



**DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING  
INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

## Save the date

Informative roundtables about WASH in Catholic health care facilities: May 24, 26 and 27

Following the publication of [the document \*Aqua fons vitae\*](#) and [the press release of March 21<sup>st</sup>](#), the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is pleased to provide an update on its WASH project (access to drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) in a selected number of health care facilities belonging to the Catholic Church during five informative roundtables that will be held online:

- May 24<sup>th</sup>**      **An event of the *Laudato si'* Week - 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the encyclical**  
Roundtable with simultaneous translation in English, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish  
11.30 CEST
- May 26<sup>th</sup>**      English roundtable: 7.30 CEST  
French roundtable: 11.30 CEST
- May 27<sup>th</sup>**      English roundtable: 16.00 CEST  
Spanish roundtable: 17.30 CEST

Interested participants will need to register in order to receive their link for the roundtable (registration links will be provided in due time). These are public roundtable, and the Dicastery warmly invites representatives of health care facilities, of Bishops' Commissions for health, of Congregations, of NGOs, of Embassies to the Holy See, as well as experts from Development Cooperation Agencies, Funding Organizations and journalists. Each roundtable will last approximately 1 hour. During this time:

- The project (developed by the Dicastery in collaboration with Congregations, Bishops, the Caritas Confederation and Global Water 2020) will be presented.
- The preliminary results of the assessments conducted in more than 150 facilities in 23 countries will be commented.
- Testimonies will be shared.
- Next steps and possible partnerships will be explained.

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“Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care (...). One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by microorganisms and chemical substances. Dysentery and cholera, linked to inadequate hygiene and water supplies, are a significant cause of suffering and of infant mortality.”

Pope Francis, encyclical *Laudato si'* § 28 and 29

“Those who enjoy a surplus of water yet choose to conserve it for the sake of the greater human family have attained a moral stature that allows them to look beyond themselves and the group to which they belong. How marvellously human!”

Pope Francis, encyclical *Fratelli tutti* § 117

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