

## **CICIAMS XXII World Congress**

**9-13 November 2026**

**Baan Phu Wan Pastoral Training Center, Tha Kham, Nakornpathom, Thailand**

**First Announcement (as 22/11/24)**

**Congress Theme: Human Dignity and Peace: Time for Global Transformation**

### **I. Background:**

CICIAMS XXII World Congress is the global platform to bring Catholic health nurse professionals worldwide to learn and share about global issues. The theological spiritual concepts and Catholic principles are imperative to overcome and alleviate the issues with faith and hope.

The issues of human dignity and peace are significant and need urgent awareness. As we are all well aware, global and social peace and human dignity are most fragile at present. The world is facing full-scale wars in several regions. Military preparation and confrontation are at an alarming level in many locations. Civil unrest due to conflict in politics, ideology, ethnicity, faith, etc. is prevalent in the workplace, local and global communities. Hatred due to conspiracy theories, fake news, and social media is increasing. Violence is more common and rampant in most societies through social media and many forms of violence. It has become a common phenomenon even in the family. Children and women including elder people are victims of domestic violence, neglected, and homeless. People who are survivors of war and violence live in conditions of fear, stress, insecurity, and hopelessness. All these factors have eroded and destroyed both peace and human dignity.

Catholic health care professionals especially nurses are fore-front and crucial workers to provide unconditional care and love to restore human dignity and peace. Besides knowledge, professional competence and clinical skills, the spiritual care using Catholic principles must be empowered to apply in the daily work. With small steps but full willingness, CICIAM members can, individually and collectively, help transform violence into peace and give back human dignity to their patients, families and communities.

### **II) Purpose:**

Participants of CICIAMS XXII in 2026, Thailand, will come to learn, get inspiration, empower, and commit to upholding human dignity and peace in their daily life contexts.

### **III) Congress activities by day**

9<sup>th</sup> November: Executive board meeting (only for board members).

10<sup>th</sup> November: General Council Meeting (only for council members).

11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November: Congress for all participants

**IV) Sub-themes:**

1: Perspectives of Catholic Nurses in Applying a Theology of Healthcare

2: Empower Catholic Nurses to Promote Human Values from Conception to Dignified Death

3: Unity in diversity- Being a Catholic nurse in a new frontiers and multi-cultural world

These sub-themes guide keynote, plenary, symposium, paper and poster presentation, discussions and reflection of each day

**V) Process:**

Day 1. A time to see: Perspectives of catholic nurses on human dignity and peace.

Day 2. A time to discern: Empowering catholic nurses to promote human dignity and peace in different settings.

Day 3. A time to transform: Being a Catholic nurse in a new frontiers and multi-cultural world

**VI) Activity:** There are 8 activities during the three days:

1) **Key notes:** Three keynotes (30-45 minutes for each keynote)

2) **Plenary sessions:** on sub-themes (75 minutes for each session)

There are 4 plenaries. Each plenary will include 3-4 invited speakers from different regions. Each speaker has 15 minutes to deliver their important points.

One moderator connects the topic and allows 15 minutes of Q&A.

3) **Symposium:** Two symposium sessions on the real-life problems and solutions related to human dignity and peace experiences at family, workplace, community, and national settings. (75 minutes for each session)

- 3 invited resource persons from different regions to share short input on the topics. (10 minutes for each resource person)
- Questions and case examples will be invited from participants before and during the session.
- Two facilitators help with discussion on questions and burning issues. (30 minutes) and summarize take-home messages.

- Self-reflection on action points before end.
- 4) **Capacity building:** Four rooms of concurrent sessions to introduce and short practice of essential skill to restore human dignity and peace (75 minutes)
    - Room 1: Thinking and reflecting skill: Discernment, constructive advice, etc.
    - Room 2: Trust building skill: Dialogue, mediating, reaching common ground
    - Room 3: Communication skill: Listening, empathic communication, etc)
    - Room 4: Spiritual Strengthening skills: Holiness and Cultural Harmony, Catholic Nurses' Caring
  - 5) **Recap and reflection:** Two recap and reflection sessions of 30 minutes on second and third day.
 

