



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- The **BADGE** contains all useful information necessary for the Gathering, so it must be carried with you at **ALL TIMES** and kept in sight. The badge will be mandatory throughout the duration of the Gathering for access to any location, for using the private buses and for all outside activities.
- All participants are encouraged to **arrive early** at the Inalpi Arena to facilitate entry.
- To enable everyone to find a seat quickly, it is important **not to linger** in the common areas and to follow the directions of the **VOLUNTEERS**, Hostesses and Stewards.
- At the end of the afternoon activities, it is very important not to linger inside the Inalpi Arena and to **head quickly to your transport (public and private) waiting outside**. The Organisation cannot guarantee any means of transport other than those at the established times.
- We recommend that all participants arrive at the Inalpi Arena with a **charged mobile phone battery** and possibly a spare powerbank.
- Please remember to always download useful activity material onto your mobile phone before leaving the Inalpi Arena or the hotel, as the free WiFi only covers the indoor space.
- No audio/video filming will be allowed during the testimonies.
- All “**extra**” **expenses incurred in the hotel** (mini bar, telephone, laundry service, etc.) must be paid directly at the hotel reception by each individual participant.
- The Gathering organisation is not responsible for participants' extra expenses, except for the accommodation and meals that are provided.



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WELCOME TO TURIN

Dear Team Members from around the world and kind guests, welcome to the International Gathering of the Teams of Our Lady - Turin 2024!

We are pleased to welcome you to our city: many people have been working over the past two years, preparing for the Gathering, so that you all can be hosted in the best possible way and our gathering can be a wonderful opportunity to meet again after Fatima 2018. On these pages you will find useful directions for attending the Gathering: supporting this guide and for anything not contained here, you can **download an App to your cell phone** with daily information for attending the meetings.

For more information about the Gathering (speaker biographies, insights, etc.) and the city of Turin, we refer you to the Turin 2024 website

<https://torino2024.equipes-notre-dame.com/>.

The days of the Gathering will be intense, six days full of reflections, prayer, meetings and meditations that we hope will be enriching for each of you. The main venue for the meetings is the **Inalpi Arena**, a large and modern building in Turin, **ready to welcome you all in the best possible way**.

For any particular need, there will be many volunteers throughout the Gathering period from whom you can ask for information or help; in the Inalpi Arena entrance lobby, the help desk will be open nonstop during all days of the event.

It only remains for us to wish you all a happy Gathering

Organization Team Torino 2024

1. PROGRAM GATHERING

MONDAY, JULY 15

MORNING

Arrival in Turin

AFTERNOON

14.00-15.00: Arrival at Inalpi Arena
Registration for Gathering and distribution
of the participant's kit

16.00: OPENING CEREMONY
Blessing by Archbishop Roberto Repole

EVENING

18.30: Return to the hotel

20.00: DINNER AND REST

TUESDAY, JULY 16

FRAGILITY

“What are you discussing as you walk along?”

7.00: *Breakfast*

8.30: *Arrival at the meeting place*

9.00: *Morning prayer: RR Liban*

*Meditation on the Gospel: **Marina Marcolini***

VIDEO: THE TEAM MEETING

Table Animators: **Thérèse and Antoine Leclerc**

Conference by

Card. José Tolentino de Mendonça

“Eucharist, Source and Summit of Christian Life”

Testimony: **Kathy and Peter Leszczynski**

Testimony: **Esther and Matthias Chiwaya**

11.30: *Pause*

12.00: **EUCHARIST** - SR Francophone Africa

13.15: *Lunch*

MORNING

Depending on the group marked on your badge,
the afternoon's activities differ:

14.00: *Group visit through
the spiritual itineraries*

18.30: *Return to the hotel*

14.00: *Visit to the EXPO*

15.30: *Presentation of the
Social Saints and Prophets*

17.30: *Return to the hotel*

AFTERNOON

20.00: *DINNER*

21.30: **MIXED TEAM**

23.00: *REST*

EVENING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

ENLIGHTENMENT

"...he interpreted to them what referred to him
in all the Scriptures."

MORNING

7.00: *Breakfast*

8.30: *Arrival at the meeting place*

9.00: *Morning Prayer - SR Oceania*

*Meditation on the Gospel: **Marina Marcolini***

VIDEO: THE TEAM MEETING

Table Animators: **Faye and Kevin Noonan**

Conference by **Maria Clara Lucchetti**

"Listening to the Word to illuminate the path"

Testimony: **Viktoriya and Dmytro Demediuk**

Testimony: **Jean-Pierre and Flavienne Mba-Allomba**

11.30: *Pause*

12.00: **EUCCHARIST** - SR USA

13.15: *Lunch*

Depending on the group marked on your badge,
the afternoon's activities differ

AFTERNOON

14.00: *Visit to the EXPO*

15.30: *Presentation of the
Social Saints and Prophets*

17.30: *Return to the hotel*

14.00: *Group visit through
the spiritual itineraries*

18.30: *Return to the hotel*

EVENING

20.00: *Dinner*

21.30: **MIXED TEAM**

23.00: *REST*

THURSDAY, JULY 18

OFFER

“Stay with us”

7.00: *Breakfast*

8.30: *Arrival at the meeting place*

9.00: *Morning Prayer - SR Brazil*

*Meditation on the Gospel: **Marina Marcolini***

VIDEO: THE TEAM MEETING

Table Animators: **Mariola and Elizeu Calsing**

Conference by **Masu and José Manuel Dominguez**

“The profound meaning of the mutual gift of self in marriage”

Testimony: **Jussara and Daniel Chacon**

Testimony: **Esther and Juan Emilio Fernández**

11.30: *Pause*

12.00: Table Animators: **Bernadette and Sylvestre Minlekibe**

12.10: Presentation of the **Association of Friends of Father Caffarel**

12.40: **Elisabeth Saleon-Terras:**

Prayer in the manner of Father Caffarel

13.15: *Lunch*

MORNING

Visit to the EXPO

15.20: **EUCHARIST - SR Portugal**

17.30: **SIT DOWN**

Return to the hotel

AFTERNOON

20.00: *Dinner*

21.30: **MIXED TEAM**

23.00: *REST*

EVENING

FRIDAY, JULY 19

COMMUNION

“With that their eyes were opened
and they recognised him.”

