SALVATORE MARTINEZ

EDUCATION

A **graduate in Paleography and Musical philology** with highest honours at the University of Pavia (Italy), modern and classical literature studies, with a thesis of specialization on the history of the Pontiffs of the first millennium.

HUMAN SKILLS

- Empathy and Compassion
- Man of Faith
- Man of Vision
- Leadership
- Philanthropy
- Social Networking
- Diplomacy and Dialogue
- Public Speaking
- Analytical Ability
- Organizational Capacity

PASSIONS

Music | Reading | Humans Rights | Social Volunteering

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WHO I AM

Salvatore Martinez *was born in the ancient city of Enna, the geographic centre of the Sicily island (Italy), in 1966 and he is married. He assumed various and growing responsibilities, from an early age, in the ecclesial, cultural, social and pre-political spheres, building friendly relations and unique partnerships nationally and internationally. Christian, multifaceted, strong-willed, creative, he has given life to significant training methodologies and innovative charity projects, also based on intercultural and ecumenical.*

1. ACADEMIC - EDITORIAL (1/2)

He carries out an intense **editorial activity**. Some published texts have been translated into English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Polish, Mandarin. He has already published **32 books**, 2 in 2021; the latest "Pope Francis. Holy Spirit, an inexhaustible source of life" is dedicated to a commentary on Pope Francis' writings on the Holy Spirit, published by Edizioni Paoline.

Among the books published by Edizioni San Paolo, we should note: "*Impelled by the Spirit*", of May 2014, a text that has had a wide editorial circulation in all newsstands in Italy (it was the second book in the rankings of all the readers sold in Catholic bookstores and among the top 100 best-selling books among the catalogues of Italian publishers), translated into Spanish, English, Portuguese and French.

Published by RnS, "*Pope Francis and the Holy Spirit, News, Harmony, Mission*" was among the most popular religious texts at the 2014 Frankfurt International Book Fair and Buenos Aires International Book Fair.

An **expert in sacred music**, he has composed many pieces used in the liturgical repertoire, recorded in over **20 musical productions for choir and orchestra,** broadcast in many countries worldwide. He collaborates with Italian and foreign magazines on topics of spirituality or related to the Social Doctrine of the Church.

He has held and carried out **teaching, courses, consultancy** for Pontifical and Catholic Universities in Rome and various countries, for Institutions and Training Institutes in Italy and abroad. In the academic year 2018-19, before the pandemic, he held a Specialization Course in Dogmatic Theology on "*Theology of the Holy Spirit*" at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, a university where Catholic jurists from all over the world train.

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BOOKS [1-5]

"Francesco – Spirito Santo sorgente inesauribile di vita"

2021, Edizioni Paoline

"La Gioia di essere Liberi"

2021, Edizioni RnS

"La vera rivoluzione è spirituale.
La straordinaria attualità dell'umanesimo cristiano in don Luigi Sturzo"

2019, Edizioni Rubbettino

"Paolo VI -Umanità e spiritualità"

2018, Edizioni RnS

"Rimane con voi e sarà in voi.
La vera crisi è spirituale, ma lo Spirito Santo non è in crisi!"

2017, Edizioni RnS

1. ACADEMIC - EDITORIAL (2/2)

He is heavily involved as **a speaker and a trainer**. Before the pandemic, he regularly held over **70 lectures a year,** many of which were published in popular magazines and websites. He has spoken at national and international conferences in **49 Countries of the five continents** on topics of a spiritual nature, with particular regard to young people, families, priests, the promotion of the laity, social hardship, the Social Doctrine of the Church, invited by Vatican Dicasteries, by National Episcopal Conferences, by Universities, by public Institutions, cultural and social Organizations.

2. PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS (1/3)

Salvatore Martinez has been the **first lay person to preside over Renewal in the Holy Spirit** (*Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo - RnS)* since 1997. The Renewal in the Holy Spirit in Italy is a private Association of faithful whose Statutes have been recognized by the Bishops' Conference of Italy and the Holy See. It has about **1700 Groups and Communities** in Italy, with over **250.000 members**, **9 Missions** outside Italy (among which the Republic of Moldova and Israel), Training schools, a Publishing House, a Foundation for the promotion of socially valuable projects, a service company for the organization of events.

He is a **Consultor, appointed by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis,** *ad quinquennium*, since 2012, of the Pontifical Council to Promote the New Evangelization.

