



VII SIMPOSIO GLOBAL **UNISERVITATE**

DISEÑANDO MAPAS DE ESPERANZA A TRAVÉS
DEL APRENDIZAJE Y SERVICIO SOLIDARIO

26 Y 27 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026.
CASTEL GANDOLFO, ITALIA.

VII Uniservitate Global Symposium.

26th-27th October 2026 | Mariápolis, Castel Gandolfo, Italy

Designing maps of hope through solidarity service-learning.

OBJECTIVES:

- **Celebrate the achievements of the Uniservitate global network (2020–2026); share and disseminate its results and challenges to bring about systemic change in Catholic higher education institutions.**
- **Continue a cycle of Symposia launched by the Uniservitate global network in 2020 as a multicultural, "polyhedral", and plural space based on the contributions of the pedagogical approach of solidarity service-learning (SSL) to holistic education in Higher Education.**
- **Explore SSL institutionalization models and processes in Catholic Higher Education to strengthen identity and mission, and to build peace and hope in a fragile world.**
- **Analyze the spirituality of service and examine the connections between the spiritual dimension and the SSL institutionalization processes in Higher Education through the lens of different religious congregations.**
- **Reinforce the dialogue among the SSL approach, the Global Compact on Education and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), drawing on the good practices in Catholic Higher Education Institutions that have won the *Uniservitate* Award.**
- **Facilitate the exchange on university community engagement and solidarity service-learning (SSL) among culturally diverse specialists, authorities, researchers, faculty and students from Higher Education Institutions from worldwide.**



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Symposium Schedule

Monday, 26th October

09:00 am – Opening Session

Welcome message by authorities and representatives from LUMSA University, Porticus, the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU), CLAYSS *Uniservitate*, and the Dicastery for Culture and Education.

Moderator: Enrique Ochoa, Executive Director, CLAYSS.

10:00 am – Plenary Session

María Nieves Tapia, Director, CLAYSS.

Moderator: Andrés Peregalli, Vice Coordinator *Uniservitate*/UCA.

10:30 am – Plenary Session: Research by the *Uniservitate* Academic Sounding Board

Moderator: Daniel Giorgetti

1. **Institutionalization:** Andrew Furco (University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, USA), María Cinque & Irene Culcasi (Universidad LUMSA - Rome, Italy), Mercy Pushpalatha (Madurai, India)

2. **Spirituality:** Daniela Gargantini (Universidad Católica de Córdoba, Argentina & RSU-AUSJAL Network), Arantzazu Martínez Odría (Universidad San Jorge & REDAPS, Spain), Miquel Martínez Martín (Universidad de Barcelona, Spain), Cristian Felipe Núñez Durán & Mario Inzulza (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile)

11:05 am – Student Voices (1)

Introducing student voices.

Presentation of the four winning projects of the *Uniservitate* Award 2026.

11:30 am – Coffee Break.

12:00 pm – Plenary Session: Research by the *Uniservitate* Academic Sounding Board

Moderator: Marie Xipaki (SOAS University of London, United Kingdom)

3. **Networks:** Leticia López Villareal (Universidad de Monterrey, México), Montserrat Alom (International Federation of Catholic Universities - IFCU - Paris, France)



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4. Impact on Students: Barbara Humphrey McCrabb (Conference of Catholic Bishops - Washington DC, United States), Beatriz Bouwman (North-West University, South Africa) & Carol Ma Hok Ka (Singapore University of Social Sciences - Singapore)

12:45 pm – Student Voices (2)

Presentation of the four winning projects of the *Uniservitate* Award 2026.

01:00 pm – Lunch Break

02:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

Solidarity Service-Learning, Global Compact on Education & Sustainable Development Goals: *Uniservitate* Award 2026 experiences.

1. No Poverty, Zero Hunger (SDG 1 & 2, GCE 1) Human Rights Advocacy & Reduction of Inequalities (SDG 5 & 10, GCE 1).

2. Good Health and Well-Being (SDG 3, GCE 1)

3. Quality Education (SDG 4, GCE 1)

4. Care for Our Common Home (SDG 6, 7, 11, 13, 14 & 15, GCE 3) / Sustainable Cities, Decent Housing, Preservation and Promotion of Historical, Cultural and Natural Heritage (SDG11, GCE 3)

5. Promotion of a Peaceful and Fraternal Society (SDG 16, GCE 2, 4 & 5) /Promotion of Active Citizenship to Revitalize Democratic Institutions and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17, GCE 4)

04:00 pm – Discussion Forum

05:30 pm – End of Day 1 Sessions



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Tuesday, 27th October

09:00 am – Plenary Session: Creating a More Humane Digital World through Service-Learning

10:00 am – Student Voices (3)

Presentation of the four winning projects of the *Uniservitate* Award 2026.

10:15 am – Institutional Voices

Presentation of *Uniservitate* Award 2026 winners.

11:00 am – Coffee Break

11:30 am – Plenary Session: Spirituality for Fraternal Service and Peace. Contributions from Interreligious Dialogue and Moral and Civic Education.

11:30 am – Simultaneous Working Group (only for invitation): Service-Learning, Care Practices, Protection and Safeguarding.

01:00 pm – Lunch Break

02:30 pm – Plenary Session: Cultivating Inner Life. Examining Different Congregations and Charisms in Search of Ways to Institutionalize Service-Learning

03:30 pm – Student Voices (4)

Presentation of the two winning projects of the *Uniservitate* Award 2026.

03:40 pm - Presentation of *Uniservitate* Award 2026 Certificates

05:00 pm – Closing Remarks

María Rosa Tapia, Coordinator, *Uniservitate*, CLAYSS

María Cinque, Università LUMSA

Italo Fiorin, Scuola di Alta Formazione, Università LUMSA

María Nieves Tapia, Director, CLAYSS

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05:30 pm – Close of Symposium.



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