MORNING

7.00: *Breakfast*

8.00: *Arrival at the meeting place*

9.00: Morning Prayer - SR Hispano America South

Meditation on the Gospel: **Marina Marcolini**

VIDEO: THE TEAM MEETING

Table Animators:

Mercedes Gómez-Ferrer and Alberto Pérez

Conference by **Nathalie Becquart**

“*Synodality, a path of communion*”

Testimony: **Pilar and Felipe Caballero**

Testimony:

father Francisco de Assis Motta de Sousa

11.30: *Pause*

12.00: **EUCCHARIST** - SR Spain

13.15: *Lunch*

AFTERNOON

Visit to the EXPO

Return to the seat

15.30: Play by **Michele Albano** (Author and director)

“*Two, on the way, the world changes today*”

16.30: *Pause*

17.30: **FESTIVE EVENING**

EVENING

DINNER (during the festive evening)

22.00: Return to the hotel and rest

SATURDAY, JULY 20

SEND

“So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem...
Then the two recounted what had taken place on the road.”

7.00: *Breakfast*

8.00: *Arrival at the meeting place*

9.00: *Morning Prayer - SR Italy*

*Meditation on the Gospel: **Marina Marcolini***

VIDEO: THE TEAM MEETING

Table Animators:

Paola Cortinovis and Giovanni Cecchini Manara

*Conference by **Gabriella Gambino***

“Let us go with a burning heart”

*VIDEO ON THE THEMES AND THE MESSAGE OF THE MEETING
(edited by Cortinovis and Giovanni Cecchini Manara)*

11.00: *Pause*

11.30: **CLOSING EUCHARIST**

ERI Handover Ceremony

13.00: *Distribution of lunch boxes*

MORNING

Greetings and departure from Turin

AFTERNOON

EVENING

SPIRITUAL SITES

- 1 Church of St. John the Evangelist and Oratory of St. Louis
- 2 Church of St. Mary of the Mount of the Capuchins
- 3 Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and Chapel of the Holy Shroud
- 4 Church of St. Francis of Assisi
- 5 Shrine of the Consolata
- 6 Basilica of Mary Help of Christians and the Valdocco complex
- 7 Chieri
- 8 Colle don Bosco