He was a **Consultor, appointed by Pope Benedict XVI**, *ad quinquennium*, from 2008, of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, an appointment that Pope Francis renewed in 2013 until the dissolution of the Dicastery.

He was a **Consultor, appointed by Pope Benedict XVI**, *ad quinquennium*, from 2009 of the Pontifical Council for the Family. Pope Francis renewed this appointment in 2014 until the dissolution of the Dicastery.

He was President of the Vatican Foundation "***International Center Family of Nazareth***" (ICFN), created by Pope Benedict XVI, from 2012 to 2019 until the dissolution, with headquarters in the Vatican and endowed with public canonical and civil Vatican juridical personality, for the development of the Magisterium of the Family in the world, with a special mandate to build and manage the "Pope's Home for Families" in Nazareth, as an ecumenical and interreligious way of dialogue and peace in the Middle East, according to the intentions of St. John Paul II, renewed by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

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BOOKS [6-11]

Rinnovamento, un prodigio inesauribile di Dio“

2017, Edizioni RnS

“E Misericordia sia!“

2016, Edizioni RnS

“Il Rinnovamento serve alla Chiesa.
Papa Francesco”

2015, Edizioni RnS

“Rinnovamento.
Una grazia pentecostale per la chiesa e per il mondo”

2015, Edizioni RnS

“Sospinti dallo Spirito.
Ripartiamo dal Cenacolo”

2014, Edizioni San Paolo

“Papa Francesco e lo Spirito Santo.
Novità, Armonia, Missione perchè sia sempre Pentecoste”

2014, Edizioni RnS

2. PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS (2/3)

He has been a **Member**, since 2000, of the **International Charismatic Consultation (ICC)**, the ecumenical organization that brings together the foremost Christian charismatic leaders of the world.

He was international **vice President of Youth Arise International (YAI)** from 1996 to 2018, a training project in evangelization reserved for young people, which organizes events all over the world, especially animation gatherings on the eve of the World Meetings of the Youth organized by the Vatican with the presence of the Popes (the first in 1997 in France).

He is **President of the Foundation "Alleanza del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Onlus"**, from 1997, recognized by the Italian Republic, which works in the field of training the trainers with the organization and promotion of national and interregional schools dedicated to families, young people, animators and social workers, also through initiatives aimed at reducing the social disadvantage.

He has been **President of the Foundation, Institute for Human Promotion "Mons. Francesco Di Vincenzo"**, since 2000, a Moral Entity recognized by the Italian Republic in 1995 and an Ecclesiastical Entity by the Diocese of Piazza Armerina in Sicily in 1989, an institution that works for the integration of social formations which ground the dignity of man (Church, Family, Education, Work). The Foundation has given birth to the "Polo di Eccellenza della Solidarietà e della Promozione Umana «Mario e Luigi Sturzo»", social activity for the redemption of prisoners, ex-prisoners, migrants landed in Lampedusa, the southern gateway to Europe, as well as unaccompanied immigrant minors.

He was **President of the "Casa Museo Sturzo" Foundation**, from 2009 to 2020, (recognized in 2010 by the Sicilian Region as a "Private Museum of Regional Interest") at the noble palace of the Sturzo family, in the historic centre of Caltagirone. Here arose the ideals of democracy that inspired Don Luigi Sturzo, founder of the Italian People's Party and inspirer of the Christian Democracy that led Italy from 1946 to 1992.

He has been a **historical Member** of the **"Forum of Family Associations"** since 1998, an Italian national organization that brings together 53 national associations and 20 regional forums for the promotion and protection of family rights.

He has been a **founding Member,** since 2004, of the **Science and Life Association,** a national organization to which men and women leaders are committed to bioethics.

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BOOKS [12-17]

"Spalanca il cuore a Gesù e annuncia il Vangelo!. Una nuova evangelizzazione carismatica"

2013, Edizioni RnS

"I cinque sguardi di Maria. Per una nuova evangelizzazione"

2012, Edizioni RnS

"Abbiamo bisogno di questo Rinnovamento! Benedetto XVI"

2011, Edizioni RnS

"Ridire la Fede, ridare la Speranza, rifare la Carità"

2011, Edizioni RnS

"Famiglia ritorna all'Amore"

2009, Edizioni RnS

"Ho visto il Signore"

2008, Edizioni RnS

2. PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS (3/3)

He was a **Member of the Bureau of Rete in Opera**, from 2011 to 2014, for two terms, an Italian national body to which 24 Catholic or Christian-inspired Associations and Movements belong, for a user base of 6 million people, an organization founded on the principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church, an expression of the political autonomy of civil society on issues of greater public importance.

