



International Association of Catholic Missiologists

February 6, 2023

Dear Members of IACM,

After my first letter of last summer, I am sending this letter while on a trip to the Philippines and Hong Kong for an Ongoing Formation course and teaching of Theology of Mission.

We entered the year 2023 and want to resume our Association's activities.

On 18th January 2023, the Board of IACM met in Rome. Present were me, Gianni Criveller - President; Roberto Catalano - Secretary; Suzette Nellas Patosa - Treasurer; connected online from Kenya Sr. Mary Joan Iwenofu, IHM - Vice-president.

We discussed many important concerns, and we share now some decisions and initiatives.

We are presently 69 members of our Association, and we very much hope to increase the membership, respecting the norms and the necessity of active and responsible participation. I will return to this point.

Newsletter and brochure

We have decided to create a **Newsletter** to increase communication among us and reach out to other prospective persons and institutions. We can all contribute to the Newsletter by sending items to Suzette Nellas Patosa, who will coordinate this initiative, consulting the Board on what to include in the final draft. We hope to have the first issue of the Newsletter by the end of February. Succeeding issues will be in April, June, October, and December, i.e. five issues every year.

Also, we will produce a simple **brochure** to introduce the Association and disseminate it among interested persons and Institutions.

Meeting in Rome on 6th May 2023.

We have noticed that a sizable number of IACM members are currently in Rome. Consequently, we have decided to call for a meeting inviting all members of the Association who are in Rome or will visit Rome on this day.

The get-together date is May 6, 2023, from 10.00 to 13.00, followed by a simple lunch. The venue is at the Focolare Point, via del Carmine 4, Rome. The place is a short walk from Gregoriana and not too far from Termini Station. The meeting will be consultative in nature and also a time for us to gather once more. We consider it an important occasion for making our Association alive and effective and helping the Board serve the Association.

Missionary Congregations, Missiological faculties, and Dicastery for the Evangelization

We are planning to write letters to male and female Institutes and Congregations and Deans of the Missiological Faculties to present our Association. We aim to make IACM better known and appreciated, and encourage new members and even potential financial support. We would also like to maintain a strong relationship with the Dicastery of for the Evangelization and its Pro-Prefect,

Card. Antonio Luis Tagle. We will contact Cardinal Tagle for an appointment with the Board of IACM after we feel ready for a fruitful meeting.

Financial situation and Membership

We looked at the financial situation of our Association. The amount presently available in the IACM account active in the USA at Maryknoll account is \$ 6,273.55.

We believe in the importance of subscription to the Association as a form of active participation. For the annual membership renewal, the fee remains \$ 30 or € 27. You can opt for paying a three years membership at the time for a special fee of \$ 75 or € 70. By doing this, you help the Association to have a financial base. The deadline for 2023 renewal is on the 30th of April 2023. See below for information on membership renewal and new members' registration.

Yet, if members find it difficult to make the payment online, they can opt to pay all amounts for all years at the next General Assembly. Those who opt for this should commit it in writing. Please consider that delay in fee payments will deprive the association of potential resources and the payment will be more substantial.

Regarding financial responsibility and a sense of belonging, we would like to clarify that Board members will not charge the Association for expenses related to traveling or accommodation for our meetings or for taking part in initiatives as representatives of the Association.

We will reach out to those who, for some reason, are not members or ceased to be members of IACM, to return to the Association. We deem that it is necessary to have more representation from Central and South America, and in general to increase our membership. Please support us in this effort by inviting qualified persons to join the Association. Two active members have to propose a candidate to the Board for approval.

We are looking forward to nominating five honorary members shortly.

The 7th General Assembly Proceedings

The proceedings of academic papers from last June 2022, 7th General Assembly, will be published in due time online and in the paper. The editors will be Fr. Daniel Patrick Huang, SJ (we thank him for his generous help on this) and Fr. Gianni Criveller.

2023 IAMS European Conference

The President and the Secretary have accepted the invitation by Prof. Norbert Hintersteiner, an IAMS Executive, to participate in the International Association for Mission Studies European Conference at Cluj (Romania) next September 8-12, 2023. As stated, the representatives will personally finance their trip.

Continental gatherings and representatives

The issue of continental gatherings and representatives is yet to be decided. We need more time to address all issues and concerns. It appears difficult to organize conferences in presence within the same continent, yet we can encourage online continental meetings.

Website and webinar

We also have to make our website <https://iacm-catholic.org/> more lively and interactive and organize webinars on specific themes to reach out to members around the world.

These and other issues are already on the agenda of our next Board meeting, on May 6, 2023, at 4.00 p.m., after the morning meeting with AICM in Rome.

With your support, slowly we will make the Association more dynamic.

Wish all of you, dear members, a blessed year and a fruitful service in the vineyard of the Lord,

Yours truly,



Gianni Criveller, PIME
President, IACM

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE DEADLINE IS APRIL 30TH 2023.

Payment Options:

Payment in Euro: 27 € year 2023, 70 € for three years: 2023-2024-2025

To send Euros (EUR) € to the IACM (through OMI General Administration)

Account Title and Address: Missionari Oblati di Maria Immacolata.

Via Aurelia, 290, 00165 Roma, Italy

Bank name and Address: Crédit Agricole – Cariparma

Ag. Di Roma 34 – Via della Giuliana 41 Roma 00192 Italia

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BIC: CRPPIT2P235

Notation: Credit 00-23120-001 IACM

Payment in US Dollars: 30\$ year 2023 only, 75\$ for three years: 2023-2024-2025

To send USD (\$) transfers to the US IACM Bank Account from OUTSIDE the USA (International Transfer)

Bank name: M and T Bank

Routing Transit Number, ABA: 022000046

Bank Address, City & State: M and T Bank, One M and T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203

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