed a questionnaire on Spiritual Needs among the participants. Prof. Mabel D Rozario translated her presentation in Bengali for easy understanding of the participants and assisted her by distributing, explaining and collecting the questionnaire. Data from 93 people was collected in 25 minutes, and the results will be reported at a later date.



Fr. Ken Sleyman, MM
receiving a gift after the lecture



Dr. Sr. Lipy Gloria Rozario, Psychologist



Ms. Lily Anthania Gomes,
Secretary EC-HC, CBCB

Fr. Kenneth Sleyman conducted the Titanic Ethics Game in 10 groups. Each group presented their work after 20 minutes discussion. They were very much active and happy during the group work and enjoyed it. Management of Depression session by Dr. Sr. Lipy Gloria Rozario was very much interactive. (She is President Rozario's younger sister) There were too many questions after her session. Besides this all the other sessions were also nice and helped us to learn new things. In the afternoon we three Fr. James C. Cruze, Prof. Hiroko Shimizu and myself visited St. Mary's Catholic Nursing Institute at Tomiliah, Kaligonj, Gazipur. We talked with the students, and teachers and Principal, Sr. Mary Dipa, SMRA of the institute and visited their labs, library and classrooms.



BCNG Executive Committee and Dhaka Branch
BCNG bought a plot of land in 1985 in Dharendra, Savar for the purpose of building a nursing home for the retired Catholic nurses. They considered building a nursing school there and conducting educational activities, but at present the plans have stalled due to lack of funds. Before going to the land, we visited the church of St. Joseph, Dhorenda, Savar. The Parish Priest Fr. Amol D Cruze welcomed us. We attended the Sunday mass in the church.

A meeting was held on June 20, 2025 at 7.00pm with Executive Committee and Dhaka Branch. A total of 16 members from Executive Committee and Dhaka Branch were present in the meeting. Members present from Executive Committee:

1. Prof. Mabel D Rozario, President
2. Fr. James C Cruze, Spiritual Director, BCNG
3. Raphael Biswas, Vice President
4. Liuni Lipika Rozario, General Secretary
5. Teresa Baroi, Assistant Secretary
6. Gorette Maria Palma, Assistant Treasurer
7. Mala Reberio, Cultural and Literary Secretary
8. Swapna Ray, Organizing Secretary
9. Hira Corraya, Member
10. Ananto Rozario, Member

Members present from Dhaka Branch:-

1. Sr. Gloria Gomes, President
2. Puspa Magdelina Costa, Vice President
3. Niroti Murmu, Secretary
4. Ramoni Rozario
5. Nomita Rozario
6. Reba Gomes

From the CICIAMS Africa Region

Chapel Renovation and Gifts

Eswatini Catholic Nurses Guild (ECNG) and Friends

by Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, ECNG & Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, PhD, RN, OCV, ACNEW



*Renovation Team: Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President opening gift;
From left: Fr. Thabo Mkhonta, Dr. Thandiwe Dlamini, Diana Nkambule, ECNG National President, Samu Dlamini;
Back row from right: Londiwe Mbhamali Constance Luhlanga, retired St. Theresa Clinic Matron, Dumsile and Londiwe Mbhamali,
Siteki, Lubombo Region, Kingdom of Eswatini.*

Members of the Eswatini Catholic Nurses Guild and friends are working diligently to renovate the hospital chapel located in town of Siteki, in the Lubombo Region, the poorest region in the Kingdom of Eswatini. The chapel will be dedicated to and contain a relic of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN, a Polish lay registered nurse. The relic were delivered by hand by Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, PhD, RN, OCV, CICIAMS President, Europe Region and English biographer for Blessed Hanna. Funds for renovation have come from individual donations and members of the Association of Catholic Nurses of England and Wales (ACNEW), Irish Nurses, National Association of Catholic Nurses, USA (NACN-USA), members of the CICIAMS Executive Board and others.

At the April 2025, Jubilee for the Sick and Health Care Worker in Vatican City, Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President and member ECNG received a priest's stole donated by the Krakow Branch, of the Association of Catholic Nurses and Midwives of Poland and a picture of Blessed Hanna, a crucifix and a four volume set of the Divine Office donated by Diana Ruzicka, MSN, MA, MA, RN, CICIAMS Secretary General.



Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President receiving from Zofia Bialokoz, President Krakow Branch of the KSPiPP presenting a stole of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN for use in the chapel in the Kingdom of Eswatini dedicated in her honor, St. Peter's Basilica, April 2025.



Dr. Thandiwe Dlamini (80 yrs old) viewing the Liturgy of the hours donated by Diana Ruzicka, CICIAMS Secretary General



Chapel to be dedicated to Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN, Siteki, Lubombo Region, Kingdom of Eswatini



Dr. Thandiwe Dlamini (80 yrs old) and Siboniso Mhlongo, a nurse at Good Shepherd Catholic Hospital



Dr. Thandiwe Dlamini inspecting the work



Fr. Thabo Mkhonta, receiving from Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President, the crucifix donated by Diana Ruzicka, CICIAM Secretary General.



The Eswatini Catholic Nurses Guild and Friends Renovation Team



Londiwe Mbhamali Constance Luhlanga, retired St. Theresa Clinic Matron & team



Fr. William Mkhonta, ECNG Spiritual Advisor



Dr. Rosemary Khosi Mthethwa, MPH, PhD, RN, CICIAMS International President



Dr. Thandiwe Dlamini and Londiwe Mbhamali Constance Luhlanga, retired St. Theresa Clinic Matron

Catholic Nurses Association of Kenya (CNAK)
MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PROJECT

The CICIAMS Africa Region received a donation from Japan Catholic Nurses Association (JCNA) which was delivered by Fr. Kenneth G. Sleyman, MM at the 7th African Congress held in 2024 in Nairobi. Eighty percent (80%) of the donation was made by the Teine Church in Hakkaido, and the remaining 20% by the JCNA Sapporo Branch. The donation was divided among the participating CICIAMS Africa Region Catholic nurses associations and CNAK received of \$100. Amount distributed to the branches in Kenya which includes: Nairobi, Kisii, Kitui, Meru, Eldoret, Kitale, Nyeri and Nakuru. The national office topped up the amount and each Branch received 2000ksh. The initiative included: identifying a school or center with young girls. Prepare talks related to menstrual health, personal hygiene, menstrual cycle among other topics. Most schools within our country are mixed. (Boys and Girls) and talks organized for both groups. Total amount raised 44,290ksh: \$342 (includes donation of \$100). Total girls gifted \$500.

Nairobi Branch: Nurses visited Mukuru Primary School within the Nairobi slums. Members raised **18,900ksh** bringing the total to **20,900ksh**. Items bought included 336 packets of Sanitary Pads and 12 dozen of Panties. The balance given to the administration for future use for the girls. Ahono primary school in Gem, Yala: A total of 6 girls gifted with 3 pkts of pads each after health talk on menstrual health and personal hygiene. **Talks:** Basic personal hygiene and emphasis on hand hygiene and dental health, given to 70 boys and 200 girls from grades 6 to 8. Talk to the girls included: introduction to puberty, God give gift for procreation in marriage, how to use the sanitary pads with demonstration of how to apply the pads on the panty, disposal and personal hygiene. The girls received 3 pkts of pads and 2 panties each. The boys enjoyed a glass of juice and biscuit.

Cnak Nairobi Branch



Kenya - Mukuru Primary School

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MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PROJECT (cont'd)

Kitale Branch: Nurses visited Citamani Primary and St. Francis Special school. Fifty (50) girls got 2 pkts of pads each and balance given to the Administrator. Total money contributed **2,000ksh** plus additional pads bought by members.

Kitui Branch: Nurses visited Kitui Women's prison. Members raised additional 6300ksh, bringing the total to **8,390ksh**. Health talk on menstrual hygiene, response to questions asked in relation to health, items including sanitary pads, tissue paper, washing soap, petroleum oil for hands. Gifts distributed to 31 girls and 6 prison wardens.

Cnak Kitale Branch



Kenya - **Sitamani Primary & St. Francis School**

Cnak Kitui branch



Kenya - **Kitui Women's Prison**

Kisii Branch: Nurses visited Kisii Special School. Members raised additional 2000ksh bringing the total to **4,000ksh**. Health talk given care givers of the 38 girls age between 11-18 yrs. Sanitary pads kept in custody of the care givers.