He is **President of the "Laudato si'" Association for the national project "Lab.Ora.",** since April 2016. 1,000 young people for a service leadership". The initiative represents an implementation response to Pope Francis's appeal to Christians present at the V National Ecclesial Convention in Florence 2015. It is an innovative and systemic format, interdisciplinary and open to international developments and collaborations.

3. PROFESSIONAL INITIATIVES (1/5)

He **coordinates the Italian Delegation,** from 2002, which participates in **Washington to the "*National Prayer Breakfast*" (NPB)**. He was a speaker at the 63rd NPB, on 4 February 2015, the only Christian European to deliver a speech in the session dedicated to the Middle East, together with Jewish and Muslim speakers, on the theme "*Family, the Middle East and Pope Francis*".

He **took part** as an **Auditor**, appointed by **Pope Benedict XVI**, **at the XIII Ordinary General Assembly of Synod of Bishops** on the "*The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith*", held at the Vatican from 7 to 28 October 2012.

He was **part of the Delegation of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem** on the invitation of the Authorities of Israel, Jordan and Palestine, on **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Pope Francis,** 24-26 May 2014.

He **designed and organized,** as President of the RnS**, "10 Squares for 10 Commandments**. *When love gives a meaning to your life*". The project, arranged over sixteen months (June 2012 - October 2013), was **supported by Benedict XVI and Pope Francis** (who for the occasion recorded the first video message of the Pontificate dedicated to this event), carried out with the Patronage of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization and with the approval of the Italian Episcopal Conference, in the aftermath of the special Synod on the New Evangelization called by Pope Benedict XVI, in the heart of the Year of Faith. A "motorcade" that touched the **11 main cities of Italy** (Rome, Naples, Verona, Milan, Bari, Genoa, Cagliari, Palermo, Bologna, Turin and Florence) involving 12 archbishops and cardinals; 11 mayors; 7 RAI television hosts; over 30 artists; over 30 witnesses including journalists, actors, people engaged in civil society, poets, economists, sociologists, judges, sportsmen, entrepreneurs, philosophers, scientists and astronauts; **a live audience of around 100,000 people. There were 11 live television broadcasts with over 1.000.000 viewers per evening**, hundreds of articles in the leading national newspapers and thousands of news agency launches and television reports.

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BOOKS [18-22]

"Una straordinaria apologia dello Spirito Santo. Antologia ragionata degli scritti di Papa Benedetto XVI"

2006, Edizioni RnS

"Un tempo per seminare, un tempo per raccogliere"

2007, Edizioni RnS

"C'è una speranza che non delude. Il tempo dello Spirito"

2007, Edizioni RnS

"Uno solo è lo Spirito. Vita carismatica e fraternità. Una sfida aperta alla nuova evangelizzazione"

2006, Edizioni RnS

"Cristoterapia della gioia. Per riscoprire il potere della preghiera"

2006, Edizioni RnS

3. PROFESSIONAL INITIATIVES (2/5)

He **organized and presided at the Olympic Stadium in Rome** (1-2 June 2014), as President of the RnS, with the striking **presence of Pope Francis**, the **37th Convocation of the Renewal with 52,000 people** present and representatives **from 64 Countries** around the world. It was the first time in history that a Pontiff attended a gathering in a Stadium organized by an ecclesial Movement.

He **organized and presided the international event in St. Peter's Square** (3 July 2015), as President of the RnS, in the presence of 35,000 people, "Voices in prayer for t*oday's* martyrs. For a spiritual ecumenism and an ecumenism of blood", with the **special participation of Pope Francis**, on the occasion of the 38th Convocation of the Renewal. There were 11 Cardinals and Pastors of the three Christian traditions (Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox) and artists **Andrea Bocelli, Noa** (Israel), **Don Moen** (USA) and **Darlene Zschech** (Australia).

He **has designed, presides over and guides an annual, special National Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** as President of the RnS since 2007. Over 200 people participate in musical entertainment, mystagogical conferences, and spiritual experiences every year. The Pilgrimage takes place in the main areas of the Christian faith, also through the involvement of the Arab Christian community in Israel and Palestine, as well as representatives of the 3 Abrahamic religions present in the Holy Land, starting with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Custody of the Holy Land.