We will start the second and third day morning by short summary of important and interesting points related to the theme and sub-theme of the past day. This will be done by a working group. We will also interview participants from all regions of what they learn, impress and plan to act when they return home. Some ice-breaking activities will also be included as appropriate.
  - 6) **Paper presentation sessions**
    - Approximately 20-30 papers will be selected for oral presentation.
    - The presentation time is 10 minutes with 5 minutes Q&A
    - Each session will have a chair and secretariat to facilitate timekeeping.
  - 7) **Poster presentation sessions** (E-poster or conventional poster presentation or hybrid will be finalized later)
    - Approximately 30-40 posters
    - Poster will be exhibited on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.
  - 8) **Take-home messages and call for action from Congress.**
    - Secretariat team will comply and synthesize important take-home messages and propose actional points. This will be shared and get comments and agreement from all participants on the third day.

Time Schedule for each day is in annex 1.

## VII) Submission of paper presentations:

Participants submit a structured abstract (not more than 300 words) under the 4 headings: Objective, Method or process, results, conclusion, or recommendations. Keywords of not more than 5 should be given. Presenters should indicate their preference for oral or poster presentations. The call for abstracts will begin in early January 2025, and the end of submission is by 30 June 2025. The form is in annex II

**VIII) Key milestones:**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Time</b>
1. Program development finalization	October- November 2024
2. 1 <sup>st</sup> Announcement	December 2024
3. Identify and confirm speakers	January-March 2025
4. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Announcement	April 2025
5. Abstract submission	January-June
6. Abstract committee process and acceptance	October- December 2025
7. Program-speakers-abstracts book	January-June 2026
8. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Announcement	May 2026
9. Post Congress overall summary of the program contents	Nov-Dec 2026

**CICIAMS XXII World Congress Schedule 9-13 November 2026 Baan Phu Wan Pastoral Training Center, Tha Kham, Nakornpathom, Thailand**  
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Date	9.00 - 12.00			12.00-13.00	13.00 – 17.00			18.00
09 Nov 26	Executive Board Meeting			Lunch	Executive Board Meeting			Dinner
10 Nov 26	General Council Meeting			Lunch	General Council Meeting			Dinner
8.00 - 8.45	8.45 - 10.15	10.15-10.30	10.30 - 12.00	12.00-13.30	13.30 - 15.00	15.00-15.30	15.30 - 17.00	18.00
11 November 2026: A time to see: Perspectives of Catholic Nurses on Human Dignity and Peace								

Opening Mass Opening Ceremony & Flag Parade		Break	Keynote 1: Spirituality dimension of catholic nurses on human dignity and peace. Keynote 2: Perspectives of Catholic Nurses in Applying a Theology of Healthcare	Lunch	Symposium 1: Common Human dignity and peace issues at family and workplace	Break	Symposium 2: Recognizing human dignity and peace issues at community and national level	Dinner
12 November 2026: A time to discern: Empowering catholic nurses to promote human dignity and peace in different settings								
Mass	Recap & Reflection Plenary 1: Empower Catholic Nurses to Promote Human Values from Conception to Dignified Death	Break	Plenary 2: Essential skill and technology in promotion, prevention, and restore of human dignity	Lunch	Skill Building Session: Essential skill to restore human dignity and peace. <i>Room 1: Thinking and reflecting skills: Discernment, positive advice and feedback.</i> <i>Room 2: Trust building skills: Dialogue, mediating, reaching common ground.</i> <i>Room 3: Communication skills: Listening, empathic communication, etc.</i> <i>Room 4: Spiritual Strengthening skills: Holiness and Cultural Harmony, Catholic Nurses' Caring</i>	Break	Paper presentation	Cultural Night & Dinner
13 November 2026: A time to transform: Unity of Catholic nurses to upholding human dignity in a diversified society								
Mass	Recap & Reflection Panel Discussion: Unity of Catholic nurses to upholding human dignity in a diversified society: Promotion of Health Equity.	Break	Plenary 3: Artificial Intelligence: New frontiers in nursing from a Catholic perspective	Lunch	Regional group Discussion: "Unity in diversity" Concretize the commitment. Summary: Take-home messages	Break	CICIAMS XXII: Call for action  Closing Ceremony	Dinner

Annex 2

Abstract for CICIAMS XXII 9-13 November 2026, Thailand

Titles and authors:

Objectives:

Methods/Process:

Result

Conclusion/recommendation:

Keywords (4-5):

Preferred type of presentation (  ) Slides presentation (  ) Poster presentation: