

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 8TH ENGLISH EDITION

Covering Catholicism in the Age of Francis

SEPTEMBER 12-17, 2022



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

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 Church Communications of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross and the Association ISCOM (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
(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 12TH

- 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
- 9.45-11.15 **The Pope and the Earth**
Mr. Tebaldo Vinciguerra
Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- 11.15-11.45 Coffee break
- 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 **Nature and Mission: What Is the Catholic Church?**
Rev. Prof. Paul O'Callaghan
Pontifical University of Santa Croce
- 17.15-19.15 **HISTORIC CENTER OF ROME:**
Guided Tour
Mr. John & Mrs. Ashley Noronha
Art & Architecture Guides

TUESDAY 13TH

- MORNING FREE: first appointment is for lunch*
- 12.30-14.00 **WORK LUNCH: Dos and Don'ts in Covering the Vatican**
Mr. Andrea Gagliarducci
Journalist and Vatican analyst
- 15.00-17.00 **ENCOUNTER: The Holy Office: Myths and Reality**
Rev. Fr. Andrew Liaugminas
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
- 17.30-19.00 **Dialogue with Other Religions: Encyclical Fratelli Tutti**
Msgr. Indunil J.K. Kodithuwakku
Secretary for the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue

WEDNESDAY 14TH

- 8.30-11.00 **VISIT TO ST. PETER'S BASILICA**
Guided Tour
Rev. Prof. John Wauck
Pontifical University of Santa Croce
- 11.00-12.30 **ENCOUNTER AT THE DICASTERY FOR COMMUNICATIONS: Church Communications in and from the Vatican**
Mr. Alessandro Gisotti
Deputy Editorial Director of Vatican Media
- 13.15-15.00 **WORK LUNCH: The Church in Africa**
Rev. Fr. 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**
Rev. Fr. Juan Antonio Guerrero Alves, S.I.
Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy

THURSDAY 15TH

- 9.00-10.30 **The Holy See in the International Stage**
Dr. Francesca Di Giovanni
Undersecretary for the Multilateral Sector (Section for Relations with States)
- 10.45 -11.15 Coffee break
- 11.30-12.45 **The Synod of Bishops 2023**
Cardinal Mario Grech
Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops
- 13.00-14.45 **WORK LUNCH: The Church in Asia**
Rev. 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 16TH

- 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 Promoting Integral Human Development (Section for Migrants and Refugees)
- 15.30-17.00 **The Post-pandemic Church**
Speaker TBC
- 19.00-22.30 **DINNER AND GUIDED TOUR TO VATICAN MUSEUMS**
Dr. Elizabeth Lev
Art Historian, Author & Tour Guide

SATURDAY 17TH

- 9.15-10.45 **The Church's Response to Sexual Abuse**
Ms. Tina Campbell
Assistant Coordinator for Promotion of Consistent Culture of Protection at the Jesuit Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat
- 10.45-11.45 BRUNCH
- 12.00-13.00 BUS TRIP TO CASTELGANDOLFO
- 14.30-17.00 **ENCOUNTER AT THE VATICAN OBSERVATORY: The Catholic Church and Scientific Culture**
Rev. Fr. Richard D'Souza, SJ
Astronomer and Superior of the Jesuit Community attached to the Observatory
- 18.00-20.30 **FAREWELL DINNER IN CASTELGANDOLFO**
- 21.00-22.00 BUS TRIP BACK TO ROME
- END OF SEMINAR