Nyeri Branch: Nurses visited Mathari Primary school. Member raised additional 1000ksh, bringing the Total to **3,000ksh**. Health talks on menstrual hygiene given to the 50 girls. They were also gifted with Sanitary pads among other items.

Meru Branch: Nurses visited Materi Primary school. Total raised **2,000ksh**. Health talks on menstrual health and personal hygiene given. Fifty (50) girls present gifted with sanitary pads.

Nakuru Branch: Nurses visited Calabrian Girls shelter house. Members raised additional 1000ksh bringing the total to **3,000ksh**. Health talks on menstrual health and personal hygiene given to the girls. 3 pkts of sanitary pads gifted to 25 girls.

Eldoret Branch: Nurses visited Kapsoya Special School. Members brought, 3 pkts of sanitary pads each. Total raised **2,000ksh**. Health talks given on menstrual health and personal hygiene. A total of 50 girls gifted with sanitary pads among other gifts.

Cnak Kisii Branch



Kenya - Kisii Special School

Cnak Nyeri Branch



Kenya - Mathari Primary School

Cnak Nakuru Branch



Kenya - Calabrian Girls Shelter House

Cnak Eldoret Branch



Kenya - Kapsoya Special School



On June 13, 2025, the Catholic Nurses Association of Kenya hosted a Day of Recollection, at the St. Francis



Spiritual Centre, which included the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In conformity with the Jubilee year, the theme was “Pilgrims of Hope.” The main celebrant was Fr. Francis Moriasi, Spiritual Director. The Penitential Service was provided by Fr. Stansilaus Simiyu. Representatives from all branches attended.

RETREAT ON 13th JUNE 2025

Day of Recollection

Theme: Pilgrims of Hope: By Fr. F. Moriasi

PROGRAM

9.00 am	1 st Reflection
10.00 am	TEA
11.00 am	2 nd Reflection Meditation Silence / Meditation
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.30 pm	Penitential Service: By Fr. Stanislaus Simiyu Sacrament of Reconciliation
3.30 pm	Holy Mass
4.30 pm	TEA



Are you a Nurse who is Catholic or a Catholic Nurse?



His Holiness Pope Pius XI addressed the 2000 nurses assembled at Castel Gandolfo on August 27, 1935 at the II World Congress. He warned the nurses about the move to secularize nursing education, to de-Christianize nursing and to expel “*Christ from the bedside of the sick, from the bedside of the suffering,*”

After expressing concerns about paganism and materialism penetrating everywhere, His Holiness stated, that first and foremost nurses should bring the Christian supernatural to their patients. He continued that it was an indefectible law, “*we can never give to others what we do not have ourselves...*”

Here are 5 Catholic disciplines recommended by Our Lady. Might we adopt some or all of these, to help us deepen our interior life so we can indeed share Christ with others?

Scripture	/	Eucharist	/	Rosary	/	Fasting	/	Confession
(Daily Reading)	/	(Every Sunday)	/	(Daily)	/	(Twice weekly)	/	(Monthly)

St. John of God, St. Camillus de Lellis, Bl. Hanna Chrzanowska, RN, Pray for us.

DONATIONS to CICIAMS & CICIAMS PROJECTS

DONATIONS for the PERIOD FRIENDLY WORLD / MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PROJECT and INFERTILITY & NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING PROJECTS can be wired to CICIAMS at the IOR/Vatican Bank (Unless otherwise indicated by the donor, 10% of each donation will be retained for CICIAMS overhead):

<http://www.ciciams.org/donatetoCICIAMS.html>

Contact the Secretary General for questions: CICIAMSInternational12@gmail.com and for information on how to donate to the chapel in the Kingdom of Eswatini dedicated to Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN. Please indicate in the wire transfer for which project the donation is made.



