



their disillusionment and anger, continue to love the Church as the mediator of God's grace and mercy". A theological and spiritual approach is needed to assist the victims, as Fr. James Corkery SJ, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Gregorian University, underlines because "an experience of God's unconditional love is vital for the full restoration and healing of a survivor. Such love comes by human pathways and if those close to the perpetrator, 'representative' of him in some way, walk in love with the survivor, then healing has a better chance and love a richer opportunity".

Fr. Hans Zollner SJ, President of the *Centre for Child Protection*, expresses his gratitude to the speakers "because they have paved the way for a theological reflection and for a grounded prayer. This allows us to develop a new vision, as Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his Letter to the Catholics of Ireland: 'A new vision is needed, to inspire present and future generations to treasure the gift of our common faith'."

"This conference also enables participants to learn together and from each other how to better respond to victims and to protect children in the future" says Bishop Burns. "It is our hope to demonstrate the seriousness of this topic and the resolve to bring about healing. Much pain and suffering has occurred in the lives of those who have been abused as well as their families and the leaders of the Anglophone conferences gather together each year to learn *best practices* and are committed to doing the best to create a safe environment within the Church".

From 2012 on, the *Centre for Child Protection* (CCP) of the Institute of Psychology of the Pontifical Gregorian University is part of a global initiative of the Catholic Church for the prevention of sexual abuse of minors. In addition to the e-learning training programme for the prevention of sexual abuse, implemented by several partner institutions on four continents, the CCP conducts interdisciplinary research and doctoral programmes and organises international conferences on abuse prevention and safeguarding. In February 2016 the CCP will start a *Diploma Course in Safeguarding of Minors*. For further information cf. <http://childprotection.unigre.it> and <http://ccpblog.unigre.it>.



