

**COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING
ACTION IN A TIME OF CRISIS**



U.S. EMBASSY TO THE HOLY SEE

**ROME, ITALY
OCTOBER 14, 2020**

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

- 10:00 am **WELCOME REMARKS**
Callista L. Gingrich
U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See
- 10:05 am **WELCOME REMARKS**
Sister Patricia Murray
Executive Secretary
International Union of Superiors General
- 10:10 am **REMARKS**
John Cotton Richmond
U.S. Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking
in Persons
- 10:20 am **PANEL**
Sister Gabriella Bottani
International Coordinator
Talitha Kum Network

Olga Zhyvytsya
International Advocacy Officer
Caritas Internationalis

Kevin Hyland, OBE
Senior Advisor
Santa Marta Group

Princess Okokon
Cultural Mediator
Piam ONLUS Asti

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- Valiant Richey
Special Representative and Coordinator for Combatting
Trafficking in Human Beings
OSCE
- Moderator
Barbie Nadeau
Journalist and Author
- 11:20 am **CLOSING REMARKS**
Cardinal Michael Czerny
Under-Secretary
Migrants and Refugees Section
Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- 11:30 am **SYMPOSIUM ADJOURNS**

BIOGRAPHIES



CALLISTA L. GINGRICH **U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See**

Callista L. Gingrich is the United States Ambassador to the Holy See. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 16, 2017, sworn in by President Trump and Vice President Pence on October 24, 2017 and credentialed by Pope Francis on December 22, 2017. Ambassador Gingrich is a New York Times bestselling author and former President and CEO of Gingrich Productions, a multimedia production and consulting company. She is the author of the “Ellis the Elephant” children’s American history series and co-author of “Rediscovering God in America.” Mrs. Gingrich is also the producer of several historical documentary films including, “Nine Days that Changed the World” and “Ronald Reagan: Rendezvous with Destiny.” In 2018, Ambassador Gingrich was awarded an honorary doctorate from Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida. Previously, Mrs. Gingrich served as a congressional aide in the U.S. House of Representatives and as the President of The Gingrich Foundation. She sang for two decades with the Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. She is married to former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and 2012 presidential candidate Newt Gingrich.



CARDINAL MICHAEL CZERNY **Under-Secretary** **Migrants and Refugees Section** **Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human** **Development**

Born in the former Czechoslovakia and raised in Canada, Father Czerny served as an official of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace since 2010. He began work as an Under-Secretary in the Migrants and Refugees Section at the newly-created Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in January 2017. His long career in the field of social justice includes having served as the Canadian Director and Executive Director of the African Jesuit AIDS Network, which he founded, and spending two years in El Salvador to carry out the work of his fellow Jesuits who were murdered in 1989 during the civil war. He also served as Secretary for Social Justice at the Jesuit headquarters in Rome for 10 years. Pope Francis elevated him to the College of Cardinals on October 5, 2019.

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JOHN COTTON RICHMOND **U.S. Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and** **Combat Trafficking in Persons**

John Cotton Richmond serves as the United States Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. In October 2018, the Senate unanimously confirmed him, and President Trump appointed him to lead the United States’ global engagement to combat human trafficking and support the coordination of anti-trafficking efforts across the U.S. government. Prior to his appointment, he co-founded the Human Trafficking Institute that exists to decimate modern slavery by empowering police and prosecutors to use victim-centered methods to hold traffickers accountable and ensure survivors are treated with respect and care. Ambassador Richmond served for more than ten years as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Department of Justice’s Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit where he was named one of the “Federal Prosecutors of the Year.” In 2018, while at the Human Trafficking Institute, he co-authored the first Federal Human Trafficking Report that collected and analyzed all the active federal human trafficking cases in the United States. Ambassador Richmond earned his Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law.



SISTER PATRICIA MURRAY **Executive Secretary** **International Union of Superiors General**

Sister Patricia Murray is a member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters). She is the Executive Director of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), the global umbrella organization for 80 percent of all women’s religious orders, headquartered in Rome. Previously, Sister Pat Murray was Executive Director of Solidarity with South Sudan, a consortium of more than 200 religious congregations, that trains teachers, nurses and pastoral personnel in several locations throughout South Sudan. She works as the Peace Education Officer and Chairperson of the Irish Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace (ICJP), and with the Executive Committee of Trocaire, the Overseas Development Agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. In 2011, Sister Murray was named one of the Top Ten People in Vatican Magazine. Sister Murray holds a Masters of Arts (2005) and a Doctorate in Ministry (2011) from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

PANEL



SISTER GABRIELLA BOTTANI **International Coordinator** **Talitha Kum Network**

Sister Gabriella was born and raised in a suburb of Milan, Italy. Since 1994, she has been a member of the “Comboni Missionary Sisters,” an international and multicultural congregation of religious women. She has been living in communities with women of several cultures, nationalities and social backgrounds, sharing God’s passion for human dignity, justice, peace and freedom in Italy, Germany, and Brazil. In the 1990s, doing volunteer social work among homeless women and refugees, Sister Gabriella encountered the first victims of human trafficking. Their fear, distress and lack of freedom touched her deeply. She then decided to commit her life to freedom and to fight against every form of exploitation and human trafficking. Sister Gabriella was appointed Talitha Kum’s international coordinator in 2015. “Talitha Kum” is a project of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), constituted in September 2009. It is an international network comprised of over 2,000 sisters in 92 countries, based in Rome, Italy.



