

Address of the President of the ECPCC Father Adamantios Avgoustidis, MD, PhD

Dear friends,

participants and supporters of the ECPCC meetings,

The year 2005 is coming to an end. When we look back we can see much human suffering in the world as well as human happiness. I am sure that each one of you experienced the same in your pastoral care and counseling. I do hope that you are able to look back on your work with inspiring satisfaction.

Our last council meeting was in Sigtuna, Sweden in august 2005. We enjoyed meeting each other and exchanging on the theme "The Sacred and the Secular". I wish to thank Rev. Kirsti Aalto and Rev. Asa Johnson for their hospitality and the excellent organization of the meeting.

Meanwhile we have good news to share. The next council meeting in 2009 will be in Leuven, Belgium. The Catholic University, Faculty of Theology will be our host. I was in Leuven in November to meet with Professor Kristiaan Depoortere and Dra Anne Vandenhoeck, who will organize the meeting, and it promises to be an interesting council in a nice university town!

Please visit our website which has been renewed in an excellent manner by Klaus Temme. We will post news on the coming council whenever we can.

I wish you and your dear ones a merry Christmas and a blessed 2006!

sincerely yours

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