

Cardinal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga Re-elected as Caritas Internationalis President



Caritas representatives congratulate Cardinal Rodríguez Maradiaga for his re-election as Caritas Internationalis President

The 19th General Assembly (GA) of Caritas Internationalis (CI) was held on 22- 27 May 2011 at Domus Mariae Palazzo Carpegna, Rome focusing on **one human family, zero poverty**. Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga has been elected to another term as President of Caritas Internationalis. It is his second four-year term. Caritas Internationalis has approved Michel Roy as its new Secretary General and elected Jürg Krummenacher as Treasurer for the next four years.

"I'd like to thank the confederation for their support and I look forward to the next four years of service to the poor," said Cardinal Rodriguez. Cardinal Rodriguez won with 75 percent of the votes.

Three hundred representatives from over 160 Caritas Member Organisations including over 50 Bishops, as well as Representatives from the Holy See, International Organisations, Diplomats and other Faith Groups were present at the opening ceremony on 22 May 2011 in Rome.



Michel Roy, the new Caritas Internationalis Secretary General



Dr. Benedict Alo D'Rozario, Executive Director of Caritas Bangladesh is seen conducting the Election

Cardinal Rodriguez told delegates, "Poverty is unacceptable as it affects the dignity and equality of the human person and thus the whole human family. One human family - zero poverty is more than just a slogan. It is the summary of our will to fight injustice and poverty. It is a simple expression of our understanding of the world."

From Caritas Bangladesh Most Rev Theotonius Gomes, CSC, President and Dr. Benedict Alo D'Rozario, Executive Director of Caritas Bangladesh attended the GA.