Calendar of Events

-----2025 – Jubilee Year-----
“Pilgrims of Hope”

- 58th World Day of Peace (Vatican) – 1 Jan
- Word of God Sunday (Vatican) - 26Jan
“I hope in your Word” (Psalm 119:74)
- 72nd World Leprosy Day – 26 Jan 2025
- 6th World NTD (Neglected Tropical Diseases) Day,
 30 January 2025
- 33rd World Day of the Sick-11Feb2025 (Vatican)
- 18th World Rare Disease Day – 28 Feb 2025
- World Water Day – 22 Mar 2025 (UN est. 1993 Goal
 #6: water and sanitation for all by 2030). Vatican
 DPIHD project: WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene)
 to all Catholic healthcare facilities.
- **CICIAMS Executive Board Meeting 3 & 4 Apr2025**
- Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers (Vatican)
 5-6April2025 – Pope Francis addressed the faithful
- World Health Day (est. by the 1st World Health
 Assembly in 1948) – 7 April 2025
- **Repose of the Soul of His Holiness Pope
 Francis, 21 April 2025, 7:35am**
- International Day of the Midwife, 5 May 2025
- **HABEMUS PAPAM!!! 8 May 2025**
“Peace be with you all!” Pope Leo XIV
- International Nurses Day – Monday, 12 May 2025
- 38th World No Tobacco Day (WHO) – 31May2025
- 2025 – DLFL Meeting with the Moderators of
 Associations of the Faithful, Ecclesial Movements and
 New Communities, 4-5 June 2025 (Wed/Th) at Aula
 Nuova of the Synod, Vatican City
- World Refugee Day (UN) – 20 June 2025
- International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit
 Trafficking (UN est. 1989), 26 June 2025
- 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 27 July
 2025 (4th Sunday of July, close to the feast of Sts. Joachim and
 Anne, the grandparents of Jesus) *“Blessed are those who have not
 lost hope.”* (cf. Sir 14, 2). (Vatican)
- World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Theme:
“Seeds of Peace and Hope” – 1 Sept 2025 (Vatican)
- International Day of Peace–21Sep2025 (UN est. 1981)
- 111st World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR),
 28Sep2025 (Vatican est. 1914)
- World Mental Health Day, 10 Oct 2025 (WHO, 1992)
- 2nd Congress of the Pastoral Care of the Elderly
 sponsored by DLFL – 2-5 Oct 2025
- 40th World Youth Day (diocesan celebrations), *“You
 also are my witnesses, because you have been with me”*
John 15:27 (Vatican), 23Nov2025
- 8th World Day of the Poor (Vatican est 2017), 16Nov25

- 2025 CINGO (Catholic Inspired NGOs), 25 & 26
 Nov. Theme: *Pilgrims of Hope: For the promotion of
 human dignity, the Common Good and Peace*
- **2026 – CICIAMS XXII World Congress, Thailand**
 - o 9Nov2026-CICIAM Executive Board Meeting
 - o 10Nov2026 CICIAMS General Council Meeting
 - o 11-13Nov2026 CICIAMS XXII World Congress**www.ciciams2026.com; info@ciciams2026.com**
- 2026 – 41st World Youth Day (diocesan celebrations),
*“You also are my witnesses, because you have been
 with me” John 15:27* (Vatican), 22Nov2026
- 2027 – 42nd World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea.
 Theme: *“Take courage! I have overcome the world!”*
 Jn 16:33
- **2028 April – CICIAMS Europe Region meeting
 hosting Executive Board and General Council
 Meetings, Krakow, Poland;** 100th anniversary of the
 meeting in Basil, Switzerland to establish an International
 Nurses organization. 10th anniversary of beatification of
 Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN

CICIAMS Official Documents & Links

CICIAMS 2023 Statutes & Standing Orders:

<http://www.ciciams.org/ciciamsreports.html>

CICIAMS Ethics Guidelines and Principles of Practices
 for Catholic Nurses:

www.ciciams.org/ethicscommittee.html



CICIAMS Mission

§ 1. CICIAMS Mission Statement: Informed by
 the moral and social teachings of the Church, CICIAMS is
 committed to the following:

- Giving Christian witness in our lives through guiding
 and supporting Healthcare workers internationally
- Developing a positive vision of life from conception to
 death
- Representing Christian and professional values in our
 work with other national and international associations
- Coordinating the work of member association in their
 efforts to evangelize the ethos and ideals of the nursing
 profession
- Promoting the initiation of and participation in
 professional research and development towards the
 achievement of optimum care and wellbeing
- Respecting the religious convictions of others and
 accepting their rights to practice their beliefs.

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