“We must face the challenge of the different forms of social exclusion and build hope of a world that is really fair and supportive”.

Speaker: **Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, President of Caritas Internationalis**

Tuesday 14th August
Cardinal Knox Centre
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Oscar Andrés Cardinal Rodríguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras became the 11th President of Caritas Internationalis in 2007. He is a staunch defender of human rights and a powerful voice in the global fight against poverty. He was the Vatican’s spokesperson with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank on the issue of Third World debt. He continues to challenge leaders of the world’s richest nations to keep their promises to increase and improve development aid to the world’s poorest countries.

Cardinal Rodriguez believes we are the first generation with the resources, knowledge and skills to eliminate poverty and we should act accordingly.

He is multilingual, with degrees in philosophy and theology, and a diploma in clinical psychology. He was President of the Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM) from 1995 to 1999. He has also been a member of several Pontifical Councils, including the Council for Social Communications, the Council for Justice and Peace and the Commission for Latin America.