

Process of admission

Application and registration can only be done online at the seminar website:
<http://www.church-communication.net/>

How to apply

Candidates should apply online through the Application Form (available at the website) for either the Full Program or for the Half Program. Candidates should fill out the online application form and send a personal curriculum (CV) by email to the address indicated in the website: churchupclose@pusc.it

FULL PROGRAM CANDIDATES

Deadline for application: **June 15, 2008**.
The organizing committee will evaluate the applications and respond to the applicants before **June 25, 2008**.

HALF PROGRAM CANDIDATES

Deadline for application: **July 15, 2008**.
The organizing committee will evaluate the applications and will respond to the applicants before **July 20, 2008**.



Registration and Payment

FULL PROGRAM

Applicants admitted for the Full Program should register and make payment online before **July 10, 2008**.

HALF PROGRAM

Applicants admitted for the Half Program should register and make payment online before **July 25, 2008**.

Cost

FULL PROGRAM: 800 €

Includes:

- Registration and participation in all the activities (classes, encounters and visits);
- Educational materials;
- Lunch for 6 days;
- Travel in Rome for seminar activities and trip to Castelgandolfo.

HALF PROGRAM: 300 €

Includes:

- Registration for the morning activities (classes);
- Educational materials.



Scholarships

(Only Full Program)

Candidates for the Full Program may request a partial scholarship of up to 600 €. The application of the scholarship should be made online (on the same page of the Application Form). Applicants will be notified of the scholarship decisions (positive or negative) before **June 25, 2008**.

Lodging

The organizing committee does not arrange for the lodging of the participants. A list of possible accommodations in Rome may be consulted at the website seminar: <http://www.church-communication.net/lodging.html>

Venue

**Pontifical University of the Holy Cross
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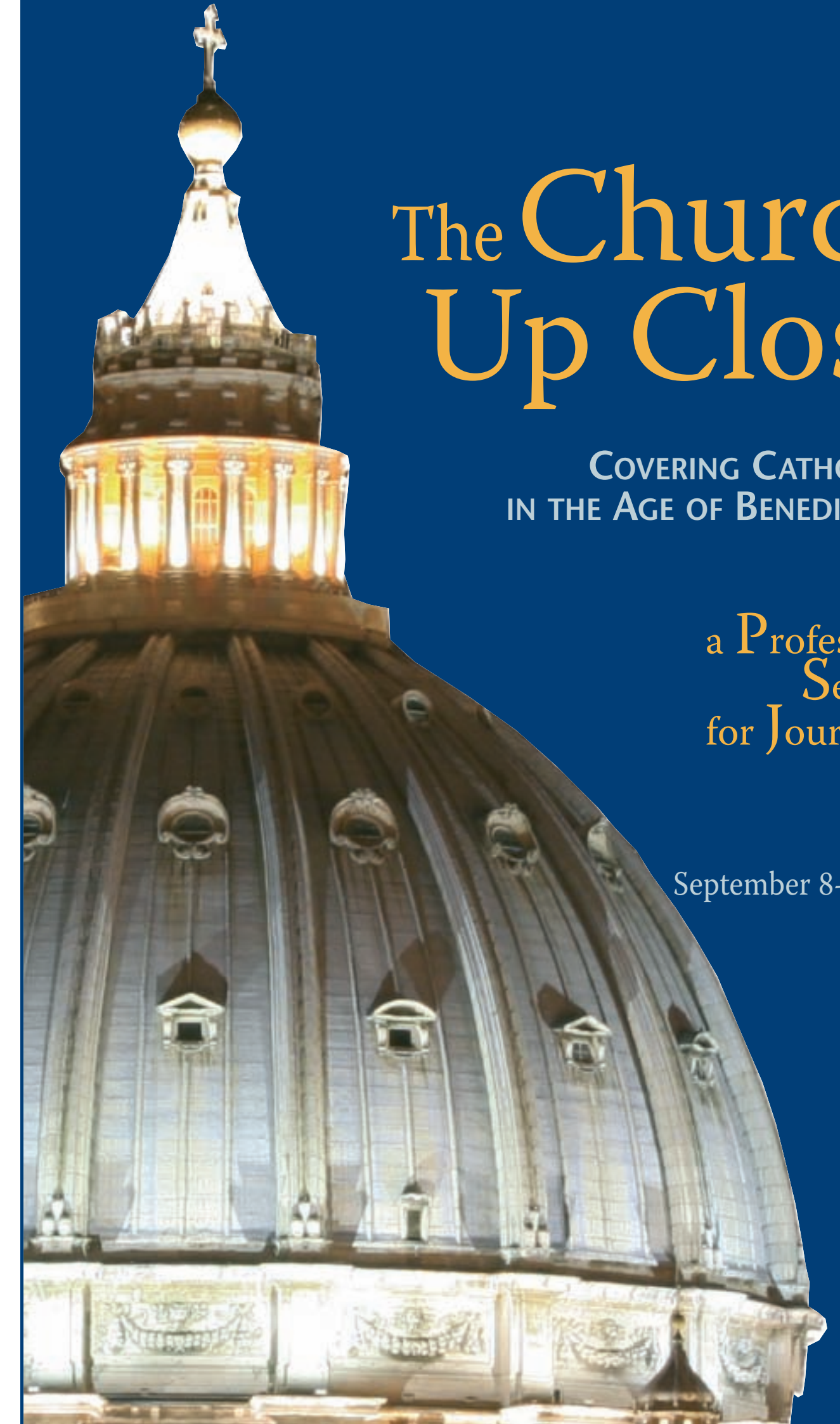
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SCHEDULE

Overview

Building on its successful monthly-seminar series for Rome-based Vatican correspondents, the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome is offering an intensive one-week seminar in English, **The Church Up Close: Covering Catholicism in the Age of Benedict XVI**, for foreign journalists covering the Roman Catholic Church.

