# Pope to cardiologists: Curing the heart is both physical and spiritual

## Pope Leo meets participants of the Paris Course on Revascularisation during the Jubilee of Hope and tells them that healing the heart requires science, compassion and ethical responsibility

By Vatican News

Pope Leo on Monday welcomed a group of cardiologists participating in the Paris Course on Revascularisation to the Vatican.

Acknowledging their contribution to advancing the science and practice of interventional cardiology, the Pope noted the distinctive place their work occupies, “at the crossroads of science, compassion and ethical responsibility”.

Service of life

The Pope underlined that each medical act gains its full meaning when rooted in the “service of life”. Citing Evangelium Vitae, he pointed to Christ’s tenderness toward the sick as the model that inspires medical professionals in their care for the vulnerable.

“You seek to heal the heart,” he told them, highlighting both the physical and symbolic dimension of their mission. Every heartbeat entrusted to their expertise, the Pope said, is a reminder that life remains “a gift, always a mystery to be reverenced”.

Pope Leo then encouraged the group to strengthen global collaboration in their field, emphasising the importance of sharing knowledge generously

and ensuring that new treatments do not become a privilege for the few. Advances in cardiovascular interventions, he stressed, must remain accessible “especially to the poor and marginalised”.

A blessing for their work

Bringing his address to a close, the Pope entrusted their efforts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, “physician of souls and bodies”. Finally, Pope Leo expressed his hope that their organisation may continue to unite scientific excellence with a genuine commitment to serving humanity, before praying that they be granted “courage, perseverance and joy” in their demanding work.