



Patrons
of the World's
Children Hospital

A close-up photograph of a baby's hand holding a small, grey medical sensor. The baby is wearing a striped shirt. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the baby's body and a white blanket.

Press Report

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Pope's Global Alliance for Children's Health received in audience by The Holy Father



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Pope's Global Alliance for Children's Health presented at the Clinton Global Initiative in NYC



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The background of the entire page is a photograph of a man and a woman running away from the camera in a vast, open field. The woman is in the center, her long hair blowing in the wind, and her arms are outstretched. The man is on the left, holding her hand. The sky is a soft, hazy mix of purple and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of freedom and joy.

Press Coverage





GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Georgetown's Global Health Institute Joins Pope Francis' Initiative to Care for Children's Health

Georgetown's **Global Health Institute** is joining a new initiative led by Pope Francis that will create a worldwide network to provide medical care to children and support health care workers in the field.

The Vatican announced the **Pope's Global Alliance for the Health and Humanitarian Care of Children** — a “genuine humanitarian community,” Pope Francis said — following a meeting with leaders from Georgetown and other participating organizations on Sept. 19.

“Children are the seeds of our future. With children, we can build a new world,” Pope Francis said as he welcomed the leaders to the Vatican.

Georgetown's initial role in the initiative will be to provide technical support, sharing guidance and best practices so that participating hospitals from all over the world are best positioned to plan, receive and provide comprehensive care to children.

Dr. Norman J. Beauchamp Jr., executive vice president for health sciences, attended the event on behalf of Georgetown along with Global Health Institute Director Deus Bazira and Dr. Michael Donnelly, chair of the Georgetown Department of Pediatrics.

“There are so many children who are

suffering in silence, and many organizations who are positioned to bring hope and healing to them,” said Beauchamp. “Georgetown has a recognized expertise in building in-country capacity. It's creating this sustainability that will ensure access to best care today and into the future.”

Georgetown will also offer guidance on the initiative's delivery model design and support the design of its impact-measurement framework, including how it can be sustained long-term, Bazira said.

“We'll share best practices for how to enhance the pediatric care delivery ecosystem so that participating hospitals from different regions of the world are best positioned to plan, receive and provide comprehensive care to children wherever they may be,” said Bazira, who also directs the **Georgetown Center for Global Health Practice and Impact**, a well-established center engaged in the generation and translation of scientific evidence into policy and practice in numerous countries.

“We know from experience and evidence that these types of networks are strongest and most successful when they are community-centered and communities lead in identifying



their needs and how best we can support them,” he said.

Georgetown will work closely with the initiative’s organizer, **Patrons of the World’s Children Hospital**, a U.S.-based nonprofit that is responsible for raising awareness, fundraising and coordinating the global children’s health network. The nonprofit will also identify new collaborative opportunities and build relationships with partner organizations.

“There are countless children in desperate need of medical care around the world,” Fabrizio Arengi Bentivoglio, president of the Patrons of the World’s Children Hospital, said in a press release. “While there are organizations that respond to emergencies when the global spotlight is on, such as governments, the United Nations, WHO and various foundations, there are hundreds of thousands of children in less visible areas ... who lack the protection mechanisms they desperately require.”

The Vatican says the initiative will operate using a “hub and spoke” system with the “hubs” being centers of medical excellence around the world, providing expertise and care to the “spokes” — smaller health care facilities in underserved regions where medical needs are unmet — with an overall goal of creating sustainability.

The connection between the hubs and spokes reportedly will be facilitated by a multilingual digital platform integrated with telehealth services.

“Serious injuries caused by conflicts, infectious disease, malnutrition, non-communicable disease rob the

world’s children and their families of joy and well-being,” said Donnelly, who helps lead the Georgetown Collaborative for Research and Education to Advance Children’s Health. “They deserve high-quality medical attention and we have the will to make that happen.”

The first hub will be the Vatican’s Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital, also known as “the Pope’s hospital.”

“There are incurable diseases, but there are no incurable children,” Pope Francis said to the group gathered at the Vatican.

“There is much work to be done, and scaling up needs to happen quickly to meet the Vatican’s goals,” said Bazira. He joined Chelsea Clinton and other initiative leaders at the Clinton Global Initiative 2024 Annual Meeting on Sept. 24 as Bentivoglio announced the initiative during the Health Equity for All session.

Georgetown’s participation in this new initiative builds on its recent work to address critical issues in children’s and maternal health worldwide. GUCHI recently launched the **Global Maternal & Child Health Collaborative** in partnership with the Georgetown Collaborative for Research and Education to Advance Children’s Health, and will seek to draw on expertise and engagement from across the university to improve health outcomes for mothers and children.