OLGA ZHYVYTSYA **International Advocacy Officer** **Caritas Internationalis**

Olga Zhyvytsya began her work as the International Advocacy Officer at Caritas Internationalis in 2009. She is also coordinator of the ecumenical anti-trafficking network COATNET. Previously she worked as a Project Assistant for the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Kiev, Ukraine, where she was responsible for assistance projects for people living with HIV/AIDS. Dr. Zhyvytsya participated in HIV/AIDS conferences that took place in New Delhi, India and in Cape Town, South Africa. From 1999 to 2001, she worked as the Foreign Affairs Manager for a metallurgical plant in Kiev, Ukraine. Dr. Zhyvytsya has a master’s degree in Engineering/Industrial Management from Kiev’s Sikorsky Polytechnic Institute and a Licentiate and PhD in economics, ethics, sociology, and philosophy from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. Dr. Zhyvytsya also attended International Young Leaders summer schools in Cambridge and Oxford in 2009 and 2010.

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KEVIN HYLAND, OBE **Senior Advisor** **Santa Marta Group**

Following 30 years in policing, including leading London’s Human Trafficking Unit, in 2014 Kevin Hyland OBE was appointed as the UK’s first Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner serving with distinction until 2018. He was the author of UN Strategic Development Goal 8.7, and led efforts for its inclusion for the eradication of human trafficking within the UN 15-year global goals. In 2018 Mr. Hyland was elected as Ireland’s representative to the Council of Europe Independent Group of Experts for Trafficking. He was instrumental in the establishment of, and remains senior advisor to, the Santa Marta Group, a high-level partnership between law enforcement agencies, faith groups and civil society launched by Pope Francis at the Vatican. He leads several international anti- trafficking projects, chairing the Responsible Recruitment Group of the Institute of Human Rights and Business and the Island of Ireland Human Trafficking Project and provides strategic leadership to the OSCE in producing global victim support guidance. Mr. Hyland is an advisor to the US-based Global Fund to End Modern Slavery.



PRINCESS OKOKON **Cultural Mediator** **Piam ONLUS Asti**

Princess Inyang Okokon, originally from Nigeria, is a former victim of trafficking in persons. Since 2000, she has worked as a cultural mediator at PIAM Onlus Asti, which she founded with her husband Alberto Mossino. The association helps abused and vulnerable women escape their traffickers in Asti, in the north-western region of Piedmont. Princess Okokon works with victims of trafficking and is responsible for the Street Unit offering assistance to sex workers. She also coordinated the "Safe Sex Long Life" project in Nigeria for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections among sex workers. In recent years, Princess Okokon has been specially engaged in the identification of trafficking victims among young female refugees from Libya.

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VALIANT RICHEY
**Special Representative and Coordinator for
Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings
OSCE**

Valiant (Val) Richey is the OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator for Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings. He represents the OSCE at the political level on anti-trafficking issues and assists the 57 OSCE participating States in the development and implementation of anti-trafficking strategies and initiatives. His office also has a coordinating function among OSCE structures and institutions involved in combatting trafficking in human beings. Before joining the OSCE, Mr. Richey worked for 13 years as a prosecutor in Seattle, Washington handling sexual assault, child exploitation and human trafficking cases. He led a coalition of law enforcement, NGOs, academics, service providers, philanthropists, and policy makers focused on the eradication of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking in Washington and was appointed by the Attorney General to represent prosecutors on the Washington State Trafficking in Persons Coordinating Committee. He has a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Political Science from Boston University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Washington.



BARBIE NADEAU
Journalist and Author

Barbie Latza Nadeau is an American journalist and author who has lived in Rome, Italy, since 1996. She has worked as the Rome bureau chief for Newsweek Magazine and currently holds that position for The Daily Beast. She is an on-air contributor for CNN and a writer for Scientific American. Ms. Nadeau's first book, "Angel Face," about the murder of Meredith Kercher and the criminal trials of Amanda Knox, was adapted for film in 2011. Her second book, "Roadmap to Hell: Sex, Drugs and Guns on the Mafia Coast," chronicles the tragic journeys of Nigerian women trafficked for sex in Italy.

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