CONCISE MAP OF TURIN WITH THE LOCATIONS OF THE GATHERING

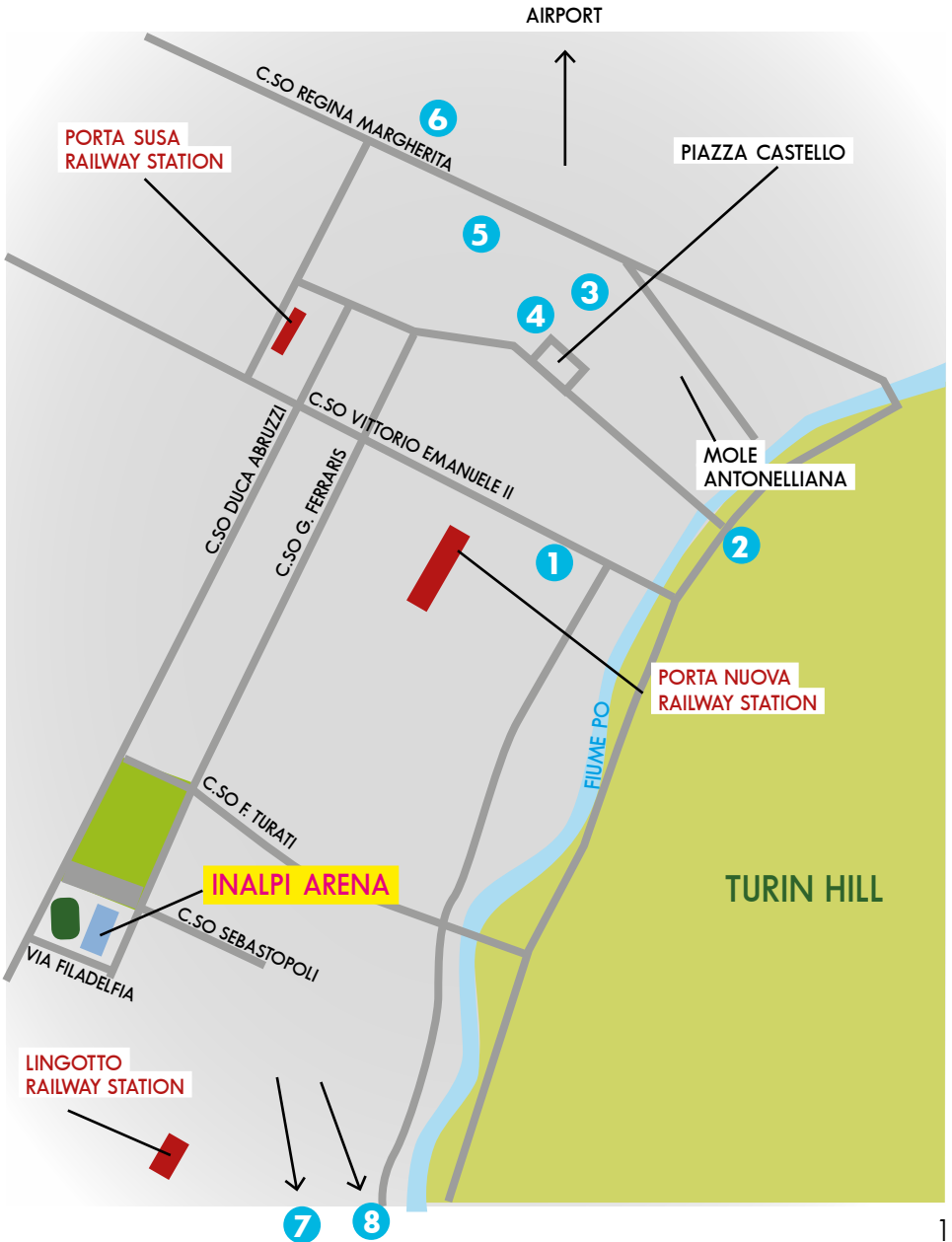


TABLE 2

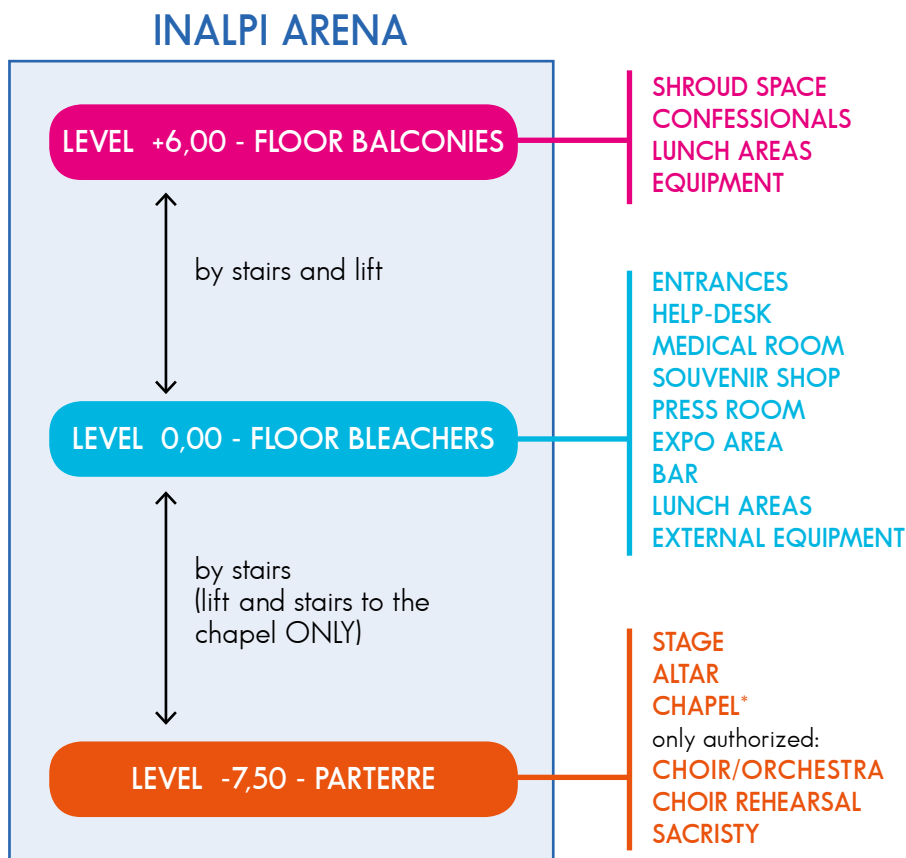
INALPI ARENA AREA



INALPI ARENA: ORGANIZATION OF LEVELS

The structure of the INALPI ARENA has three levels connected by stairs and elevators (see Tables 4, 5, 6).

Seating for attending the GATHERING is on the three levels: **BALCONIES**, **BLEACHERS**, **PARTERRE**.

