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How can we make ourselves heard? Great Catholic voices respond

WHEN crises follow crises, the prophets speak up. And in these times, many Catholics testified, some risking their lives to denounce oppression, others to be bearers of a first announcement, managing to reach circles too often left aside.

For our Catholic media, these times are also a period of questioning, when it is not questioning.

Between our professions called to rethink and our Catholic

identity affected by the crisis which crosses the whole Church, what place still have our media?

Do we still have a singular word to contribute. In a world that seems to be increasingly secularized, how do we make ourselves heard? Great Catholic voices respond.

Xavier Le Normand,
program coordinator.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

10:00 am – 12:30 pm — Panorama Hotel

Welcoming of participants, registration, distribution of badges and files
From 2:30 pm until the end of the Days, the reception desk will be set up in the entrance hall of the CEF hemicycle.

11:15 am – 12:15 pm — Reception and Information Center of the Sanctuary
Screening of the film on the message of Lourdes. Access by the St-Joseph gate.

12:30 pm – 2:15 pm — Panorama Hotel (restaurant on the 1st floor)
Convivial seated lunch

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm — Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
Opening Mass
presided by **Monsignor Jean-Marc Micas**, Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm — Bishop's Conference of France Hall

OPENING OF THE 26th ST. FRANCIS DE SALES DAYS

Welcome

by Jean-Marie Montel, president of the *Federation of Catholic Media*;
Dr Paolo Ruffini, Prefect of *Dicastero per la Comunicazione* of the Holy Seat;
Helen Osman, president of *Signis Monde*;
and Vincenzo Varagona, president of the *Unione Cattolica della Stampa Italiana*.
An overview of the meeting by Xavier Le Normand, program coordinator.

1 a. The courage to speak

Conference-debate / Bishop's Conférence of France Hall / Wednesday, January 25 / 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

In the face of adversity, sometimes despite mortal danger, voices are raised. People act to oppose violence, others to denounce it to the world, while journalists sometimes risk their lives to report on the “scourges of humanity”

(Pope Francis, May 1, 2022).

Journalists and Catholic activists give their testimony.

SPEAKERS:

Aïssa DOUMARA NGATANSOU

Born in 1972 in Cameroon, she sees her adolescence pass without living it. "At 15, I was promised, at 16, married, at 18, mom," she explains. Despite the opposition of her in-laws, she finished high school.

Beaten by her husband, she leaves the family home. In 1996, she co-founded a branch of the *Association for the fight against violence against women (ALVF)* in Maroua, a city in the north of the country.

On March 8, 2019, on the occasion of *International Women's Day*, she was the first recipient of the Simone-Veil Prize of the French Republic, awarded by President Macron.

She declared on this occasion: "What we do every day is to restore a taste for life, to restore all the powers that [women] have lost [...] To all these survivors, the survivors of Boko Haram, women and girls around the world, I dedicate this beautiful award."

Svitlana DUKHOVYCH

Svitlana Dukhovych was born in Ukraine in 1977. After studying at the Faculty of Foreign Languages of the University of Ivano-Frankivsk, she obtained, in 1999, a master's degree with the specialization Teacher of German language and literature. She worked as an interpreter in a non-profit organization.

In 2002 she moved to Rome where she studied at the Pontifical Salesian University. In 2014, she obtained a specialist diploma in Communication Sciences.

During her studies, she began to collaborate with the Ukrainian editorial staff of Vatican Radio, preparing a weekly column. One of the series was devoted to the stories of Ukrainian immigrants and their children in Italy. From 2008 to 2018 she worked as a German and English teacher at a language school in Rome.

She has been collaborating with the Ukrainian editorial staff of Radio Vatican – Vatican News since 2017, writing articles, conducting interviews, preparing audio programs, producing audio and video reports on various events.

Since the beginning of the full-scale war in Ukraine, she has been helping editorial colleagues from other languages to find contacts with people in Ukraine for interviews in the corresponding languages. In particular, it collects testimonies in Ukrainian and translates them into Italian.

