

Assemblea Generale 2026

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CATHERINE BURKE



I met the Focolare at 14 years of age and fell in love with the ideal of a united world. I worked as a Social Worker in various fields but always with families and children. Since late 2019, I have been in Brussels working together with Andreas and our amazing teams to foster unity and to coordinate the life of the Focolare in Western Europe. This has been my greatest adventure to date - to build one big family among peoples of such varied and rich cultures!

ANDREAS AMMAN



I'm from Austria and trained as a geologist. I lived in Austria until 2018. I've been living in Western Europe for the past five years.

BEATRIZ GÓMEZ



I discovered the Ideal as a teenager through my guitar teacher, an Augustinian nun. I was born in Spain. My soul has been enriched by the gift of having lived in the focolares in Cagliari (Sardinia, Italy), Barcelona, and for the past three and a half years in Lisbon (Portugal). I enjoy learning new things and wish to continue on this journey with everyone! We'll be taking you with us!

ISABELLE DE MOFFART



I was in the Belgium focolare for about 20 years and was involved in the creation of the "Focolare Project for Europe" in Brussels, with the desire to create spaces that allow people to meet, overcoming cultural and ideological differences. Since 2021, I have been co-responsible for the Focolare Movement in France. Participating in the General Assembly will be a great gift. I see it first and foremost as an opportunity for a renewed "yes" to God, both personally and together with the entire Movement. We count on your prayers and unity.

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TERESA OSWALD



I was born in Porto, Portugal. I'm a married focolarina and mother of four. I was once told that my motto should be to "always be a Gen4." My passion is giving a voice to the little ones.

MARK DARCY



I'm an English focolarino. I was born in London 65 years ago to French parents. I live at the focolare centre known as "The Bridge" in London. As a former science teacher, I have spent much of my life in contact with teenagers, both at school and in the Opera. I am passionate about opening my heart to others so that mutual love may allow Jesus to carry out his work among us.

MICHEL BRONZWAER



I am a 67-year-old focolarino, a Dutch national. I have been a member of the Focolare Movement since 1981. Although I am a qualified lawyer, I have spent most of my professional life working in journalism and publishing, both within and outside the Movement. In 2024, I had the joy of completing a doctorate on Chiara Lubich, which allowed me to delve even more deeply into the Ideal. I feel it is essential to foster spaces for renewal, remaining faithful to the tradition that gave us birth.

**LUIS-MARCOS
DORESTE**



I am married to Rosario; we are both married focolarini and have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. I met the Ideal in 1975 in the Canary Islands, when I was a Gen 3. In 1989, we moved to Madrid to be closer to the Focolare. We currently live there. Profession: Computer scientist and entrepreneur. Passionate about music, the performing arts, the world of families and married couples, IT, projects.