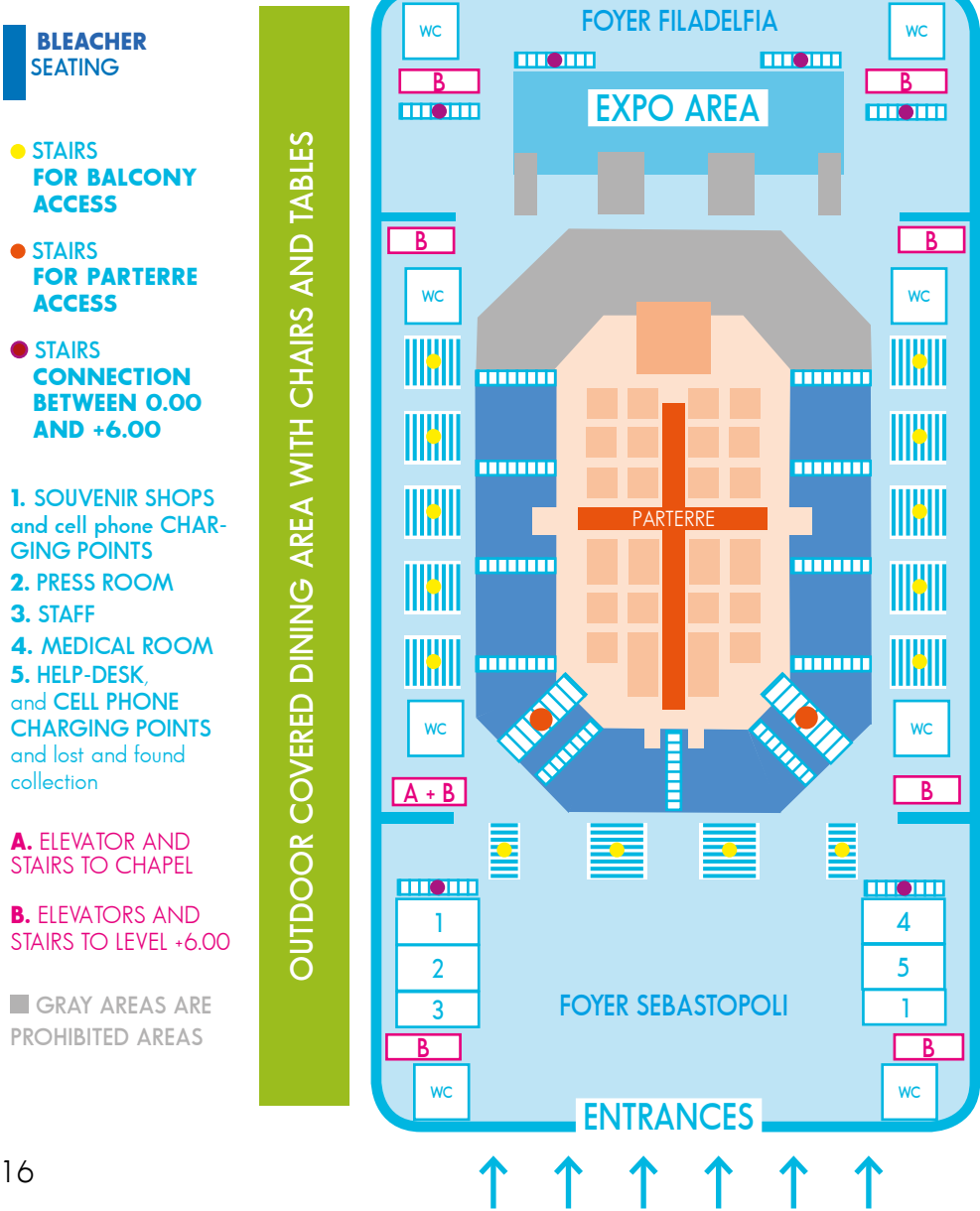


NB. on levels 0 and +6 BATHROOMS (WC) are available, including for people with disabilities.

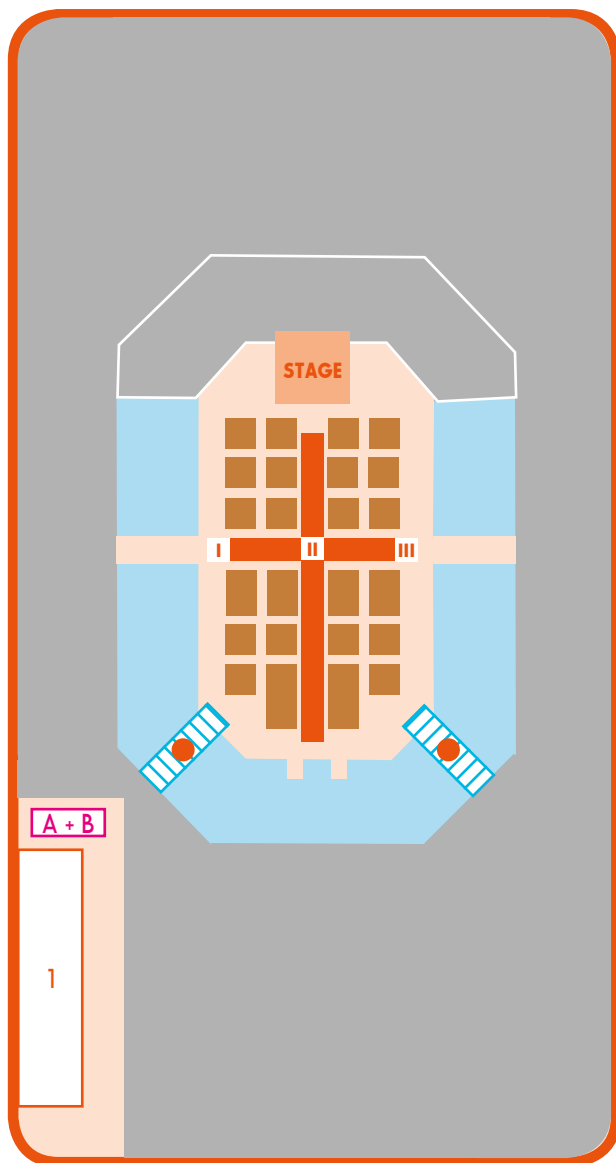
* **THE CHAPEL** can ONLY be reached by stairs and elevator marked on pl. 5.