Joe LINDSLEY

Traveler and writer, Joe Lindsley was once the protege of Roger Ailes, founder of Fox News. Escaping from this frenetic realm where power mattered more than truth, on the road he began to discover the goodness of the world.

In the early hours of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the former Chicago radio war reporter launched *Ukrainian Freedom News* to bear witness to the truth. Based in Lviv, he has not left Ukraine since March 2020, when the pandemic began.

Now, together with the *Ukrainian Freedom News* team, made up of Americans and Ukrainians, they have chosen to stay until victory, gathering information, sharing news, bringing all the elements of truth, gathering stories, people and situations, and seeking the best way to share them with the world to advance the cause of authentic, free and collaborative discourse.

Engaged despite himself in this war, he also stayed to build a better vision of the media.

[For obvious security reasons, Joe Lindsley will speak by videoconference.]

Moderator: **Xavier LE NORMAND**, editorial manager of the international editions of *La Croix*.

5:30 pm – 6 pm — Hall of the hemicycle

Coffee break

Informal discussion time. Press table available free of charge.

1 b. The courage to talk about it: abuse

Conference-debate / Bishop's Conférence of France Hall / Wednesday, January 25 / 6 pm – 7 pm

For two decades, the issue of abuse has plagued the Catholic Church and other denominations. As Catholic media, these revelations question our practices: how to talk about them, with what words, to what extent?

As media do we not also have a responsibility, having honored personalities who have proved to be abusive?

These questions are all the more important as they question our relations with the Church but also with our readers, who sometimes suffer from a feeling of too much.

SPEAKERS:

Céline HOYEAU

Head of the religion department of the newspaper *La Croix*, Céline Hoyeau signs a book for Bayard: *The Treachery of the fathers, influence and abuse of the founders of new communities* (2021, 352 p.) Behind this term, we must understand the founders of these "new communities" which strongly influenced French Catholicism in the last third of the 20th century.

In recent years, revelations of spiritual abuse, sometimes going as far as sexual abuse, have knocked many prominent charismatic personalities off their pedestal. These facts are hard to hear. Céline Hoyeau knows it: she is in charge of following this file, all the more painful since she frequented during her early youth many places where those who later revealed themselves to be abusers intervened. She was not a victim of it herself, but it was part of her own journey of faith that was called into question.

The journalist of the "John Paul II generation", who says she loves the Church, could not remain on the feeling of having been betrayed in her youthful ideals. She wanted to understand how we got there.

How could these often brilliant figures become abusers and deceive their world for so long? Several actors bear some responsibility for the abuse crisis. And they all have a role to play in helping the Church out of it.

Antoine-Marie IZOARD

Since September 2016, Antoine-Marie Izoard has been the editorial director of the Catholic weekly *Famille Chrétienne*. Prior to that, he spent nearly two decades in the Vatican.

After two years of cooperation in the service of the Church in Tunisia, with the association *FidesCo*, his career began in fact at the French newspaper of *Radio Vatican* (1996-2002).

He then took over, for a little over two years, the direction of communication for the Archdiocese of Bordeaux.

In August 2004, at the request of the Press Office of the Holy See, he coordinated the reception of journalists from the papal flight with the services of the *Conference of Bishops of France* and the Sanctuaries of Lourdes during the visit of John Paul II in the Marian city, the last journey of his pontificate.

He then returned to Rome where, for eleven years, he directed the press agency *I.Media*, specializing in Vatican news. In this capacity, he made more than forty papal trips around the world, with Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis, also collaborating for many media including *KTO*, *Radio France* and *France 2*.

Moderator: **Étienne PÉPIN**, news editor at RCF.

Thematic workshops

Wednesday, January 25 / Hemicycle or other rooms indicated on site / 7:15 pm – 8:15 pm

One hour of workshop, in small groups, to exchange between participants and with the guests on the following themes (your choice, in the hemicycle or other rooms indicated on site):

1. Transmit the word of the Church

If the majority of French people are still baptized, they are always more numerous to turn away from the Church or to no longer pay attention to it. Faced with the danger of only being seen as outdated – even reactionary – how can the Church still address our fellow citizens? And on what word does she want to be heard?

