



2016 ended with great results and 2017 has already started with many projects for the development of Paediatric Palliative Care in Italy and around the world.



NEWS

Wednesday the 8th February 2017, the 'Religions of the World Charter for Children's Palliative Care' arrives at the Scottish Parliament

Silvia Lefebvre D'Ovidio, who presented this important document before Members of the Scottish Parliament and representatives of the main faiths and religions, commented: *"Italy is the first nation to have ratified legislation stipulating the right of babies, children and adolescents (0-18 years) to access dedicated palliative care services appropriate to their age and specific needs. The 'Religions of the World Charter for Children's Palliative Care', conceived and supported by the Maruzza Foundation, represents an important step in the global development and diffusion of this essential care. I am very proud to be a voice speaking out for children's palliative care today in Edinburgh and I am sure that the Scottish initiative will be another important step in raising awareness of this much neglected problem that regards nearly 21 million seriously ill children and their families worldwide."*



TOGETHER, FOR A BETTER TODAY.

NEWS

A new image for the Foundation

With the aim of focusing and emphasizing our mission and to reiterate our important message, the Foundation's logo and website have recently undergone an important restyling. The Foundation's new graphic image was launched during the 3rd Congress on Children's Palliative Care - a Global Gathering in November 2016.

EVENTS



The 3rd Congress on Paediatric Palliative Care - A Global Gathering

Rome, 16th -19th November 2016

The 3rd edition of the International Congress on children's palliative care saw the active participation of 360 experts from 46 countries worldwide. *'The Congress provides a valuable opportunity to gain a broader vision and participate in a wider discussion ... The four days of the congress were very enriching both on a professional level, as we were able to exchange tools, methods and experiences and from a personal point of view as we shared important personal interactions which, particularly in our work, are very important,'* commented Franca Benini (Congress President).

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EVENTS

On the 11th December 2016 at the Parco della Musica Auditorium in Rome, The Winds of the Berlin Philharmonic Concert in Support of Children's Palliative Care

The return of the Winds of Berlin Ensemble to the Eternal City was a truly emotional event. Over 800 supporters came together in the Sala Sinopoli of Rome's most important musical auditorium to express and confirm their endorsement of the Foundation's mission to guarantee palliative care as a right for all seriously ill children.

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MARUZZA LYCEUM

The first institute in Italy to offer specific training in Children's Palliative Care and Pain Management in accordance the Core Curriculum of the Italian Palliative Care Society (SICP) was successfully launched in September 2016. The Maruzza Lyceum's programme of professional workshops will continue throughout 2017.

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MARUZZA REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Another Regional Maruzza Association is



established Liguria.

The Foundation's network of regional associations continues to spread across the country. In December 2016, a new Regional Maruzza Association, operating out of Genoa, was inaugurated for the Liguria Region.

Yet another important step for the development and realization of the national children's palliative care and pain management service network in Italy.



THE WORLD RELIGIONS CHARTER

Following the publication and distribution of the **Religions Of The World Charter For Children's Palliative Care**, a unique document advocating global access to palliative care services for children, and to date endorsed by over 1200 people worldwide, on the **30th March 2017**, another important workshop is being prepared, with the Pontifical academy for Life (PAV), to formulate and validate another **World Religion's Charter for Palliative Care**, but this time for **older people**.

Who we are

THE MARUZZA FOUNDATION

We are an organization operating nationally and internationally in the field of palliative care. Our mission is to raise awareness and advocate for effective palliative care and pain management that enhances the quality of life, respects values and safeguards the dignity of all people with serious illness.

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