



Training teachers in a changing world

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I greet Professor Yan de Groof, President of UMEC and Professor John Lydon, from the University of Saint Mary of London who will lead this videoconference. Thank you to all of you who agreed to contribute to the chosen theme: training teachers in a changing world.

In the media, the global context can appear in negative and discouraging aspects. Without dismissing the difficulties, the approach to the world must also be able to bring out positive signs by encouraging. Because the teacher's mission is to mobilize the students' talents and enable them to become responsible and enlightened actors in society and the Church.

By seeking to know the complexity of the current world, the teacher discovers the urgency of an integral training that knows how to articulate the intellectual and spiritual dimensions. The Christian teacher can then draw on the treasure of the Gospel and the Tradition of the Church which offer concrete and stimulating benchmarks. To train teachers today, we must never forget that we have a model: Christ Jesus. His teaching and life testimony are an inexhaustible source of inspiration and encouragement for the teacher. May this videoconference encourage us to let Christ enlighten and accompany the teaching mission today.

May God bless our exchange and continue to accompany our mission as a teacher in following his Son Jesus.

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