



Monthly Highlights

September 2014

International Interreligious Affairs

Sept. 7-9, Antwerp

The annual international interfaith gathering of the Community of Sant Egidio was held this year in Antwerp Belgium from September 7th to the 9th under the rubric “Peace is the Future”.

http://www.santegidio.org/pageID/5373/langID/en/Antwerp_2014_Peace_is_the_future.html

(full program may be seen at : <http://santegidio.be/pif/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Peace-is-the-Future-PROGRAMMA-Antwerpen-2014.pdf>) see also :

<http://vaticaninsider.lastampa.it/en/news/detail/articolo/st-egidio-antwerp-belgium-36181/>.

I was honored to preside over the panel on “Sustainable Development and the Fight against Poverty in 21st Century” that included Professor Jeffrey Sachs of the Columbia Earth Institute and Christophe de Margerie the head of the Total energy multinational.

See: http://www.santegidio.org/pageID/5373/langID/en/orator/260/Rosen_David.html

I also spoke on the panel on the theme “Building a more Human Society Starting from the Poor”

See: http://www.santegidio.org/pageID/4329/langID/en/orator/260/David_Rosen.html

Sept. 16-18

I made a brief visit to New York for the gala event honoring AJC President Stanley Bergman and his family on the evening of the 17th at which I moderated an interfaith panel of Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Rev. Calvin Butts III and Suhag Shukla of the Hindu American Foundation. See: <http://news.yahoo.com/ajc-honors-stanley-m-bergman-bergman-family-global-134300601.html>

On the preceding evening I spoke at a Jewish-Christian dialogue with Professor David Skeel of Philadelphia, organized by Columbia University’s Veritas Forum and Hillel; and on the morning of the 17th met in Westchester with about twenty Christian Protestant clergy to discuss the situation of Christians in the Holy land at an event organized by the AJC’s regional office.

Media

Media items included excerpts from an extensive interview on German radio http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/serie-die-grosse-vielfalt-religioesen-lebens-in-israel.886.de.html?dram:article_id=297813;

and was quoted in an article in the Religious News Service which was run in USA Today, on religious views of taking up arms against ISIL following on from pope Francis' comments on the subject: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2014/09/25/religious-leaders-split-on-dealing-with-isil-and-attacks/16096229/>

I was also interviewed by PBS on the significance of the Four Species on the Festival of Sukkot.