

Vatican COVID-19 Commission: Preparing the Future

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On 20 March 2020, Pope Francis asked the *Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development* (DPIHD) to create a *Commission*, in collaboration with other Dicasteries of the Roman Curia and other organizations, to express the Church's solicitude and care for the whole human family facing the COVID-19 pandemic, including analysis, reflection on the new socio-economic-cultural future, and the proposal of relevant approaches.

Accordingly, DPIHD has established a Vatican COVID-19 Commission to take up the Pope's concern through the activities of five Working Groups, which are: acting now for the future; looking to the future with creativity; communicating hope; seeking common dialogue and reflections; supporting to care.

The activities of these five working groups, which were presented to the Holy Father on 27 March 2020, will be coordinated by a *Directorate* reporting directly to the Holy Father. It will include the DPIHD's Prefect, Cardinal Peter Turkson; Secretary, Mons. Bruno-Marie Duffé; and Adjunct Secretary, Fr. Augusto Zampini.



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