Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions

International Workshop

“THE GIFT OF FREEDOM“

A History of Transitions and Challenges

17th – 19th of September 2010

in Vilnius

17 September, Friday

18.00 Opening ceremony: Cardinal Audrys Backis, Archbishop Sigita Tamkevicius, Mgr. Gérard Defois, and Mr. Ceslovas Stankevicius, Vice President of the Lithuanian parliament
18.30 Key-note speech “Efforts of a post-totalitarian society to live according justice” (Dr. Irena Vaisvilaite)
20.30 Dinner
21.30 Introducing to workshops

18 September, Saturday

07.30 Holy Mass (Holy Cross church)
08.30 Breakfast
09.30 Leaving for workshops
1. The Church and Modern Society: experiences of Soviet time, hopes and aims for today
2. Fighters for freedom and today’s understanding, truth and justice in their activities
3. Traumas of political repressions and resistance of the society. Findings of scientific studies
4. Migration and deportations, demographic changes
5. (Non) reconciliation with the past and the problem of justice in the post-totalitarian society (citizenship, restitution, lustration)
16.00 Return to the hotel and coffee break
16.30 Preparing of presentation for next day
18.00 Commemoration of 20 years of Freedom (Walking to the Lithuanian Parliament: Museum of Genocide Victims, Memorial at the Lithuanian Parliament)
20.00 Dinner

19 September, Sunday

08.00 Breakfast
09.00 Sharing experiences of workshops
11.00 Coffee break
11.30 Round table and summing-up of seminar with participation of Mr. Vytautas Landsbergis, European MP, Mr. Algirdas Saudarga, European MP, Mr. Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuanian MP, Mrs Ulrika Cronberg-Mossberg, ambassador of Sweden, Mr. Philippe Seigneurin, chargé d’affaire of the French embassy