

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Conferences:** Conference sessions deal with issues of culture and religion (inter-religious dialogue, marriage laws, science and faith, bioethics), the Church and the media (public opinion, Vatican coverage, transparency) and the nature and structure of the Holy See (its organization, and role in international politics).

**Encounters:** Personal encounters create a unique opportunity for journalists to experience the Church up close.

Participants have the chance to meet with key curial officials and leaders from pontifical councils and congregations to expert analysts loaded with a wealth of experience in Church communication and Vatican journalism.

**On-site Visits:** This crash course on the Church in Rome will naturally include visits to places like St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, the Historic Center of the Rome, and special events, such as a Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis.



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## THE CHURCH UP CLOSE 7<sup>TH</sup> ENGLISH EDITION

# Covering Catholicism in the Age of Francis

SEPTEMBER 12-17, 2022



## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

### WHEN

From Monday, September 12  
to Saturday, September 17, 2022

### WHERE

The Pontifical University  
of the Holy Cross  
Piazza Sant'Apollinare, 49  
00186 Rome, Italy  
[www.pusc.it](http://www.pusc.it)

### FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

The seminar fees are €850  
(travel and lodging not included).  
A list of nearby hotels will be  
provided to each seminar participant  
upon registration. Interested  
participants have the opportunity  
to apply for a scholarship.



### WHO

The Church Up Close is organized by the School of Communications of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross and the Association ISCOM ([www.iscom.info](http://www.iscom.info)).

The seminar is sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor Institute and counts on the collaboration of the IARJ (International Association of Religion Journalists), the Italian Associazione di Vaticanisti (the independent association of journalists accredited by the Holy See), and the academic journal *Church, Communication and Culture*.

### WEBSITE

[www.church-communication.net](http://www.church-communication.net)  
(Program will be constantly  
updated in the website)

### WHAT

Religion news occupies an increasingly important place in today's journalism, and many media professionals are seeking keys to unlock a complex institution that sparks enormous public interest: the Catholic Church.

Building on its successful monthly seminars for Rome-based Vatican correspondents, the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome once again offers **The Church Up Close**, a one-week seminar in English for journalists who cover the Vatican from afar.

Combining conferences, workshops, personal encounters, and on-site visits, the seminar is designed to give journalists an array of tools to enhance the quality of their coverage of today's Roman Catholic Church. Here is what participants receive:

- A basic sense of the lay of the land at the Vatican;
- A serious, in-depth analysis of specific hot-button issues;
- A taste of the rich complex history and culture that lies behind contemporary Church affairs;

- A personal introduction to some of the key players in Rome;
- A chance to reflect, in an ideal setting, with journalists from around the world, on the fascinating relationships between religion and the media.

### FOR WHOM

Designed with journalists in mind, the program is also an ideal orientation for new staff at an Embassy to the Holy See. Members of the diplomatic corps are most welcome.

Previous seminars were attended by journalists from media outlets such as, among others, *The New York Times*, *Fox News*, *NBC*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* (USA), *The Guardian*, *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Financial Times* and *BBC* (UK), *The Record* (Australia), *The Southern Cross* (South Africa), *CBC* and *The National Post* (Canada), *El Universal* (Venezuela), *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (Switzerland), *O Clarim* (Macau), *The Mainichi Shimbun* (Japan), *Agencia EFE* (Spain) and *Radio Renascença* (Portugal).



