

ACU Rome Campus hosts international leaders in Catholic healthcare and education

AUSTRALIAN Catholic University (ACU) hosted executive leaders in Catholic healthcare and education at symposium programs recently held at the ACU Rome Campus.

Leaders in education and healthcare from around the world presented at both symposiums including Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for Ascension Health Rev Dr Dennis Holschneider, Director of Scottish Catholic Education Services Barbara Coupar, Schools Superintendent Archdiocese of New York Dr Timothy McNiff, and Head of Paris Health Economics and Health Services Research Unit Professor Isabelle Durand-Zaleski.

Leading members of the Roman Curia based at the Vatican gave audiences at both symposiums including Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education His Eminence Cardinal Guiseppe Versaldi and President of the Pontifical Academy for Life and co-founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio His Excellency Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia.

The Healthcare Executive Symposium focused on issues related to “Person-Centred Healthcare.” Delegates heard how to strategically and operationally implement the ‘Person-Centred Healthcare’ model into Healthcare Organisations.

The Education Executive Symposium explored issues related to ‘Reimagining Catholic Education: International Perspectives.’ Delegates had the opportunity to engage with executive leaders while discussing the unique challenges facing Catholic Education.

The symposiums also examined contemporary issues facing Catholic institutions around the world such as the changing role of faith, the practice of delivering high performance education and healthcare systems, and how to meet the challenges of change in education and healthcare policy analysis and evaluation.

ACU Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Greg Craven said the Rome symposiums, “Further exemplify how ACU and its Catholic stakeholders are working together to advance the mission of Catholic education and healthcare around the world.”

ACU Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Pauline Nugent said the programs, “Demonstrate how the location of the Rome Campus allows ACU together with Australian industry leaders, to build strategic relationships with international Catholic stakeholders and universities.”

In addition to a strong and growing suite of academic programs, ACU’s Rome Campus also provides a valuable forum to facilitate discourse on global industry challenges and engage Church stakeholders on these issues to further best practice education and healthcare.

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