

FAITH IN ACTION

16 November 2019
Curia Generalizia of the Society of Jesus
Borgo Santo Spirito 4, Rome

10.30

REGISTRATION

Please go to the main entrance of the Curia, on the corner of Borgo Santo Spirito and Via dei Penitenzieri, where you will be directed to the sign-in location.

11.00

WELCOMING REMARKS

Fr Antoine Kerhuel SJ, Secretary of the Society of Jesus
Fr Thomas Smolich SJ, JRS International Director

11.30

OPENING REFLECTION

Sr Florence de la Villeon, RSCJ, Migrants Project, UISG

12.00

PLENARY

Fr Joseph Cassar SJ, JRS Country Director, Iraq

**"WHERE SIN INCREASED, GRACE OVERFLOWED ALL THE MORE".
ROMANS 5:21**

As a Country Director and "contemplative in action", Fr Cassar will offer a reading of the situation in Iraq from the perspective of its "crucified people". Placing JRS's work in its context as service to the Reign of God, he will also present an overview of the integrated project model that JRS/Iraq has adopted to serve and accompany forcibly displaced persons, and advocate for their rights.

12.45

LUNCH

13.45

PANEL

RELIGIOUS WORKING AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS IN THE FIELD

Speakers:

- Fr Daisuke Narui, SVD, Generalate JPIC Coordinator of the Society of the Divine Word
- Sr Maria José Rey Merodio, MCR, Centro Astalli (JRS Italy), Communités of Hospitality
- Sr Rebecca Abiyo, MSMMC, Headmistress of St Mary Assumpta Secondary School in Uganda

14.40

coffee
break
at
15:25

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

RECONCILIATION

During this session, we will unpack the concept of reconciliation, engaging in a creative exercise to explore ideas and experiences, as well as enhance our understanding of how estranged people reconcile.

Facilitators will outline the principles and strategy of the JRS International faith-based reconciliation programme and share what we have learned so far from pilot projects to recreate right relationships.

EDUCATION

GENDER-RESPONSIVE EDUCATION

Access to formal education remains stubbornly difficult for refugee girls. Gender and social displacement keep them out of the classroom in too many contexts, leaving them all the more marginalized and vulnerable, as a result.

In this breakout session, you can learn about the JRS priority and programmes to improve the quality and availability of safe, gender-responsive, culturally-relevant learning opportunities for girls.

PROFESSIONAL AND POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

Like all of us, refugees aspire to use their gifts, provide for their loved ones, and pursue meaningful careers. JRS has re-imagined post-secondary education to prepare displaced persons to progress toward their professional goals, build sustainable livelihoods, and contribute to their local economies.

This session will introduce JRS's new approach to professional and vocational education, which includes training, coaching, and mentoring.

16.30

CLOSING REFLECTION

17.00

MASS

Francis Borgia Chapel

Fr Thomas Smolich SJ, JRS International Director