



**Panels**  
Hilton Cyprus

I session, Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 am

1. Peace in the Mediterranean: Faiths, Conflicts and the Challenge of Coexistence
2. John Paul II and the Prophecy of Peace
3. Xenophobia and Philoxenia: Welcoming the Stranger
4. Has Europe's Time Come?
5. The Culture of Mediterranean
6. Prayer as a Source of Peace
7. Earth and Humankind: a Dialogue of Faiths and Cultures

II session, Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, 4.30 pm

8. Africa: Religions and Societies of Coexistence
9. Human Rights: 60 Years After their Declaration
10. Christians and Violence in Today's World
11. Dialogue on the Middle East
12. The Legacy of the Martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
13. Monasticism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
14. Faiths and Love

III session, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 am

15. Latin America, Working for a Civilisation of Peace
16. Ecumenism, Christians' Unity and Peace Between Nations
17. Fighting Poverty to Build Peace
18. Jews and Christians, an Unavoidable Dialogue
19. Islam and Christianity, a Complex and Multifaceted Relationship
20. Economic Development and the Civilization of Coexistence: the Role of Religions in Asia

**Who and How Can Participate at :**

**a. The Opening Assembly**

All can take part, but there are limited number of seats in the Hall.

Please confirm your participation (names and number of people) to the ceremony. Those who can not enter could watch the ceremony through a large screen outside.

**b. The Panels**

The participation is free.

Please, enter the rooms at the Hilton Cyprus 15 minutes before the beginning of the programme\*.

**c. Final Ceremony**

Reserved seats are available for VIP's but anyone could watch the ceremony standing up in the square.

Please, do not arrive later than 4:45p.m.

\* For security reasons please, enter all premises with your identification documents.

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Community of  
**SANT'EGIDIO**



The Civilization of Peace :  
Faiths and Cultures in Dialogue

Ο Πολιτισμός της Ειρήνης :  
Θρησκείες και Πολιτισμοί σε Διάλογο

CYPRUS • ΚΥΠΡΟΣ  
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**2008**



## Programme

### Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November

06:00 p.m. Church of Holy Cross,  
Paphos Gate  
Catholic Eucharistic Concelebrating

### Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November

09:00 a.m. Church of Agia Sophia, Strovolos  
Divine Orthodox Liturgy

04:30 p.m. University of Cyprus  
Sports Centre  
OPENING ASSEMBLY

### Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

09.30 a.m. Hilton Cyprus  
PANELS I session

04.30 p.m. Hilton Cyprus  
PANELS II session

### Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November

09.30 a.m. Hilton Cyprus  
PANELS III session

04.00 p.m. Archbishopric yard  
PRAYER FOR PEACE  
Prayers in different  
locations according to  
religious tradition

06.00 p.m. FINAL CEREMONY



From the second half of the Eighties the Community of Sant'Egidio has been organizing meetings of dialogue among leaders of Christian Churches and World Religions together with distinguished representatives of the international politics and culture, to foster mutual knowledge and commitment to develop justice and peace. These open-door meetings are attended by a large number of people and youth. Receiving the legacy of the historical meeting of Assisi by John Paul II in 1986, the Community of Sant'Egidio has been promoting every year since 1987 International Meetings for Peace. They took place in various European cities. The meetings have been precious time of both religious and cultural dialogue and debate. In several cases they were true "laboratories" for peace.

During the last International Meeting in Naples, October 2007, the Pope Benedict XVI said regarding the event of dialogue of Assisi carried out by the Community of Sant'Egidio: "Respecting the differences of religions, we are all called to work for peace and for an operating commitment to promote reconciliation among peoples. This is the true "Spirit of Assisi", that opposes any form of violence and abuse of religion as pretext for violence".



Over the last 21 years, this pilgrimage of peace has created bonds of cooperation and friendship between men and women of religion, which have helped all their believers to understand each other and to give rise to the value of peace within their different religious traditions. In the last few years a new dimension was added to this dialogue: that of an exchange between culture and believers. The last meetings were characterised by the presence of significant representatives of the civil societies, side by side with religious leaders, contributing to interesting debates on relevant topics.

In this spirit the Community of Sant'Egidio in cooperation with the Church of Cyprus has promoted the coming International Meeting for Peace "The

Civilization of Peace: Faiths and Cultures in Dialogue" that will take place in Cyprus on 16, 17 and 18 November 2008.

During the last meeting in Naples (Italy) in October 2007, the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus, His Beatitude Archbishop Chrysostomos II, expressed his wish that the next meeting take place on this island in the Mediterranean Sea. The Community of Sant'Egidio and all those who were present welcomed his invitation as an opportunity to live this important moment of encounter and dialogue on the Island of Cyprus which stands geographically and ideally as a bridge between the east and the west, the north and the south of the world.

The choice of the place in this respect seems extremely appropriate to us: in the heart of the Eastern Mediterranean, a meeting place for the great Abrahamic religions, home of the Autocephalous Church of Cyprus, which was founded by the Apostle of the Nations Paul and the Apostles Barnabas and Mark and. The meeting shall present a significant step for dialogue in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, on the frontiers of peace.

For the first time in Cyprus 500 religious leaders, more than 10 Heads of State and hundreds representatives of different cultures, men and women in search of peace are expected to come between 16 and 18 of November 2008 from all over the world. Intellectuals and secular believers, as well as journalists from the international media will follow the historical event. The meeting will also involve thousands of participants from Cyprus and the whole of Europe, including many young people.

