Leaven in the Dough:
Building Bridges Between the Church and Scouting

PRESS RELEASE

Rome, November 2025 — The International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) will gather representatives of 25 Scout associations from four continents for the Leaven in the Dough Seminar, held in Frascati (Rome) from 15–20 November 2025.

The seminar is the first stage of the three-year project Leaven in the Dough (2024–2027), supported by Porticus. The initiative seeks to promote the integral formation of children and young people, helping leaders unite the Scout Method with the transforming leaven of the Gospel and the person of Jesus Christ, so that Scouting may continue shaping communities marked by human dignity, service, and hope.

Participants will take part in conferences, workshops, and shared prayer around the theme "Driving Social Change through Scouting."

A central moment of the week will be the Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on 18 November, as participants unite in prayer and communion with the universal Church during the Jubilee Year 2025. That same evening, the session "Building Bridges between the Church and Scouting" will take place with Mons. Dario Gervasi, Deputy Secretary of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, together with members of the ICCS World Committee. On this occasion, Georges Ghorayeb and Christian Larcher will receive the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great.

The seminar will include contributions from:

- Sr. Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops
- Fr. Gilfredo Marengo, Vice President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute
- Tebaldo Vinciguerra, Official at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- Isabella Bruckner, Professor at the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant'Anselmo
- Fr. Sergio Massironi, Consultant to the Secretariat of State of the Vatican
- Fr. Roberto Del Riccio SJ, Fr. Roberto Del Riccio SJ, former National Chaplain of AGESCI
- Chris Meadows, Consultant to the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)
- Fr. Romuald Uzabumwana SAC, Lecturer at the Pontifical Gregorian University – Institute of Anthropology (IADC)
- Fabrice Ouattara, Consultant to the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)
- Llanos Meseguer, Chief Operating Officer, La Machi Communication for Good Causes
- Raquel Kritinas, ICCS Project Manager

Through this initiative, ICCS reinforces its identity as a bridge between the Catholic Church and the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), which today includes over 60 million members in more than 200 countries and territories.

About Us

Founded over a century ago, the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) brings together around 60 national Scout organizations worldwide. Recognized by both the Holy See and WOSM, ICCS promotes the integral development of young people and supports them in living the Gospel through the values and method of Scouting. As a global link between the Church and the Scout Movement, ICCS builds bridges of faith, service, and fraternity on every continent.

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