TABLE 4

INALPI ARENA: LEVEL 0,00 - BLEACHER LEVEL



INALPI ARENA: **LEVEL -7,50** - PARTERRE



PARTERRE SEATING

● STAIRS TO **ACCESS LEVEL 0.00**

- I. CATHEDRA
- II. ALTAR
- III. AMBO

1. CHAPEL

- A. ELEVATOR AND STAIRS TO CHAPEL
- B. ELEVATORS AND STAIRS TO LEVEL +6.00

■ GRAY AREAS ARE PROHIBITED AREAS

TABLE 6

INALPI ARENA: **LEVEL +6,00** - BALCONY LEVEL

BALCONY SEATING

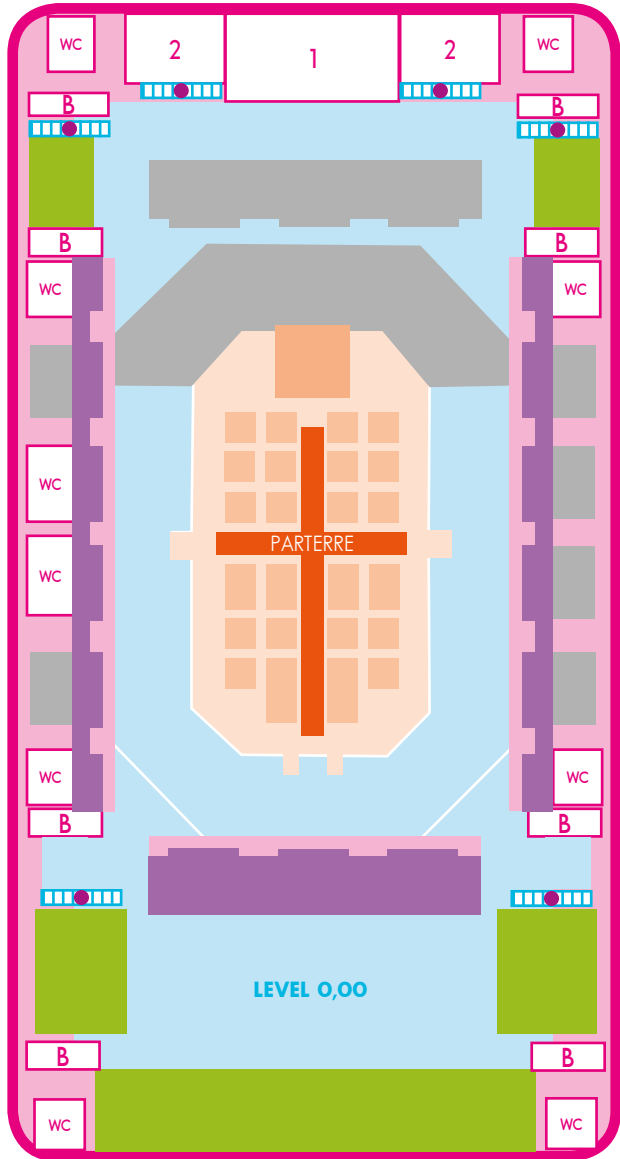
● CONNECTION STAIRCASE BETWEEN **0.00 AND +6.00**

- 1. SHROUD SPACE
- 2. CONFESSIONALS

B. ELEVATORS AND STAIRS TO LEVEL 0.00

■ **DINING AREA** with tables and chairs and cell phone **CHARGING POINTS**

■ GRAY AREAS ARE PROHIBITED AREAS



3. GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1 INALPI ARENA: THE VENUE OF THE GATHERING

The Inalpi Arena will host most of the activities of the Gathering: it is located at **Corso Sebastopoli No. 123** next to the Cavalieri di Vittorio Veneto Park (known as Piazza d'Armi) and the "Grande Torino" Olympic Stadium (see TABLE 1 and 2 pages 13 and 14)

In order to gain access to the Inalpi Arena, it will be mandatory to show the badge: the badge must be displayed promptly to avoid slowing down the entry operations, and all participants are encouraged to **arrive at the entrances ahead of the planned start** of the activities of the Gathering to allow a good influx of people inside.

To enable everyone to find a seat quickly, **it is important not to linger in the common areas** and to follow the directions of the VOLUNTEERS, Hostesses and Stewards.

FROM TUESDAY to SATURDAY it will be possible to enter indifferently from any entrance by showing the badge.

ENTRY/EXIT TIMES:

MONDAY: from 2 p.m. to the end of the Gathering activities

TUESDAY through SATURDAY: 8 a.m. to the end of the Gathering activities

IMPORTANT: At the end of the afternoon activities, it will not be possible to linger inside the Inalpi Arena. We ask that you leave quickly to take advantage of public and private transportation waiting outside the Arena.

3.2 TRANSPORTATION

Transportation from the hotels to the Gathering site will be possible:

- **on foot:** for those who will be in the vicinity of the Inalpi Arena
- **by private bus:** for those who will be staying out of town and will not have nearby public transportation that can connect the hotel to the Inalpi Arena
- **by public transport:** for those who will be accommodated in the city or surrounding areas served by Turin's public transport service (GTT).
- For those moving by subway, there will be a **SHUTTLE BUS CONNECTING** THE "Italia 61" subway stop, Lingotto train station and Inalpi Arena at the following times:
 - » From "Italia 61" stop: daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 - » From Inalpi Arena: during the week at the end of each day (see TABLE 2 page 14)

Note: the last shuttle will leave one hour after the end of the activities

- » **SATURDAY, JULY 20**, at the end of the Gathering there will be a **quick connection shuttle** for those who need to reach, in a short time, the **Porta Susa train station**, from which trains/buses to Milan and Turin-Caselle airports depart

BUS AND TRAM TO REACH INALPI ARENA

(Table. 2, p. 14)

4, 10, 14, 17, 62, 63

5, 55 and 66 (with a short walk)

Participants staying in Turin will be given a **booklet of tickets from the Public Transportation Company (GTT)** for use of the city's buses, subways and trams.

Detailed information will be provided by the Hotels Responsible Couples (HRC).

FOR THOSE USING PRIVATE BUSES

The schedules regarding private bus departures, which you will receive from HRC, must absolutely be respected: the Organization will not guarantee any other means of transportation than those at the established times.

FOR THOSE USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Turin Public Transportation Company (GTT) will provide transportation for participants to the activity venues by providing additional public transportation **ONLY** at the designated times: it is very important, after the activities inside the Inalpi Arena are over, not to linger and to head quickly to your own transportation.

USEFUL LINKS

Public transport service: GTT homepage with route calculator: <https://www.gtt.to.it/cms/>

GTT public transport service, description of routes: <https://www.gtt.to.it/cms/percorari/urbano>

Railway system: SFM Turin: <https://www.sfmtorino.it/>

3.3 BADGES

Each participant is associated with a **BADGE** on which the person's identifying information is printed. The badge is personal, cannot be given away, and should be carried at all times and **kept visible**.

Use of the badge will be mandatory throughout the duration of the Gathering for access to any location, for private buses and for outside activities.

IMPORTANT: The **GROUP** to which you belong is indicated on your badge with a letter: it will be essential for participating in all group activities and for organizing transfers.

