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PRESS RELEASE

First Rome Conference on Forgiveness

Thursday January 18, 2018 (Piazza di Sant'Apollinare, 49)

ROME, JAN 12 2018 – A resentment can last for days or even years. Forgiveness, as a response to a grave injustice, can heal deep divisions and tense relations in the family, in one's community, and among nations. This topic will be discussed at the first *Rome Conference on Forgiveness* on **Thursday, January 18, 2018** (14:00 in the Aula Magna "Giovanni Paolo II") at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.

The initiative will bring together speakers from various fields and countries, addressing the topic of forgiveness, looking in particular at how to help children and young people to forgive, how forgiveness is understood in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, and how to implement forgiveness in political conflicts.

Speakers include **Robert Enright**, pioneer in the social scientific study of forgiveness (University of Wisconsin, USA); **Annette Shannon** of Holy Cross Primary School, Belfast, Northern Ireland; **Barbara Marchica,** pastoral counselor in Milan; **Omer Ahmed Kerim Berzinji**, Ambassador of Iraq to the Holy See; **Peta Pellach** of the Elijah Interfaith Institute in Jerusalem; **Gammenos Mastrojenni** of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; **Paola Binetti**, member of the Italian Parliament; **Alison Sutherland,** director of the Rotarian Action Group for Peace; and Mons. **Mariano Fazio,** Vicar General of Opus Dei and Vice Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.

To attend the conference, send an email to **mce.office@pusc.it**

Accreditation for journalists is required: http://eventi.pusc.it/accreditamento

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