“We look forward to engaging our Georgetown colleagues and students as we build support for this very important work,” Bazira said.

<https://www.georgetown.edu/news/georgetown-global-health-institute-joins-pope-franciss-initiative-to-care-for-childrens-health/>





INDIAN CATHOLIC MATTERS

Transforming Children's Fragility into Strength for a Better World

The Vatican has officially launched the Pope's Global Alliance for Children's Health, an ambitious initiative aimed at providing medical care to one million children over the next three years. Announced on September 20, 2024, this global network seeks to address urgent healthcare needs for the world's most vulnerable children, particularly in underserved regions.

The alliance is spearheaded by the U.S.-based nonprofit organization, Patrons of the World's Children Hospital, which received its mandate from Pope Francis on May 11, following a proposal by Mariella Enoc, the president of Rome's Vatican-owned Bambino Gesù Hospital. The initiative's primary objectives are twofold:

Creation of a Global Network: Establishing a humanitarian community focused on children's health, coordinated by the World Children's Day Organizing Committee, led by Father Enzo Fortunato and Aldo Cagnoli.

Dedicated Healthcare Support: Providing specialized medical care and support to healthcare personnel working in the field. Pope Francis emphasized that while there are "incurable diseases," there are "no incurable children," highlighting the initiative's commitment to pediatric care.

To achieve these goals, the alliance employs a "Hub and Spoke" system. In this model, Hubs represent hospitals of excellence that offer expertise and resources, while Spokes are smaller healthcare facilities in regions where medical needs are unmet. The first Hub will be the Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital, often referred to as "the Pope's Hospital." This hospital will play a critical role in providing technical support and medical care to children referred from Spokes.

A key component of the initiative is a multilingual digital platform, developed by Al maviva and Salesforce, which integrates telehealth services from Teladoc Health. This platform will facilitate communication between Hubs and Spokes, allowing for efficient coordination of care. Healthcare workers at Spokes will identify urgent pediatric cases and gather necessary medical documentation before sending it to Hubs for appropriate treatment.

Fabrizio Arengi Bentivoglio, President of Patrons of the World's Children Hospital, pointed out that many children worldwide are in desperate need of medical assistance. He specifically mentioned those affected by conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, as well as children suffering from human rights abuses



and natural disasters. Bentivoglio stressed that while some organizations respond to high-profile emergencies, countless children in less visible areas lack essential support mechanisms. “These are the first children we want to help,” he stated.

The Patrons of the World’s Children Hospital is responsible for raising awareness and funds for the initiative while coordinating partnerships with various organizations involved in this effort. Alongside Bambino Gesù Hospital, other partners include Almaviva, Teladoc Health, Medici con l’Africa Cuamm, PIME (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions), and Georgetown University Medical Center.

During an audience with Pope Francis, Father Fortunato and Aldo Cagnoli expressed gratitude for his support

and emphasized the importance of placing children’s fragility at the center of their mission. They believe that this fragility can be transformed into strength for building a better world.

The launch of the Pope’s Global Alliance for Children’s Health marks a significant step towards addressing pediatric healthcare needs globally. By leveraging advanced technology and fostering collaboration among leading healthcare providers, this initiative aims not only to treat one million children but also to create a sustainable framework for ongoing support in regions where it is most needed. As Pope Francis stated during the announcement, “With children, we can build a new world,” underscoring the vital role that healthcare plays in shaping a brighter future for all.

<https://www.indiancatholicmatters.org/transforming-childrens-fragility-into-strength-for-a-better-world/>





HEAD TOPICS

Pope's Global Alliance for helping children launched

The Vatican announces the launch of Pope Francis' Global Alliance for Children to enable one million treatments over three years, through a new initiative that connects top hospitals worldwide, including the Vatican's Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital in Rome. File photo of when Pope Francis arrived for a visit to children with disabilities at the Irmas Alma School for Children, in Dili during his September 2024 Apostolic Journey to Asia.

The second objective is to establish a dedicated network for providing medical care to children worldwide and supporting healthcare workers in the field. As Pope Francis emphasized, "There are incurable diseases, but there are no incurable children." The "Hubs" are centers of medical excellence from around the world, providing expertise and care to the "Spokes"—smaller healthcare facilities

located in underserved regions where medical needs are unmet.

