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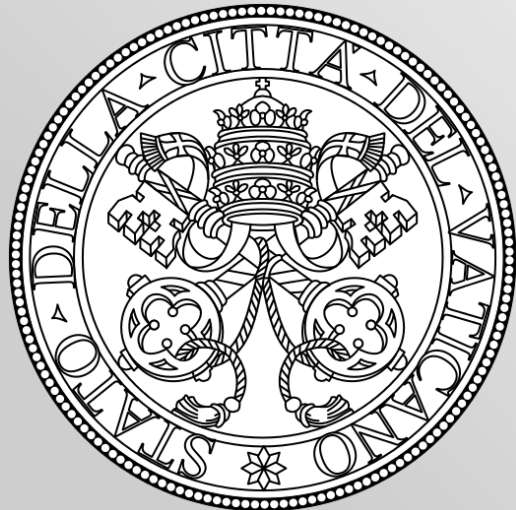
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Dignity and Safety in a Digital Age

World Meeting of Families

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09:30 – 10:20



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Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors



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- Idea for a Commission of experts to advise Holy Father on safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults presented in **December 2013** to Pope Francis by the Council of Cardinals.
- Holy Father asked Seán, Cardinal O'Malley OFM Cap to guide the development of the Commission.
- In the *Chirograph* establishing the Commission, the Holy Father asked Members “to promote local responsibility in the particular Churches. (22 March 2014)
- The first eight Members were chosen from a variety of backgrounds, men and women, lay, religious, and clergy.
- Pope Francis asked them to develop [*Statutes*](#) for the new Commission and to propose further Members from around the world. A further nine members were appointed and the full Commission met in February 2015.



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“Our mission is to **offer advice** to the Holy Father about policies and programs that **promote local responsibility** in the Church for the **protection** of minors (children, young people, and vulnerable adults), and the **healing and care** of survivors.

Our **focus is on policies** in all local Churches, and **educational programs** for all Church personnel.

We **do not** address individual cases, we do not exercise oversight, and we are not a decision-making body.” (October 2015)

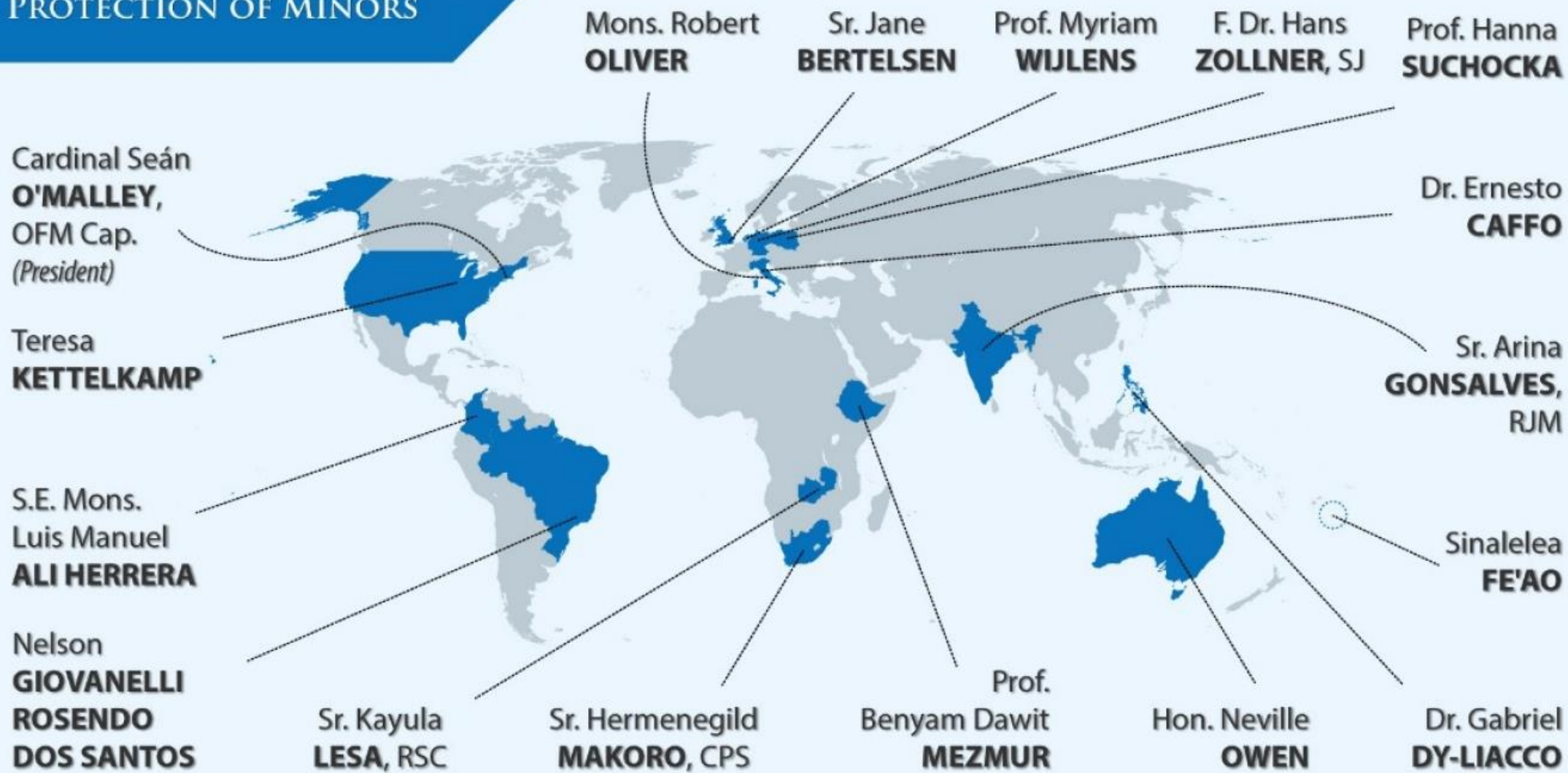


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Proliferation of Internet Use: the Doorway to Good or Evil





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International Telecommunication Union

Originally the **International Telegraph Union**, is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) that is responsible for issues that concern information and communications technologies.