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### MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

- 8.30-9.00 Registration
- 9.00-9.45 **Getting to Know the Church Up Close**  
Rev. Prof. John Wauck  
Pontifical University of Santa Croce
- 9.45-11.00 **Nature and Mission: What Is the Catholic Church?**  
Rev. Prof. Paul O'Callaghan  
Pontifical University of Santa Croce
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.45-12.00 **Greetings**  
Rev. Prof. Luis Navarro  
Rector – Pontifical University of Santa Croce
- 12.00-13.30 **The Thought of Pope Francis**  
Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle  
Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples
- 13.30-15.00 *WELCOME LUNCH*
- 15.30-17.00 **The Pope and the Earth**  
Mr. Tebaldo Vinciguerra  
Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development
- 17.15-19.00 **HISTORIC CENTER OF ROME:**  
Guided Tour  
Mr. John & Mrs. Ashley Noronha  
Art & Architecture Guides

### TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

- 8.45-11.30 **VISIT TO ST. PETER'S BASILICA**  
Guided Tour  
Rev. Prof. John Wauck  
Pontifical University of Santa Croce
- 11.30-12.45 *FREE TIME*
- 12.45-15.00 **WORK LUNCH: Dos and Don'ts in Covering the Vatican**  
Mary Shovlain  
Rome-based Journalist
- 15.00-17.00 **ENCOUNTER: The Holy Office: Myths and Reality**  
Speaker to be confirmed
- 17.30-19.00 **Dialogue with other religions: Encyclical Fratelli Tutti**  
Msgr. Indunil J.K. Kodithuwakku  
Secretary for the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue

### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

- 8.30-11.00 **PAPAL AUDIENCE** (*St. Peter's Square*)
- 11.15-12.30 **ENCOUNTER: Church Communications in and from the Vatican**  
Speaker to be confirmed
- 13.15-15.00 **WORK LUNCH: The Church in Africa**  
Rev. Gilbert Ndyamukama Gosbert  
Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples
- 15.30-17.00 **Keys to Understand the Justice System in the Vatican**  
Cardinal Dominique Mamberti  
Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature
- 17.15-18.45 **Finance and Economy of the Vatican**  
Speaker to be confirmed

### THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

- 9.00-10.30 **The Holy See in the International Stage**  
Dr. Francesca Di Giovanni  
Under-Secretary for the Multilateral Sector (Section for Relations with States)
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.45 **The Synod of Bishops 2023**  
Cardinal Mario Grech  
Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops
- 13.15-15.00 **WORK LUNCH: The Church in Asia**  
Fr. Robert McCulloch  
Missionary Society of St. Columban
- 15.00-16.30 **The Role of Women in the Church**  
Dr. Pia de Solenni  
President and Executive Director of the Global Institute of Church Management
- 17.30-19.00 **ENCOUNTER AT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE**  
Hon. Christopher Trott  
UK Ambassador to the Holy See

### FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

- 9.00-10.30 **ENCOUNTER AT THE VENERABLE ENGLISH COLLEGE: Training Priests for the Universal Church**  
Rev. Fr. Stephen Wang  
Rector
- 11.15-12.45 **Reform of the Curia: Historical Context**  
Rev. Prof. Roberto Regoli  
Pontifical Gregorian University

- 13.00-15.00 **WORK LUNCH: Human trafficking and migrants**  
Rev. Fr. Fabio Baggio  
Undersecretary of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development, with responsibility for the Migrants and Refugees Section
- 15.30-17.00 **The Post-pandemic Church**  
Sr. Alessandra Smerilli  
Secretary of the Dicastery for the Promoting Integral Human Development
- 19.00-22.30 **DINNER AND GUIDED TOUR TO VATICAN MUSEUMS**  
Dr. Elizabeth Lev  
Art Historian, Author & Tour Guide

### SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

- 9.15-10.45 **The Church's Response to Sexual Abuse**  
Speaker to be confirmed
- 10.45-11.45 *BRUNCH*
- 12.00-13.00 *BUS TRIP TO CASTELGANDOLFO*
- 15.00-18.00 **VISIT TO PAPAL GARDENS AT CASTELGANDOLFO**  
(to be confirmed)
- 18.00-20.00 **FAREWELL DINNER IN CASTELGANDOLFO**
- 20.00-21.00 *BUS TRIP BACK TO ROME*
- END OF SEMINAR*



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