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CHIARA LUBICH
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*Look, I am a soul
passing through this world.
I have seen many beautiful
and good things and I have always
been attracted only by them.
One day (one indescribable day)
I saw a light. It appeared to me
as more beautiful than the other
beautiful things, and I followed it.
I realized it was the Truth*

Chiara Lubich
Letter 1946

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Rome

Sapienza University of Rome
Aula Magna del Rettorato

8.30 Arrival and registration

9.00 Opening of the Conference

Michele Zanzucchi

Editor in Chief, Città Nuova magazine

Greetings

Prof. Luigi Frati

Rector of the Sapienza University of Rome

Hon. Giorgio Napolitano

President of the Italian Republic

Hon. Gianni Alemanno

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His Eminence Card. Gianfranco Ravasi

President of the Pontifical Council for Culture

Dr Maria Voce

President of the Focolare Movement

9.30 Chiara Lubich: Light, Life and Culture (video)

› Session I: The Impact of a Charism on History

9.50 Introduction and outline of the day's proceedings

Alba Sgariglia

Coordinator, Abba School Research Centre

10.20 A charism in history as a view from the centre

Piero Coda

President, Sophia University Institute, Loppiano (Florence)

10.50 Break

11.20 Within and beyond complexity

Vera Araújo

Coordinator, Centre for Dialogue
with Contemporary Culture

11.50 A Touch of Beauty

12.10 Responses

Amer Al-Hafi

Amman, Jordan

Ingeborg Gabriel

The University of Vienna

› Session II: Towards a New Humanism

15.30 "The book of nature" between science and wisdom

Sergio Rondinara

Sophia University Institute, Loppiano (Florence)

16.00 What kind of economy in an era of "commons"?

Luigino Bruni

LUMSA University, Rome

16.30 Responses

Ugo Amaldi

The University of Milan Bicocca

Russell Pearce

Fordham University, New York

16.50 Break

17.20 A Touch of Beauty

17.35 To the "sources" of law between norm and life

Adriana Cosseddu

The University of Sassari, Sardinia

18.05 The Love of loves: politics
through the eyes of Chiara Lubich's charism

Antonio Maria Baggio

Sophia University Institute, Loppiano (Florence)

18.35 Responses

Lucetta Scaraffia

The Sapienza University of Rome

Paul Gerard Pougoue

The University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon

18.55 Conclusion



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9.00 Opening

"Look at all the flowers" - Chiara Lubich

Reading

9.30 › Session I

"Look at all the flowers": between text and context

M. Caterina Atzori

Abba School - Linguistics, Philology, Classics

"Transferring self to other":

radicalizing human being

Jesús Moran

Abba School - Philosophical Anthropology

An insight at the root of the "collective spirituality"

Fabio Ciardi

Abba School - Spiritual Theology

10.45 Break

11.15 › Session II (A)

Towards a new kind of cognition

Callan Slipper

Abba School - Anglican Theology

From methodology to mathematics:
an interdisciplinary contribution

Judith Povilus

Abba School - Mathematics

› Session II (B)

A glance that becomes "sight": philosophical prospects

Anna Pelli

Abba School - Philosophy

"When the tree is fully blossoming...":

Reflections on the Church

Hubertus Blaumeiser/Brendan Leahy

Abba School - Ecclesiology

12.15 Discussion

15.30 › Session III (A)

Criteria for a normative theory of ideal discourse

Pal Tóth

Abba School - Communication sciences

Returning to the roots: a historical reading

Lucia Abignente

Abba School - History

Sources of multiform beauty

Thérèse Henderson

Abba School - the Arts

› Session III (B)

From a monopersonal perspective
to an interpersonal perspective

Simonetta Magari

Abba School - Psychology

"Seeing beyond" as an Educator

Teresa Boi

Abba School - Education studies

16.30 Discussion

17.15 Break

17.45 A Touch of Beauty: "Look at all the flowers"

18.15 Conclusion of the conference