"One of the challenges the World Children's Day Committee faces," they suggested, "is placing the fragility of children at the center and transforming it into the strength of a better world. "There are countless children in desperate need of medical care around the world," said Fabrizio Arengi Bentivoglio, President of Patrons of the World's Children Hospital.

"While there are organizations that respond to emergencies when the global spotlight is on, such as governments, the United Nations, WHO, and various foundations, there are hundreds of thousands of children in less visible areas," he emphasized, stressing they have "ongoing needs, children who lack the protection mechanisms they desperately require.



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Pope: “Global Alliance for Children’s Health, There Are No Incurables”

Taking care of 1 million children in the next 3 years. This is the goal of the Pope’s Global Alliance for Children’s Health, a new global network for health and humanitarian assistance to the little ones. A network that brings together hospital facilities around the world, launched by the American non-profit ‘Patrons of the World’s Children Hospital’, to which Pope Francis entrusted this mission last May 11, at the suggestion of Mariella Enoc. “Children are the seed of our future. With children we can build a new world”: with these words the promoters and partners of the initiative were wel-

comed in audience by the Pope. The alliance has two objectives. On the one hand, to create a global childhood network, a true humanitarian community coordinated by the Organizing Committee of World Children’s Day, led by Father Fortunato and Aldo Cagnoli. On the other, to create a network dedicated to the care of minors throughout the world and to provide specialized support to health personnel in the field because, as the pontiff emphasized, “there are incurable diseases, but there are no incurable children.”

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THE HOYA

GU's Global Health Institute Partners With Pope Francis' Children's Health Care Initiative

Georgetown's Global Health Institute (GHI) announced its collaboration with Pope Francis's Global Alliance for Children's Health Sept. 24.

Pope Francis's initiative, called the Pope's Global Alliance for the Health and Humanitarian Care of Children, will work with Georgetown and other partners to create a worldwide network of hospitals aimed at reaching children who would otherwise lack access to necessary medical care. The pope announced the initiative at a meeting attended by Dr. Norman J. Beauchamp Jr., the executive vice president for health sciences at Georgetown University Medical Center (GUMC); Deus Bazira, the GHI director; and Michael Donnelly, chair of the GUMC department of pediatrics, on Sept. 19.

Beauchamp Jr. said in a press release that GHI and Georgetown are dedicated to improving pediatric health care across the world.

"There are so many children who are suffering in silence, and many organizations who are positioned to bring hope and healing to them," Beauchamp said in the press release. "Georgetown has a recognized expertise in building in-country capacity. It's creating this sustainability that will ensure access to best care today and into the future."

In the past, GHI has **focused** on providing sustainable health care worldwide, such as conducting research and engaging in projects to help with maternal and child health care outcomes.

GHI is working with the Patrons of the World Children's Hospital, a U.S. non-profit with extensive global experience in the "hub-and-spoke" model, in which a central organization helps multiple smaller organizations that will be implemented in the pope's initiative. The non-profit's specific role would be to identify collaboration partners and "spokes" with whom the initiative could connect.

Bazira **said** in a press release that Georgetown's primary role in the collaboration is providing logistical and technical support.

"We'll share best practices for how to enhance the pediatric care delivery ecosystem so that participating hospitals from different regions of the world are best positioned to plan, receive and provide comprehensive care to children wherever they may be," Bazira said in the press release.

"We know from experience and evidence that these types of networks are strongest and most successful when they are community-centered and communities lead in identifying their needs and how best we can sup-



port them,” Bazira added.

Anjali Lauwers (MSB '27) said initiatives like these can serve as inspiration to students, especially to students who have not seen business or operations concepts applied outside the general context of firms and standard career paths.

“Not only does this initiative exemplify many of the core Jesuit values, it also demonstrates how the concepts learned in business can be leveraged in other domains such as medicine in order to build strong organizations with the resources to make change,” Lauwers told *The Hoya*.

“I think that seeing this practical application of core topics taught at Georgetown will be invaluable for many students and will hopefully give some

individuals a new sense of what they want to do with their careers moving forward,” Lauwers said.

Lauwers said that Georgetown’s resources and Jesuit identity make it uniquely suited to initiatives like the GHI collaboration.

“As a student, I think it is very important that Georgetown engages in global healthcare efforts because the university possesses a wealth of knowledge and resources that could positively contribute to these efforts,” Lauwers said. “Additionally, our global standing as a university makes us uniquely well positioned to engage in such efforts, and our status as a Jesuit school makes it quite important to commit to serving others.”

