

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross



The Apologetics Institute

presents a summer conference:

Recovering Wonder: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light."

Sponsoring a pilgrimage and seminar to ponder the mysteries of our Faith in
Jesus Christ.

Rome, June 1 - 8, 2024

Our religion depends on a living faith. To keep our faith alive, we need to ever renew, refresh and re-live the awesomeness of the Magnalia Dei, the magnificent works of God

Psalm 130: "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits" (Ps 103).

St. Paul: "Therefore brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word or by our letters." (Thess. 2:15)

We will read and discuss selected writings of the Church Fathers on central mysteries of our faith and explore the treasures of sacred art. Thereby we will enliven our faith, rediscover our identity in Christ, appreciate the historicity of our Church, and be newly empowered as disciples to draw others to Christ: "You are the light of the world." We look forward to an enlightening and inspiring week.

Here are highlights of our planned program:

[Rev. Prof. John Wauck](#), professor of Literature and Communication of the Faith at the Università della Santa Croce. He will discuss the cultural challenges of atheism today, and the uses of literature for apologetics. He will also be our Chaplain and our Host.

[Prof. James Papandrea](#), Catholic professor of Church History and Theology at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological seminar at Northwestern University. Also a singer and song writer! His CD: "Still Quiet Voice." He will speak on the Holy Trinity in the writings of the early Church Fathers, drawing from his book, "Trinity 101."

[Rev. Prof. Paul O'Callaghan](#), professor of Theological Anthropology at the Università della Santa Croce. Speaking on the wonders of the Incarnation of the Son of God and our Redemption and new life in Christ.

[Prof. Jeffrey Morrow](#), Senior Fellow at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, Franciscan University. He will speak on the wonders of the Holy Eucharist and Confession.

[Prof. Ralf van Bühren](#), a professor of Theology, Church History, and Sacred Art at Santa Croce. He will conduct meditative tours of the treasures of sacred art and architecture in Rome and Florence, including the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel.

Matías Sur, Ph.D. Candidate in Italian Literature at Duke University – “Dante: The Universal Poet”

Jonathan Tanaka, Ph.D. Candidate in Philosophy at University of California, Berkeley.
“Medieval Writings on the Eucharist.”

Here are more particulars:

Conference days at [Santa Croce](#) are June 1-7. Our travel days are May 31 and June 8. Our accommodations will be in two hotels:

1. Singles: [Rome dei Papi Hotel de Charme](#): Piazza Adriana 5 (Scala B/Gate B), Vaticano Prati, 00193 Rome, Italy
2. Couples: [BQ House Castello Luxury Rooms](#): Via delle Fosse di Castello 6, Vaticano Prati, 00193 Rome, Italy

To secure your place, [your deposit of \\$450](#) is due by April 1, unless you have made prior payment arrangements. (Full payment is [\\$1450.](#)) Click on underlined text to open payment form.

The [balance of \\$1000](#) will be due by April 15. In case of cancellation, a full refund will be available until May 1.

Student rate is 50%: Pay [\\$725](#) by April 15

Welcome aboard: *Benvenuto!*

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