Upon arrival at the Inalpi Arena, each participant was given a colorful scarf, which should always be carried with them and which identifies the geographical **ZONE** they belong to:

- **America zone** color **BLUE**
- **Eurafrica zone** color **GREEN**
- **Central Europe-Middle East zone** color **YELLOW**
- **Transoceanic zone** color **RED**
- **Orchestra and Choir** color **ORANGE**
- **ERI** color **WHITE**

3.4 HOTELS

All participants will be lodged in hotels distributed around the city or province.

The placement of the participants in the different hotels was made according to the language skills indicated in the registration form and other personal and logistical needs.

In each hotel there will be a **Hotels Responsible Couple (HRC)**: they will be your reference throughout the Gathering.

On the first day it will be the responsibility of the HRC to provide all the information needed to reach all the places of the Gathering.

IMPORTANT: All “extra” expenses consumed at the hotel (mini bar, telephone, laundry service, etc.) must be paid directly at the hotel reception by each individual participant. The Gathering Organization is not responsible for participants’ extra expenses, other than lodging and meals provided.

3.5 MEALS

Meals will be organized in two modes: “BREAKFAST AND DINNER” and “DAILY LUNCHESES.”

BREAKFASTS AND DINNERS

Breakfast and dinner will be served at your hotel or at nearby restaurants at the times and in the manner provided by HRC.

You are not allowed to have dinner in a hotel other than the one where you are registered.

IMPORTANT: Any drinks or food consumed during the dinner, other than those provided, must be paid directly by the participants at the restaurant/hotel. The organization will not be responsible for any extra expenses.

The directions regarding meals for celiacs mentioned on the registration form have been provided to the hotels, however, it's recommended upon arrival to remind the HRC. Any other allergies should be reported to the caterers.

The **dinner** on **FRIDAY, JULY 19** will be served at the **Inalpi Arena**, according to the directions provided by the Organization (see next chapter).

DAILY LUNCHES AND DINNER ON FRIDAY, JULY 19

All **lunches and dinner on Friday, July 19**, will be served inside the Inalpi Arena.

“**LUNCH BOX**” distribution areas will be arranged inside the Inalpi Arena on the ground floor: all participants are asked to leave the bleachers and locate the distribution areas closest to their seats.

A special distribution line will be set up for people with celiac disease.

Contained in the “Welcome Kit” is **a booklet with vouchers for meals** to be used at Inalpi Arena.

In order to receive your “lunch box” it will be mandatory to hand over to the **VOLUNTEERS** of the distribution, the voucher corresponding to the day (e.g. **TUESDAY, JULY 16/LUNCH**). The voucher will be detached at the time of delivery and will be valid for one meal only.

Where it will be possible to eat the meal:

- inside the Inalpi Arena in prepared areas including some with tables and chairs (intended especially for the elderly) (see **TABLE 6** page 18);
- at covered facilities within the Inalpi Arena perimeter (see **TABLE 4** page 16).
- In the park in front of the Inalpi Arena (Square of Arms) (see **TABLE 2** page 14).

IMPORTANT: It is imperative that you **leave the places** where you have eaten **clean:** waste receptacles are available, and you must adhere to sorting them as indicated on the receptacles (remember to always crush plastic bottles).

Lunch on July 20 is included and can be taken at the Gathering venue, same as all the other meals.

Other food and beverages can be purchased at the BAR services and/or from the vending machines set up inside the Inalpi Arena, but **are not included in the fee and are the responsibility of the participant.**

3.6 TRANSLATION

All speeches will be translated into the five languages (Portuguese, French, Spanish, Italian, English) simultaneously throughout the Gathering.

Listening will be done through the use of a personal cell phone (with personal headphones). In order to listen to the translation, it will be necessary to connect to the Zoom platform by following the instructions available on the website, projected on the large screens in the Inalpi Arena, and shown in the App.

The Inalpi Arena is equipped with a free WiFi service.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that all participants arrive at Inalpi Arena with a charged cell phone battery and a spare power bank. Charging points will still be available (see "Cell Phone Charging Points" for more info)

In the "**LITURGICAL GUIDE**" the texts of the Eucharistic Celebrations and morning prayers are translated (there are also hymns that will be performed in the original language).

All Gathering documents will be available on the Gathering website on the evening of the day in the five languages.

3.7 TORINO 2024 APP

It will be possible to download the **TORINO 2024 App** on your cell phone directly from the Gathering website or by framing the QR below, to get useful information in real time: latest news, program changes, useful links for getting around the city.



3.8 “VOLUNTEER”

Volunteers will be recognizable by their **white bib** with the symbol of the Gathering and the word “**VOLUNTEER**”: they are available to all participants during the Gathering inside the Inalpi Arena. The **VOLUNTEERS** will give directions on the routes to take to reach your seats: it is important to follow their directions.

Alongside these figures will be Hostesses and Stewards (in uniform) to coordinate security inside Inalpi Arena. **Their directions are to be strictly followed.**

3.9 LUGGAGE

Monday, July 15: All those who can leave their luggage at the hotel before arriving at the Inalpi Arena are strongly encouraged to do so in order to facilitate their entry and handling.

IMPORTANT: On the day of departure, **Saturday, July 20**, all those who **DO NOT absolutely HAVE to have their luggage** at the Inalpi Arena and can make other arrangements (e.g., leaving their luggage at the hotel), **MUST NOT bring their luggage with them.**

Only for those who DO NOT HAVE ANOTHER OPTION, a “**luggage space**” will be set up near the Inalpi Arena: directions on where to drop off their luggage will be found on the App.

4. THE VENUES OF THE GATHERING

The activities of the Gathering will mostly take place at the Inalpi Arena: it is a complex building, and this section of the Guide can help each participant get around with ease.

The two foyers on the ground floor are called **FOYER SEBASTOPOLI** (the entrance one) and **FOYER FILADELFIA** (where the EXPO will be located) (see TABLE 4 page 16).