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One million children to receive medical treatment thanks to Vatican's "global partnership"

The work will focus on the creation of a network dedicated to the care of children around the world and specialized support to health personnel in the field

With the blessing of Pope Francis, an ambitious global healthcare project for children has been launched. The initiative, called the *Pope's Global Alliance for Children's Health*, aims to provide medical care to one million children over the next three years, bringing hope and health care to the neediest areas of the world.

Seed of our future

The Holy Father received in audience the promoters and partners of the project, welcoming them with words that underline its importance: "Children are the seed of our future. With children we can build a new world".

The Alliance was proposed by Mariella Enoc, a leading figure on the Italian and international healthcare scene.

President of the Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital of Rome until February 2023, has extensive experience in the healthcare sector and a deep dedication to humanitarian causes. His vision and leadership will therefore play a crucial role in the development of this global initiative, given his extensive experience in the management of healthcare facilities and international projects.

For this reason, Pope Francis entrusted the development of the initiative to the U.S. non-profit organization "Patrons of the World's Children Hospital". The work will focus on two main fronts: the creation of a worldwide children's network, a true humanitarian community - which links with the experience of the **World Children's Day** - and the creation of a network dedicated to the care of children around the world, focusing on specialized support for healthcare workers in the field.

An innovative system

The operational core of the Alliance is based on an innovative system called Hub and Spoke. Hubs are hospitals of excellence that join the initiative around the world, providing specialized expertise and advanced care.

The hubs, on the other hand, are health centers and health points located in areas of the world with a high unmet demand for healthcare. The Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital in Rome, known as "the Pope's hospital," has been designated the first Hub of this worldwide network, confirming the direct involvement of the Holy See.



The connection between the Hub and the Spoke will be made through a multilingual digital platform, integrated with a telemedicine system: a state-of-the-art technological infrastructure that will enable knowledge sharing and remote technical support, thus overcoming geographical barriers and allowing physicians to collaborate in real time in the care of young patients.

Local spokespersons will have the crucial task of identifying the most urgent pediatric cases and preparing the initial medical and administrative documentation. Two leading international health organizations will coordinate their network: CUAMM (Doctors for Africa) and PIME (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions).

Fabrizio Arengi Bentivoglio, President of Patrons of the World's Children Hospital, stressed the importance of

reaching children in less visible areas of the world. "There are hundreds of thousands of children who need help every day in areas that are rarely talked about, for whom there are no protection mechanisms in place," he explained. "These are the first children we want to help," among whom are undoubtedly all those who are suffering the consequences of the war in Ukraine and Gaza or the various natural disasters.

The project involves other relevant organizations in addition to those mentioned above, including companies such as Almaviva and Teladoc Health, but also Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington. Advocacy, fundraising and awareness-raising activities will instead be entrusted to Patrons of the World Children's Hospital.

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ALETEIA

Vatican to provide healthcare to 1 million kids over 3 years

A new international network will see elite hospitals provide services to lesser funded healthcare facilities where needs are unable to be met

The Vatican is on a mission to provide healthcare for one million children worldwide over the next three years. **To accomplish this monumental task, the Holy See has launched a new international network called the Pope's Global Alliance for Children's Health.**

Led by the US nonprofit organization **Patrons of the World's Children Hospital**, the initiative was begun after Pope Francis issued the call in May 2024: **"Children are the seed of our future. With children we can build a new world,"** Pope Francis said.

According to a press release from the organizers of **World Children's Day**, the network will be dedicated to caring for children all over the world, for whom they will provide specialized support to health personnel in the pediatric field. **It is described as "a true humanitarian community," that will be run by the World Children's Day Organizing Committee.**

The network will be designed around the **"hub and spoke system," which will see some of the highest caliber hospitals (hubs) lend aid to lesser funded healthcare facilities (spokes)**

where the demands are unable to be met. Coordination of these services will be run by a "multilingual digital platform" specially designed for the initiative.

Rome's Bambino Gesù hospital, often referred to as "the Pope's hospital," has already signed on to be the first hub of the network.

Known for the high quality of its pediatric care, Bambino Gesù will offer technical support to the doctors and nurses of the spokes for urgent cases. Two hospitals in the USA will also be hubs.

Fabrizio Arengi Bentivoglio, president of Patrons of the World's Children Hospital, commented in the press release: "In the world there are many children in desperate need of medical care. I'm thinking of the children of the war in Ukraine and Gaza, [but] I'm also thinking of other forms of human rights abuses and natural disasters... Unfortunately, there are also hundreds of thousands of children who need daily help in areas that are very little talked about, for whom there are no protection mechanisms. These are the first children we want to help."



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