

Assemblea Generale 2026

Europa Occidentale

INVITED BY THE PRESIDENT

KOEN VANREUSEL



I am a volunteer, married to Lieve; we have four children and nine grandchildren. As an Economy of Communion entrepreneur, the "communion of goods" aspect is close to my heart. I am president of the Lionello Bonfanti Business Centre in Loppiano and a member of the International Commission for the EoC. For four years, on behalf of the General Council, I have coordinated the "Steering and Support Committee" which is an international working group tasked with improving the integral sustainability of the Focolare centres and little towns. I want to experience Chiara's family with all of you.

ANNA TRONËT



I am a Swedish volunteer and I belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sweden. I'm married with grown up children. I encountered the Focolare Movement as a child through my grandmother and became involved with the Gen at the age of 15. I was struck by the Ideal's response to living a Christian life for unity at all times, and this remains fresh within me, even today. I am a lawyer by profession. Since 2008, I have been working in the field of ecclesiastical law at diocesan and national levels, and I am active as a jurist/canonist in the ecumenical field.

CALLAN SLIPPER



Hi, I'm Callan (although my new name, Callam, is a bit confusing!). I live in the focolare in Welwyn Garden City. I was ordained a priest by the Church of England to serve the Opera, after Chiara said she saw in me the same vocation she had seen in Catholic priests. In 2003, she asked me to join the Abba School because she wanted her light to reach the other Churches as well. Being a spiritual son of Chiara is central to my life and fills me with gratitude. I have worked in ecumenism and continue to do so for our national ecumenical body "Churches Together in England".

BISKOP ÅKE BONNIER



I am Bishop Emeritus of the Lutheran Church of Sweden, and a married Focolarino of the Stockholm Focolare Movement. I first encountered the spirituality of the Focolare Movement in 1988, when Gen Verde held a concert in Stockholm. It touched me deeply and shaped my life as a priest and bishop. Ecumenism and interreligious dialogue have been central to my life, and I was inspired by Chiara's approach. For twenty years, in a parish just outside Stockholm, I collaborated with pastors of the Pentecostal Church and the Equeunia Church, as well as with a Catholic priest, and participated in an important three-way dialogue with an Imam and a Jewish cantor.

Assemblea Generale 2026

Europa Occidentale

INVITED BY THE PRESIDENT

ISAIAS HERNANDO



Married, father of two children and grandfather of two grandchildren. I have been the manager of several companies and a social entrepreneur. I discovered the Ideal in 2000. A few years later, I discovered in the Economy of Communion a way to live and express my vocation.

Since 2021, I have been co-chairman of the International Commission of the EoC.

In this particular moment in history, with its challenges exerted by the powerful, exacerbated by technology which can be totally inhuman, I feel a strong call to reclaim vulnerability and fragility as places of communion from whence to start anew.

MIGUEL ROSA VERJANO



I met the Ideal in Spain in 1969 and left for Loppiano in 1972. In 1976, I was a Gen 2 assistant in Buenos Aires during the military dictatorship and the Falkland Islands War, and subsequently I was responsible for the focolare. Throughout these years, I worked as a Maths professor at a private university. After some years at the Gen Centre and various focolares in Rome, and 24 years of work in the Vatican for the Curia Administration and the Telecommunications Directorate, I now live in Seville. I am married to a volunteer who is not currently involved in the structures of the Movement. I too am outside of the structures, but I have a deep relationship with the Focolare Movement's members.