4.1 HELP DESK

On the right side of the Sebastopol Foyer is a **help desk** where you can get information about the **gathering** and **information about the city**.

The help desk will be open daily with round-the-clock hours to provide participants with any necessary help and useful information.

SCHEDULES:

Mondays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday through **Thursday** from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also inside the Sebastopol foyer is a booth of the city of Turin for tourist information.

4.2 WHERE TO SIT: "PARTERRE" BALCONIES AND BLEACHERS

Seating will be distributed in the parterre, balconies, and bleachers: **VOLUNTEERS**, **Hostesses**, and **Stewards** will help distribute participants to the different areas.

One's seat may change on the different days of the Gathering.

Seats in the parterre, for security reasons, will be allocated to a limited number of people.

A space on **level 0.00** will be set up for people in wheelchairs.

It is important **NOT to occupy the chairs covered by cloths** because they are reserved. Especially the chairs behind the altar, are reserved for priests for Eucharistic Celebrations.

Never leave personal items at your places when walking away.

4.3 EXPO AREA

The EXPO area will consist of 25 booths organized and managed by the different SRs and RRs: items from the different areas of the world where the Movement is present will be on display.

For security reasons, each participant will only be allowed to enter the **EXPO ONCE**.

SCHEDULES:

Tuesday through Friday from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., with free but controlled access..

4.4 "SHROUD" SPACE

The Shroud Space is a space set up to host the display of a full-size faithful copy of the Holy Shroud made available by the Diocese of Turin: all who wish will be able to see the cloth up close and take time to reflect on the suffering that the Shroud man endured.

An obligatory route is planned that will accompany participants in front of the copy of the Shroud, allowing a brief moment of silent reflection. Along the route and in dedicated spaces, there are explanatory panels and documentary videos.

SCHEDULES:

Tuesday, Wednesday and **Friday** from 8 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.;

Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

4.5 CONFESSIONALS

From Tuesday to Friday for a few hours of the day, there will be an opportunity for those who wish to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At the participants' disposal, some Spiritual Counselors of different languages will impart the Sacrament of Confession.

Languages are indicated on the confessional: you will not have to make a reservation, but simply choose a seat and get in line, respecting an atmosphere of silence.

SCHEDULES:

Tuesday, Wednesday and **Friday** from 10 a.m. to noon and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.;

Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

4.6 CHAPEL

To enable Gathering participants and intercessors to have moments of personal prayer and reflection, a **Chapel** was set up.

At the end of the Eucharistic Celebration, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Chapel where it will be possible, for those who wish, to remain in Adoration.

SCHEDULES:

Tuesday through **Friday** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For security reasons, the entrances to the chapel will be controlled to regulate the maximum number of people who can enter simultaneously.

4.7 SACRISTIES

Access to the 2 sacristies is allowed only to celebrants or those who have been authorized by the Organization: entrance is directly from the parterre.

4.8 SHOPS AND SOUVENIRS

It will be possible, for those who wish, to purchase items and mementos related to the Turin 2024 International Gathering and more at the SOUVENIR SHOPS according to the times listed below. Purchases with euro cash and credit card will be possible. NO online sales will be available

OPENING HOURS:

Mondays from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and **Thursday** from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

IMPORTANT: During the Eucharistic Celebrations the stores will be closed.

4.9 STADIUM

The Olympic stadium "**Grande Torino**" next to the Inalpi Arena will be used for the Sit Down (see Endeavors for more information).

VOLUNTEERS, Hostesses, and Stewards will help participants to reach the stadium.

4.10 FIRST AID AND MEDICAL ROOM

A medical emergency plan is in place to ensure the presence of a first-aid doctor, with the cooperation of the Public Assistance Association "**Green Cross**", and also to **provide equipped ambulances**.

A **MEDICAL ROOM** with available medical staff will be set up inside the Inalpi Arena to respond to the simplest needs.

4.11 RESTROOMS (WC)

Use of restrooms will be allowed during all times of the Gathering: breaks will be short, so all participants are encouraged to spread out at different times of the day.

The water in all toilets is potable.

Toilets should be left clean and it is obligatory to throw toilet paper directly into the toilet, while it is absolutely forbidden to throw other materials (paper for drying hands, sanitary towels...) into them.

5. CELEBRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GATHERING

The activities of the Gathering will take place over the six days: this chapter provides some practical information useful for the various activities and for the successful execution of the Gathering. For schedules, please refer to the **PROGRAM** (page 6-11).

5.1 OPENING CEREMONY

INALPI ARENA, MONDAY, JULY 15

The Gathering will begin with the Opening Ceremony: this is the welcoming ceremony to all participants by the International Movement, the City and Diocese of Turin, and all those who have prepared the Gathering for Turin 2024.

Participants can watch the start of the International Gathering from their seats by wearing the scarf handed out at the entrance.

It is important to follow the directions of the VOLUNTEERS, Hostesses and Stewards on the areas to be occupied and the places to sit: for the Opening Ceremony you are divided into ZONES

5.2 MORNING ACTIVITIES

INALPI ARENA, DAILY

Each day will begin with a prayer; we will then have the opportunity to listen to a meditation that delves into the Gospel of Emmaus and the theme of the day that will help us to translate the Gospel verses into our experience of faith. The lecture and testimonies will conclude the reflection portion of the morning.

It is necessary for the smooth progress of the Gathering that everyone is always punctual and that an attitude appropriate to the moment of silence and recollection is maintained at all times.

Before the prayer begins, it is necessary to start the simultaneous translation service by connecting to the Zoom platform

IMPORTANT: No audio/video recordings will be allowed during testimonies

5.3 EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

INALPI ARENA, DAILY

An atmosphere of silence and prayer must be maintained during the Eucharistic Celebration.

Texts and songs of all Liturgical Celebrations are contained in the “**Liturgical Guide.**”

During Eucharistic Celebrations, the seats at the side of the altar covered by cloths, reserved for priests, should be left free.

