



Easter 2016

Dear Monsignor or Father,

This June the Pontifical Council for Culture, in partnership with Jean Vanier (founder of the international federation of L'Arche and Faith & Light), and the Kairos Forum UK, will be coordinating two exciting events in Rome, for the Jubilee Year. These events are creative, international and ecumenical. These celebratory activities will interweave the Gospel with the lives, stories and experiences of people of all abilities.

- **23 June: *Living Fully 2016: Academic Symposium Exploring Disability, Theology, Practice and Culture.***
- **24-26 June:** A creative and vibrant conference, ***Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith: A Celebration*** will include a differentiated, parallel program for people who have intellectual disability, and time for everyone together in celebration as the Body of Christ.

As these events are international and it is the first time that Disability Theology is being made known in Italy, we are confident that they will enable networking and community development. Further, it will confirm and celebrate the important place of belonging that individuals with disabilities hold in the world.

Each person who joins us will make a considerable contribution to enabling a celebration of theology and practice within the life and mission of the Church. These are important events, which we will ask delegates to share with their parish, on their return from Rome. We would ask your parish to advertise the events and identify families who may wish to join us. We see this as a pilgrimage and as such we would hope you could invite your parish to raise funds so that they might attend.

In this Jubilee Year, please do support families and individuals who wish to participate in these important gatherings. Help us share the Good News that within the Body of Christ all people have a part to play and all belong. More information about the Living Fully 2016 events can be found at [www.livingfully2016.com](http://www.livingfully2016.com), or contact [cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com](mailto:cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com). U.S. contacts are Anne Masters, Director for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities for the Archdiocese of Newark at [masteranrcan@gmail.com](mailto:masteranrcan@gmail.com) and Mary Beth Walsh, PhD at [walshlivingfully2016@gmail.com](mailto:walshlivingfully2016@gmail.com).

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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