Combining class-room seminars, personal meetings, and on-site visits, the seminar is designed to give journalists an array of tools to strengthen their coverage: a basic sense of the lay of the land at the Vatican; a serious, in-depth analysis of specific hot-button issues confronting today's Church; a personal introduction to some knowledgeable insiders and key players in Rome; a taste of the rich history and culture behind contemporary Church affairs; a chance to reflect, in an ideal setting, with journalists from around the world, on the complex relationships between religion and the media. The seminar includes two parallel programs:

Full Program: Designed for journalists coming from abroad, it includes a complete week of activities (academic sessions, visits and encounters). The number of participants is limited.

Half Program: Designed for journalists based in Rome, it includes mainly morning academic sessions.

Contents

CLASSES

The morning class-room sessions will deal with issues of culture and religion (inter-religious dialogue, liturgical reform, science and faith, bio-ethical issues), the Church and the media (public opinion, Vatican coverage, access and transparency) and the nature and structure of the Catholic Church and the Holy



See (its organization and role in international politics).

ENCOUNTERS AND WORKING LUNCHES

Personal meetings will offer a chance to get to know key curial officials, Vatican media officials and veteran Rome correspondents.

ON-SITE VISITS

The program includes visits to St. Peter's Basilica, the "scavi" (the Roman necropolis beneath the present-day basilica), the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Press Office, Castel Gandolfo, a papal audience, and other sites of interest.

More information (biographical data about the speakers, etc.) and **program updates** may be found at the seminar website: www.church-communication.net

Eligibility

Any active journalists writing for newspapers, magazines, wire services, radio, television, or online news organizations may apply. Priority will be given to journalists covering religion.

The Seminar is open to journalists from all countries, but fluency in English is required.

KEY ● Half Program

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

9.00
● **NATURE AND MISSION: WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?**
Rev. Prof. Philip Goyret
Pontifical University of the Holy Cross

● 10.15 Coffee break

10.45
● **THE WHOLE AND ITS PARTS: HOW THE CHURCH IS ORGANIZED**
Rev. Prof. Brian Ferme
St. Pius X Institute of Canon Law, Venice

13.30
WORK LUNCH WITH "VATICANISTI"
Ms. Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service,
Mr. Marco Tosatti
La Stampa

17.00
ENCOUNTER CHURCH DIPLOMACY: THE VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE
Msgr. Ettore Balestrero
Secretariat of State

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

8.30
VISIT TO THE SISTINE CHAPEL AND ST. PETER'S BASILICA
Prof. Elizabeth Lev
Duquesne University



13.30
WORK LUNCH ON PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITIES AND PRIESTLY FORMATION

● 17.00
ENCOUNTER THE HOLY OFFICE: MYTHS AND REALITY
Msgr. Charles Brown
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

10.30
PAPAL AUDIENCE (ST. PETER'S SQUARE)

13.30
WORK LUNCH THE CHURCH IN CHINA: A SILENT REVOLUTION
Rev. Bernardo Cervellera
AsiaNews
Dr. Raphaela Schmid
Beckett Institute

● 17.00
ENCOUNTER AMBASSADORS TO A CHURCH?
Mr. Francis Campbell
British Ambassador to the Holy See

THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

9.00
● **FACING THE NEW BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES**
Prof. Marta Bertolaso
University Campus Bio-Medico, Rome

● 10.00 Coffee break

10.15
● **YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRAY: LITURGICAL ISSUES IN THE CHURCH**
Rev. Cassian Folsom
Monastery of San Benedetto, Norcia

VISIT TO THE SCAVI VATICANI
Msgr. Christopher Nalty
Congregation for the Clergy
12.00–13.30 Group 1
13.30–15.00 Group 2

17.00
ENCOUNTER THE PRESS OFFICE OF THE HOLY SEE

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

9.00
● **THE COMMON GOOD AND THE JUSTICE AGENDA: SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH TODAY**
Msgr. Anthony Frontiero
Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

● 10.15 Coffee break

10.45
● **ISLAM AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Rev. Prof. Maurice Borrmans, M. Afr.
Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies

13.30
WORK LUNCH THE HOLY SEE AND ISRAEL
Rev. Prof. David Maria A. Jaeger, OFM
Pontifical University Antonianum

17.00
ENCOUNTER PETER'S BARQUE IN A SEA OF CHRISTIANITIES: ECUMENISM AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM
Prof. Joan-Andreu Rocha
Pontifical Atheneum Regina Apostolorum

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

9.00
● **THE LONG SHADOW OF GALILEO: SCIENCE AND THE CHURCH**
Rev. Prof. Rafael Martínez
Pontifical University of the Holy Cross

● 10.15 Coffee break

10.45
● **THEOLOGICAL KEYS TO JOSEPH RATZINGER'S THOUGHT**
Cardinal James Francis Stafford
Apostolic Penitentiary

13.30
WORK LUNCH

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

10.00
VISIT TO CASTELGANDOLFO AND ANGELUS WITH BENEDICT XVI

13.30
LUNCH

