

The 26th General Assembly of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) was held in Ireland at St. Patrick's College Maynooth from July 23 – 27, 2018.

The theme of the Conference was *Catholic Universities Working in Solidarity as Responsible Agents from the Local to the Global*. The meeting engaged attendees in topics that were related to immigration, food democracy, water and the environment, women and poverty, violence, individuals with special physical needs, relationships with corporations and government agencies, new technologies, international partnerships, start-up organizations and corporate responsibilities.

Time was also scheduled during the Conference for the Election of Members of the Executive Board and the Board of Administration. Dr. Isabel Capelo Gil, President of the Catholic University of Portugal, was elected President of the International Federation of Catholic Universities and Colleges. It was obvious that the delegation had a great deal of confidence in her as well as appreciation and respect for Dr. Fr. Pedro Rubens Ferreira Oliveira, S.J. who was her immediate predecessor. It was also interesting to note that she is the first woman to ever hold the post in the history of the organization.

Overall, the content of the General Assembly was substantial and the beautiful campus of St. Patrick's College offered participants a calming venue to discuss matters related to its significant theme. As the photos below give witness, delegates were able to discern timely topics, exchange experiences and ideas, engage deeply in prayer, network among international colleagues and articulate potential future action plans.



St. Patrick's College Maynooth



Listening



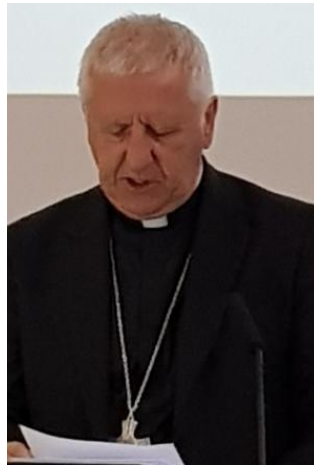
Dialoguing



Preparing for Liturgy



Praying



Calling upon Institutions to do more to Serve Immigrant Populations
Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education (Rome)



Succeeding in becoming President of the International Federation of Catholic Universities and Colleges
Dr. Isabel Capeloa Gil, President of the Catholic University of Portugal



Engaging in a Question and Answer Session
Her Excellency Mary Robinson (Former President of the Republic of Ireland)
and Prof. Pierre Vercauteren (Belgium)



Sharing a Meal before Departing
Pictured from left to right:
Dr. Chantal Beauvais (Canada), Dr. Isabel Capeloa Gil (Portugal),
Dr. Fr. Prasant Johnson Palakkappillil (India), Dr. Sr. Anne Therese Falkenstein (Taiwan),
Dr. Br. Bancha Saenghiran (Thailand), Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras (India),
Dr. Augustinus Prasetyantoko (Indonesia), Dr. Fr. Herminio Dagohoy (Philippines),
Dr. Vindhai Cocracul (Thailand)