

Contacts with associations and movements

- The new leadership team of the *Pueri Cantores* visited the Pontifical Council for the Laity (PCL) on 5 January 2001.
- Cardinal James Francis Stafford took part in the 25th Meeting of the bishops who support the *Focolare Movement*, held in Castelgandolfo from 10 to 16 February.
- Bishop Stanisław Ryłko participated in the congress of the Charismatic Renewal communities belonging to the *Catholic Fraternity of Covenant Communities and Fellowships*, held in Phoenix, Arizona (USA), from 9 to 11 March.
- On 20 March the PCL received the members of the executive council and the ecclesiastical assistant of the *Conference of the Catholic International Organizations* (CIO), to which it presented the outlines of a reflection to be conducted on the identity and mission of the CIO family.
- The leaders of the *International Federation of Catholic Rural Adults* (FIMARC) described to the PCL the guiding principles of the role played by the Federation with a view to harmonious development, fair trade and an inhabitable rural environment.
- Cardinal James Francis Stafford presided over the eucharistic celebration that opened the general assembly of the *World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations* (UMOFC), held in Rome from 17 to 25 March; Dr. Lucienne Sallé participated in the work of the assembly.
- The directors of the *International Federation of Marriage Preparation Centres* (FICPM) visited the PCL on 22 March.
- Cardinal James Francis Stafford received the secretary general and the new international ecclesiastical assistant of the *International Catholic Conference of Scouting* (CICS) on 24 March.
- Cardinal James Francis Stafford and Prof. Guzmán Carriquiry met the general moderator of the *ADSIIS Communities* on 28 March.
- The ecclesiastical assistants of the *International Federation of the Communities of Parish Catholic Youth* (FIMCAP) met in Rome in April, involving the PCL in its work. The Federation's directors also presented the Council with the provisional programme for their general assembly held in Ghana in July.
- On 7 May the representatives of the *World Organization of Former Pupils of Catholic Education* (OMAAEEC) presented the PCL with the programme of its world congress, held in Beirut, in Lebanon, from 12 to 14 October.
- On 10 May Cardinal James Francis Stafford and Prof. Guzmán Carriquiry received the leaders of the *Fraternity of St. Thomas Aquinas Associations* (FASTA).
- Cardinal James Francis Stafford took part in the annual spiritual exercises held by the *Fraternity of Communion and Liberation* (CL) in Rimini and celebrated Holy Mass for its participants on 19 May. The PCL had various contacts with the international Centre of CL, which has its headquarters in Rome, in the course of the year.
- On 26 May, feast of the Ascension, Cardinal James Francis Stafford officiated a eucharistic celebration in the basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere for the St. Egidio Community, with whose directors the PCL maintained frequent contacts during the year.