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**Facoltà di Comunicazione
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CHURCH UP CLOSE 2018 **USEFUL INFORMATION**

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UNIVERSITY ADDRESS:

The Pontifical University of Santa Croce

[Piazza di Sant'Apollinare 49](#) (adjacent to Piazza Navona)

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Website of the University: <http://en.pusc.it/>

*All of the sessions at the University will be held on the first floor (Aula Alvaro del Portillo or Aula of the Senate).

UNIVERSITY HOURS: Doors open at 8.30 AM and close at 7.00 PM

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PROGRAM:

The most recent version of the program of speakers and events can be found under "program" on the seminar website: <https://www.church-communication.net/program-eng-2018>

Registration: Each participant will receive his badge upon check in. For identification purposes and admission to events, all participants are kindly requested to wear their badges at all times.

The Introductory session at 9.00 AM on Monday the 10th will serve as an orientation for the entire program. It is strongly advised that all participants attend.

INTERNET: WiFi will be available in the conference room.

Network: PUSC-Am

Password: Santa.Croce

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EVENT MEETING TIMES AND MEETING LOCATIONS:

MONDAY 10

- **8.30 AM** [Pontifical University of Santa Croce](#) (1st floor) – REGISTRATION
- **1.30 PM** Welcome Lunch (at the University courtyard)
- **5.00 PM** Pontifical University of Santa Croce (meet in courtyard), guided tour of Historic Center
 - Even though the organization provides headphones for various excursions, we advise you to bring your own earbuds to guarantee quality

TUESDAY 11

- **8.45 AM** Meeting Point: The obelisk in St. Peter's Square, guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica
- **12.45 PM** Work Lunch: Ristorante "Il Papalino" [Via Borgo Pio, 172,00193 Roma](#)
Website: www.ilpapalino.com
- **2.50 PM** Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [Piazza del Sant'Uffizio, 11](#)

WEDNESDAY 12

- **8.15 AM** Meeting Point: Vatican Press Office (front door), [Via della Conciliazione 54](#), for the Papal audience
- **11.15 AM** Vatican Press Office (front door), [Via della Conciliazione 54](#) (after the meeting, the group will walk together to the next point)
- **1.10 PM** Work Lunch: Ristorante "Passetto" [Piazza di S. Apollinare, 41, 00186 Roma](#)
Website: www.ristorantepassetto.com
- **3.30 PM** Afternoon sessions held at the university

THURSDAY 13

- **9.00 AM** Morning sessions held at the university
- **1.00 PM** Work Lunch: Ristorante "Passetto" [Piazza di S. Apollinare, 41, 00186 Roma](#)
Website: www.ristorantepassetto.com
- **3.00 PM** Afternoon sessions held at the university
- **4:30 PM** Meeting in the courtyard of the University. The group will walk together to take the bus for the British Embassy to the Holy See. Bus leaves from: Museo Napoleonico ([Piazza di Ponte Umberto I, 1](#)) at **5.00 PM**. Return on your own.

FRIDAY 14

- **8.50 PM** Meeting point: [Piazza Farnese](#), then walk together to the Venerable English College, Via di Monserrato, 45

- **11.15 AM** Morning sessions held at the university
- **1.00 PM** Work Lunch: Ristorante “L’Orso 80” [Via dell’Orso, 33, 00186 Roma](#)
Website: <http://www.orso80.it>
- **3.30 PM** Afternoon sessions held at the university
- **6.00 PM** Walk together to visit Vatican Museums.
- **6.45 PM** Meeting Point: [Entrance of Vatican Museums \(Viale Vaticano\)](#)
 - The tour of Vatican Museums on Friday evening includes a light supper

SATURDAY 15

- **9.15 AM** Morning sessions held at the university
- **10.45 AM** Brunch in the courtyard of the University
- **11.45 AM** Meeting in the courtyard to take the bus to Castelgandolfo
- **3:30 PM** After meeting, walk together to a nearby café for a coffee and dessert
- **6.15 PM** Gather at place TBD to take the bus back to Rome (estimated time of arrival at the University 7.30 PM)

SUNDAY 16

- **9.30 AM** Holy Mass at Basilica of St. Apollinare (the chapel of the University)
- **11.00 AM** Meeting Point: Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (front entrance) to walk together to St. Peter’s Square for the Angelus with Pope Francis **OR 11:30 AM** join the group in front of the [Vatican Press Office](#)
- **1.00 PM** Meeting point: [Restaurant “Les Etoiles” - Hotel Atlante Star \(Via Giovanni Vitelleschi, 34, 00193 Rome\)](#)
Website: <http://atlanteststarhotel.com/restaurant.php>

DRESS CODE: Dress for the seminar is business casual. When visiting St. Peter’s Basilica and the Vatican Museums, all must have their shoulders and knees covered out of respect for the places of worship. We advise you to bring comfortable walking shoes for the tours throughout the week.

SPOUSES: Spouses may accompany the participants for*:

- Monday 10** The opening lunch, tour of the historic City Center of Rome
- Tuesday 11** Visit to St. Peter’s Basilica
- Wednesday 12** Papal audience
- Thursday 13** Reception at the British Embassy to the Holy See (depending on numbers)
- Friday 14** Encounter at the Venerable English College, and the night tour of Vatican Museums
- Saturday 15** Brunch, and day trip to Castelgandolfo
- Sunday 16** Mass at Basilica of St. Apollinare, Pope’s Angelus and farewell lunch

*For organizational purposes, it is necessary to indicate your family member's participation in any of these events, during your registration process at the front desk on Monday.

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT:

TAXI: Accept a ride only from authorized drivers and first inquire about the fixed rate for a drop in the Center. The fare should be approximately 50 Euro, although at night there is a high additional night fee.

TRAIN: There is a train station at the airport and the trains make several stops near the Center. The journey is approximately 40 minutes. The train runs from 6.30 AM till 11.30 PM. Buy your ticket from the ticket window and inquire as to the cost of your stop. Tickets cost 14 Euros to Termini Station and tickets to local stops are less. Upon exiting the train station, you take a bus or taxi to your hotel.

SHUTTLES: There are also airport shuttles which make stops at various hotels in Rome's Center. The approximate cost is 30 Euros.

TRANSPORTATION IN ROME:

No particular transportation arrangements are necessary for the seminar activities.

Public transportation is available by bus, Metro (underground), tram and train. Tickets can be purchased from Tabacchis (look for the sign with a T on it), newsstands, bars, or vending machines or at Metro and major bus stops. Tickets cannot be purchased onboard. Tickets are available in various increments: the price of the Biglietto semplice B.I.T. (for 1 metro ride or 75 minutes of travel) is 1,50 Euro. Tickets need to be stamped when starting the travel.

ELECTRICITY: It is helpful to read the below article about the electricity in Italy in order to understand if you will need a power adapter and/or converter to power your electrical appliances.

http://goitaly.about.com/od/travelpackingtips/l/bl_electricity_italy.htm

PICTURES FROM THE SEMINAR: Pictures from the seminar will be uploaded at this link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/97389362@N06/albums/72157695090742950>

Feel free to use any of the pictures included in the link (quoting the source "Santa Croce University"). As an example, here are some pictures from the 2016 Seminar:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/97389362@N06/sets/72157673121233876>

CATHOLIC MASS: For those who are interested, there is a morning Mass at the University chapel every day at 8.00 AM and another at 12.45 PM (both in Italian). Sunday 16 Mass will be celebrated in English at 9.30 AM.

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION: Certificates will be sent via email after the conference.