He **has designed, presides over and guides an annual National Family Pilgrimage for the Family to Pompei**, as President of the RnS, since 2008, a popular gesture of prayer that unites grandparents, parents and children through the "*Rosary of the Family*", starting from the first edition in collaboration with the Pontifical Council for the Family, with the National Office for the Pastoral Care of the Family of the CEI and with the National Forum of Family Associations.

He **organized and chaired,** as President of the Vatican Foundation ICFN, on the occasion of the **Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family**, under the aegis of the **General Secretariat of the Synod,** at the Pontifical Urbanian University (**Rome**, 11 October 2014), an **International Conference:** "A look of truth and mercy on the Family in the Middle East". Speakers were the Oriental Patriarchs **Card. Béchara Boutros Raï** (Lebanon, for the Maronites), **Card. Louis Raphaël I Sako** (Iraq, for the Chaldeans), **H.B. Fouad Twal** (Holy Land, for the Latins) and **H.B. Ignace Youssif III Younan** (Syria, for the Syrians).

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BOOKS [23-27]

"Il Vangelo dello Spirito Santo in Giovanni Paolo II. Mille pensieri per il cuore dell'uomo"

2005, Edizioni RnS

"Sintesi del cammino spirituale e pastorale 2001-2003"

2004, Edizioni RnS

"Voi fratelli non lasciatevi scoraggiare nel fare il bene. Suggerimenti per un'animazione spirituale"

2003, Edizioni RnS

"La guida pastorale. Missione di un responsabile nel servizio carismatico" (con padre Giuseppe Bentivegna)

2002, Edizioni RnS

"L'esperienza dei carismi. In un incontro di preghiera comunitaria" (con padre Giuseppe Bentivegna)

2002, Edizioni RnS

3. PROFESSIONAL INITIATIVES (3/5)

He **organized and chaired**, as President of the Vatican Foundation ICFN, in the aftermath of the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family, "Amoris Laetitia", at the Pontifical Urbanian University (**Rome**, 21 September 2016), an **International Conference** entitled: "*The Mother of all Crises is Spiritual! For a Culture of Encounter (Pope Francis) "*, an intercultural reinterpretation with high representatives of the three monotheistic religions. Among them **Maria Teresa Grand Duchess of Luxembourg** and **prof. Mohammad Sammak,** a member of the Presidential Board of the World Conference Religion for Peace.

He **organized and chaired,** as President of the **Observatory on Religious Minorities in the World and Respect for Religious Freedom** at **MAECI**, between **Rome** (21 December 2017, Auditorium of the Pontifical Antonian University and International Conference Hall of the Palazzo della Farnesina) and **Assisi** (22 December, Papal Hall of the Sacred Convent, Hall of the Undressing of the Bishop's Palace and Porziuncola in the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli) - the **International Conference** on the theme: "*Dialogue between cultures and religions in the promotion of peace: 800 years of Franciscan presence on Terra Santa* "**in collaboration with the Custody of the Holy Land**", with the participation of the highest diplomatic and religious representatives from the Middle East and those accredited in Italy, belonging to the three Abrahamic religious traditions.

He **was among the promoters and organizers** of the **International Conference in Rome** on the "Responsibility of States, Institutions and Individuals in the Fight against Anti-Semitism in the OSCE Area", scheduled in the framework of the 2018 OSCE Italian Chairmanship, held on 29 January 2018 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - Hall of International Conferences, with the presence of the highest religious and political authorities of Israel, from Jerusalem and Washington.

He **went on a mission to Canada**, in the context of the OSCE Representation, specifically to **Toronto** (1-2 October 2018) - **Montreal** (3 October) - **Ottawa** (4-5 October), on a "joint visit" with the other two Special Representatives, **Rabbi Andrew Baker** (for Anti-Semitism) and **prof. Bulent Senay** (for Islamophobia). The visit included **60 meetings and hearings** with the main Representatives of governmental, civil, religious and social institutions.

He **intervened** as President of the Vatican Foundation "ICFN", in November 2018, at the «**World Tolerance Summit**», held at the Armani Hotel in **Dubai**. The Conference was the first worldwide event on the theme of Tolerance, peace and cultural understanding of humanity, was promoted by the International Institute for Tolerance under the patronage of **Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum,** UAE Vice President, Prime Minister of Dubai, and attended by over 1,500 government leaders.