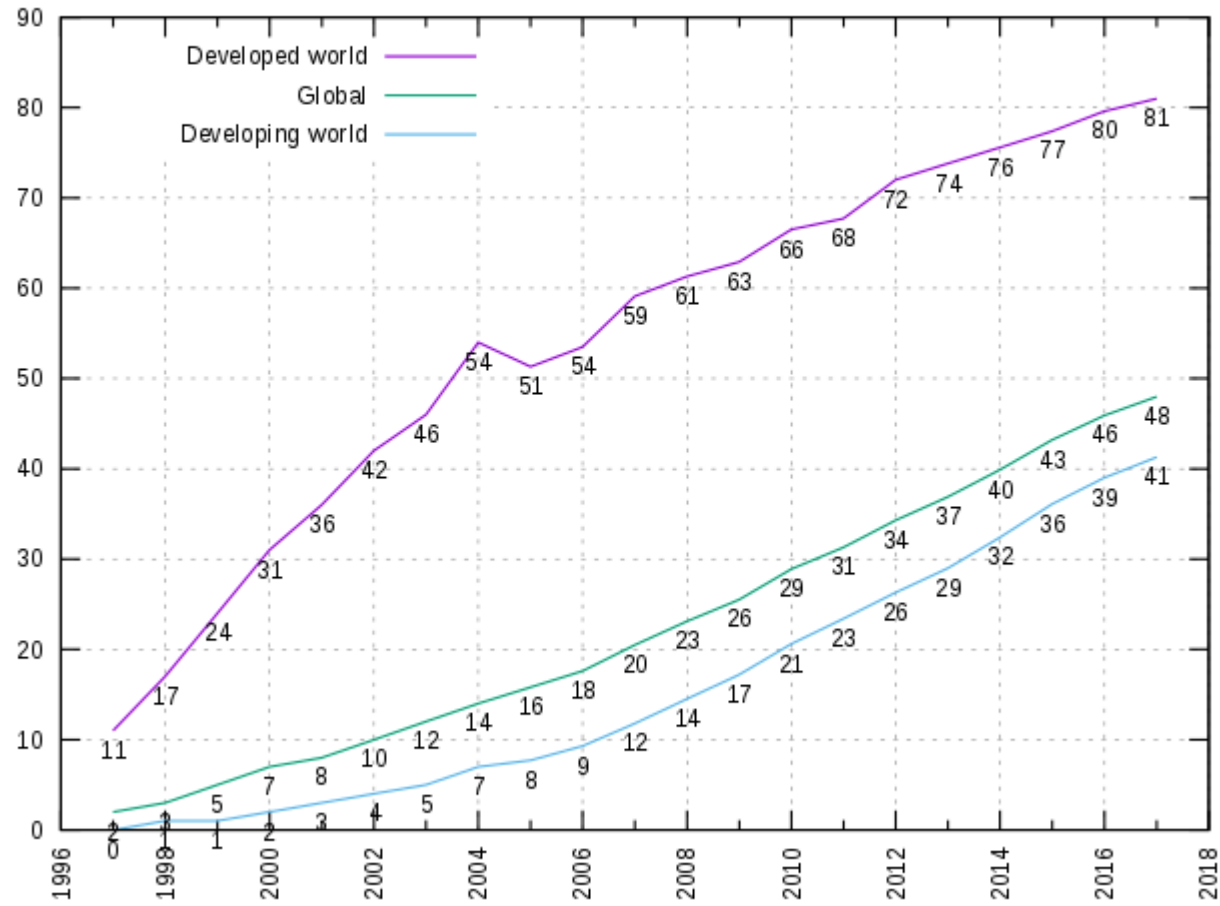


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As of June 2017, 51% of the world's population has internet access. In 2015, the [International Telecommunication Union](#) estimated about 3.2 billion people, or almost half of the world's population, would be online by the end of the year. Of them, about 2 billion would be from developing countries, including 89 million from least developed Countries.



Internet Users Per 100 Inhabitants





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Many good/positive uses....like this presentation



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But with good, there is evil:

Child pornography

Internet extortion and exploitation

Sex trafficking

Cyber bullying and intimidation

Revenge pornography

Sexting

Online predators



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What Can We do?

First Ask: What is our Foundation?



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Our foundation for universal child protection that transcends all types of risk to minors is simple: NOT EASY, but simple:

Two Key Foundational Beliefs:

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THERE IS A SANCTITY OF LIFE & THAT WE ARE ALL MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD.
THE ALPHA AND OMEGA





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If we:
Believe what we say we believe
Believe what scripture states and
Act on our beliefs.



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We would eliminate:

- Abuse
- Poverty
- Racism
- Bullying
- And Hate...to name a few

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But we need heroes to stand up



If you have the ability to help, then:
You have the responsibility to help



THANK YOU

