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medical colleagues Fr Hugh Thwaites once told me that several women had been to see him shocked at being pregnant. Fr Thwaites told me that upon hearing the news he would always respond with a smile;- a clear but gentle welcome for the child within, who was immediately humanised by the smile.

I have found his observation very helpful in General Practice and also in care of the elderly. To see the humanity in an unborn child, or in a dying elderly person can be truly transformative. As St Catherine Labouré said *"I saw the face of Christ in each one."*^[3]

As Fr Gerard Toman tells us in this edition of the CMQ [page 8], work is prayer. And yet we need a prayerful foundation to allow that to become true.

There will be much to discuss and explore in Hull on the 4th May. The CMA will be the guests of Hull University Catholic Chaplaincy. Do please book your place and come along.

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DOCTORS WITH AFRICA CUAMM



Founded in 1950 by the Bishop of Padua, Doctors with Africa CUAMM (Collegio Universitario Aspiranti Medici Missionari) was the first Italian NGO focused on healthcare. It is now the country's leading organization working to protect and improve the wellbeing and health of vulnerable communities in Sub-Saharan Africa. CUAMM's Mission is to advocate the universal right to health and promote the values of international solidarity, justice and peace. CUAMM believes in driving development through strengthening African Health Systems. This strategy is consistent with the ideals and experiences of over 60 years of fieldwork in Africa in both emergency and development-oriented settings with the

perspective to contribute to make communities more resilient and autonomous. Today, CUAMM works in Angola, Ethiopia, Central African Republic, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

It operates in 23 hospitals, 64 districts, 3 nursing and midwifery schools and 1 University. Ninety per-cent of 2,233 staff is African. CUAMM's priority areas of intervention are maternal and child health, infectious diseases, nutrition, Non-communicable diseases and Universal Health Coverage. CUAMM is also active in the field of operational research collaborating with African institutions, research centres, academies and other non-profit organizations to inform the public and raise awareness on the value of health as a fundamental human right and essential component for the full development of human potential. CUAMM's headquarter is Italy with an affiliated branch in UK (CUAMM UK) and in the USA (CUAMM USA).

Doctors with Africa CUAMM offers the opportunity to doctors to work in one of the hospitals targeted by its projects.