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BOOKS [28-32]

"Sulle orme dello Spirito Per un cammino di vita nuova"

2002, Edizioni RnS

"Voglio parlare ai vostri cuori"

2000, Edizioni RnS

"L'accoglienza" (con padre Matteo La Grua e padre Mario Panciera)

1999, Edizioni RnS

"Come colui che serve" (con padre Matteo La Grua)

1997, Edizioni RnS

"Mistagogia dell'alleanza e della distruzione degli idoli" (con padre Matteo La Grua)

1995, Edizioni RnS

3. PROFESSIONAL INITIATIVES (4/5)

He **has been collaborating,** since 2019, with the **Italo - Brasileiro University Center** known as "Uniltalo", University in the city of Sao Paulo, with conferences on the Fathers of the Church and the Holy Spirit. The University is connected with the first Catholic television in Brazil, **Rede Seculo 21**, in Sao Paulo. He has collaborated for several years as a guest and consultant for various broadcasts.

He **was a speaker** at the following international meetings, during the year 2018, **in the OSCE context**:

- **Working group Breakfast on Intercultural and Religious**, organized by the specific Commission of the European Parliament, on the theme: "Freedom" (**Brussels**, 23 - 25 April 2018);
- **International Ministerial Conference on the Victims of Ethnic and Religious Violence in the Middle East**, organized by the Governments of Belgium and Lebanon (**Brussels**, 14 May 2018);
- **15th European meeting on the Balkans** - inspired by the tradition of the National Prayers Breakfast - organized by the Commission of the Parliament of Albania, on the theme: "Love your neighbour as yourself" (**Tirana**, 25 - 27 May 2018);
- **International Seminar Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting**, organized by OSCE and ODIHR, on the theme: "*Child Trafficking - From Prevention to Protection*" (**Vienna**, 28 - 29 May 2018);
- **International Conference** on the theme: "*Religious freedom in Russia. The path to dialogue*", organized by the St. Gregory the Theologian Charity Foundation of the Moscow Orthodox Patriarchate, in cooperation with the Presidency of the Russian Federation (**Moscow**, 31 May 2018);
- **Faith and Freedom Summit: practising what we preach in Europe** organized by the Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe (**Brussels**, 28 June 2018);
- **International Conference** on the theme: "*Interreligious Engagement and Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB): a new policy approach for the Mediterranean*" organized by the OSCE, the Institute for International Political Studies - ISPI and the University of Sussex (**London**, Westminster Palace, 12 July 2018);
- **Human Dimension Implementation Meeting** (HDIM), organized by ODIHR (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights) (**Warsaw**, 10-21 September 2018);
- **VI Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions,** the largest dialogue platform in the world promoted since 2003 in Kazakhstan (**Astana**, The Palace of Peace and Accord, 10-11 October 2018);

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3. PROFESSIONAL INITIATIVES (5/5)

- **International Conference** "*Combatting Intolerance and Discrimination, with a Focus on Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief: Towards a Comprehensive Response in the OSCE Region*", organized by ODIHR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation-Farnesina (Rome, Conference Room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, 22 October 2018);
- **25th Ministerial Council Meeting**, at the conclusion of the OSCE Italian Presidency, held in **Milan**, at the Milan Conference Center, 6-7 December 2018.

He **was received,** in the Shaolin Temple in China, in September 2019, **by the Abbot of the Shaolin Temple, the Venerable Shi Yong Xin**, the highest authority of Chan Buddhism in the world, for an exchange of experiences between Zen Buddhism and the Catholic Charismatic Movement, to reaffirm the importance of interreligious dialogue on the theme of spiritual anthropology.

He **has designed and guided**, during the 2020 covid-19 pandemic, the **digital conversion** of the Renewal, which had an extraordinary outcome: **400 people involved** (animators, trainers, evangelizes, witnesses and technicians from all over Italy), for about 4 hours daily content on various platforms, web and social. In March-December 2020, about **60 million minutes were viewed** on the different channels, with hundreds of thousands of people connected **in Italy and 55 countries worldwide.**

He **was Speaker** at the international interreligious meeting **Global Interfaith Summit**, at the Italy Pavilion **Expo 2020 in Dubai** (16 November 2021), with the participation of the highest representatives of the various religious faiths**,** including **Swami Brahmaviharidas**, BAPS Hindu Mandir spiritual leader, **Rabbi David Shlomo Rosen** KSG CBE, International Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee and representatives of the UN Alliance of Civilizations, **Mohamed Abdelsalam**, Secretary-General of the Higher Committee of the Human Brotherhood and High Representative of His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, **Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Jarwan**, President of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (GCTP), **Marina Sereni,** Deputy Minister of the Foreign Affairs of Italy.