Communion distribution: participants in the Gathering must follow the directions of the VOLUNTEERS, Hostesses and Stewards.

People with celiac disease will receive communion in the chapel at the end of the Eucharistic Celebrations.

All priests are asked to report on time by the chairs behind the altar, having donned the Gathering tunic and stole in order to concelebrate the Eucharist.

5.4 MIXED TEAMS

HOTELS, TUESDAY, JULY 16, WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AND THURSDAY, JULY 18

The Mixed Teams will take place at the hotels where the participants will be lodged and have been formed taking into account the language skills each couple has declared at registration.

The procedures will be provided by the Hotels Responsible Couples (HRC).

The scripts for the Mixed Teams will be provided through the Gathering Site or on the Torino 2024 App.

5.5 SIT DOWN

STADIO OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO, THURSDAY, JULY 18

The Sit Down will be held at the Stadio Olimpico Grande Torino, which is connected to the Inalpi Arena by a guided route: VOLUNTEERS, Hostesses and Stewards will help participants with the routes in and out of the Stadium and in finding places to sit.

When choosing a seat, at least two seats should be left free between couples.

It is necessary for couples to carry the small umbrella contained in the kit.

Scripts for the Duty to Sit will be provided on the Gathering website or on the Torino 2024 App: **the scripts must be downloaded before leaving the Inalpi Arena**, as it will not be possible to use WiFi outside

5.6 CLOSING CEREMONY

INALPI ARENA, SATURDAY, JULY 20

The closing ceremony will take place at the Inalpi Arena at the conclusion of the Gathering.

All participants should bring the “HEART” contained in the “Participant’s Kit” with them after completing its parts (instructions are contained in the kit).

5. GROUP ACTIVITIES

As a reminder, to enable good enjoyment of the Gathering activities, participants have been divided into groups. **The LETTER OF THE GROUP to which one belongs is indicated on the badge.**

During the four days, each group will have the opportunity to participate in different activities, at scheduled times and days.

6.1 THE TURIN CHURCH OF “SOCIAL SAINTS AND PROPHETS”

Since the early 19th century, the “religiosity” of the church in Turin has been distinguished by its attention to the vulnerable individuals in society: the poor, the imprisoned, women, children, the sick. The social vocation of men and women spanning two centuries of history has driven and still drives the Church in Turin.

To narrate this particular aspect of the Church in Turin, two forms of storytelling were chosen: the “Spiritual Itineraries” and the show on “Social Saints.”

6.1.1 SPIRITUAL ITINERARIES

TUESDAY, JULY 16 AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

In order to grasp some peculiar and prophetic aspects of Turinese and Piedmontese religiosity, **FIVE ITINERARIES** will be proposed in the footsteps of **St. John Bosco** and the **saints of charity** (see TABLE 1).

Each participant will be assigned to a group that will reach one of the predetermined destinations, including the **Basilica of Mary Help of Christians in Valdocco**, the **places of the Saint’s childhood in Colle Don Bosco**, the **places of his youth studies and formation for the priesthood in Chieri and Turin.**

It will be a kind of short cultural and spiritual pilgrimage led by people who are experts in the places and volunteers from the Northwest A Regional Team.

We remind everyone to **bring the little umbrella** from the Welcome Kit: it may be very hot outside!

6.1.2 SHOW "THE SAINTS AND SOCIAL PROPHETS"

INALPI ARENA, TUESDAY, JULY 16 AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

The show will recount the charism proper to some figures of saints who spent their lives in charity toward the vulnerable people of society. We will learn more about: the married couple Giulia and Tancredi di Barolo, St. Joseph Cottolengo, St. John Bosco, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Ernesto Olivero and Don Luigi Ciotti.

The show will be offered on two days: **Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30 pm.**

The play was written and will be performed by Teams members from Turin.

6.2 THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:

"TWO ON THE WAY, THE WORLD CHANGES TODAY"

INALPI ARENA, FRYDAY, JULY 19

"Two is not the double but the opposite of one, of its solitude. Two is alliance, a double thread that cannot be broken." (Erri De Luca, The opposite of one).

Why two? Why together? Why us! These are the questions that fostered the creation of the performance that will take us in the footsteps of the disciples of Emmaus: a tale made of words, music and dance.

The play *"Two on the Way, the World Changes Today"* was conceived and written for our Gathering by **Michele Albano**, an Italian Teams member with deep theatrical experience on the themes of faith and the Gospel.

6.3 FIESTA

INALPI ARENA, FRIDAY, JULY 19

With Friday night's Fiesta, all participants will be called for an evening of fun: you are invited to show up with you good humor and willingness to sing and dance!

Dinner on Friday, July 19, will be served at the Inalpi Arena: **meal vouchers and badges must be brought.**

6. USEFUL INFORMATION

7.1 MOBILE PHONE CHARGING POINTS

At the help desk, inside the souvenir stores and on some meal tables, there are multi-usb charging stations for cell phones; remember to bring the cable for charging connection from a USB outlet.

During charging, the cell phone should not be left unattended.

During the event, a support service will always be available at the help desk for those who may have problems connecting with the translation service.

7.2 ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE

The Gathering Organization does not guarantee any coverage related to medical/hospitalization and repatriation expenses. This responsibility lies with everyone through their own personal insurance.

The Gathering Organization undertakes to provide all possible help in the event of accident or illness: in this case, your Hotel Responsible Couple (HRC) must be promptly notified.

7.3 SIM CARDS FOR CELL PHONES

For those who would like to purchase an Italian SIM card, this is possible at specialized stores in town. You can inquire at the help desk about where to find them.

7.4 USEFUL NUMBERS

- **SINGLE EMERGENCY NUMBER:** Dial 112
- TAXI 01 15730 and 01 15737