SPEAKERS:

Diane PILOTAZ

On May 3, 2022, Diane Pilotaz was appointed Deputy Secretary General and Director of Communication of the *Conference of Bishops of France (CEF)* for a three-year term.

A graduate of *Sciences Po Paris* in Public Affairs and Journalism, Diane Pilotaz has more than fifteen years of experience in marketing and communication, acquired successively in the public and private sectors.

In particular, from 2008 to 2012, she served as press advisor and then chief of staff to the Minister and government spokesperson Luc Chatel, initially at Bercy and then at the Ministry of National Education.

After five years in a strategy consulting firm, in 2017 she joined a large international educational group as Director of Development for France, in charge of marketing and communication.

Originally from the diocese of Nanterre, she is married and has two children.

Agnès CERBELAUD

Agnès Cerbelaud has been the national delegate for communication and external relations at the *Scouts et Guides de France* since September 2019.

After studying hypokhâgne, option History and Political Science at the *Maison d'éducation de la Légion d'honneur*, she obtained a master's degree in Modern Literature at the *Sorbonne*, then graduated in 2005 from the *French Institute of Journalism*.

After having been a correspondent for *La Croix* in Seine-et-Marne, she published a book on the *Maisons de la Légion d'Honneur* with *Scrinéo* editions.

Journalist for *Réponse à tout!*, a consumer magazine published by *Fleurus* and sold 115,000 copies, from 2008 to 2013, she joined the *Scouts Unitaires de France* where she was in charge of communication, training and budget monitoring. for more than six years, before joining the *Scouts et Guides de France*.

Invested in associative life and volunteering, she participated in several school support missions, the marauding of the *Society of Saint-Vincent-de-Paul*, also helping the *Salvation Army* in the distribution of meals for migrants and the homeless, visiting isolated elderly people at home.

Michael LA CIVITA

Michael La Civita is communications director for the *Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)*, where he has worked for more than three decades.

A pontifical agency, CNEWA aims to "provide funds to ensure that Eastern Churches and dedicated nuns who run clinics, schools and other social services for the common good, have the resources necessary to carry out their vital work". Founded in 1926, based in New York, CNEWA operates in a dozen countries.

Michael La Civita is also vice-president of the *Catholic Media Association*, the cross-Atlantic counterpart of the *French Catholic Media Federation*.

Moderator: **Jonathan GUILBAULT**, religious editor at *Canada Novalis Publishing*.

2. To be a Catholic word in a world that is not

In an increasingly secularized society, the presence of Catholic voices is no longer obvious. Do our media have a particular legitimacy? As Catholic media journalists, do we have a singular word to share?

SPEAKERS:

Brother Thierry HUBERT

Succeeding in September 2018 to Brother Philippe Jaillot, at the end of two six-year terms, Brother Thierry Hubert became producer of the *French Radio-Television Committee (CFRT) / Le Jour du Seigneur*, which broadcasts Catholic religious programs – including documentaries and mass filmed live in a French-speaking parish since 1948 – every Sunday and for major holidays on *France 2*. At the same time, in 2019, he became "syndic" of the Saint-Jacques convent.

Born in Fougères into a Catholic family and originally from Upper Brittany, Brother Thierry Hubert began his career as an associate mathematics teacher in Rennes, where he taught for ten years at the *Lycée Saint-Vincent Providence*. Marked by a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, he entered the Dominicans in 2001. He was ordained a priest in 2008, after having been chaplain to students in Strasbourg, where he pursued studies in philosophy and theology. At the same time, he obtained a master's degree in urban planning at the *National Institute of Applied Sciences*.

Joining the convent of the Dominicans of Lille, chaplain of the *École des Hautes Études Commerciales du Nord*, he participated in the development of the spiritual meditation site *Retraite dans la ville*, delivering to the 160,000 Internet users – as, today, to television viewers with the *JDS* – a word "which awakens, which makes them grow".

He is also active in the world of theater which has always fascinated him, participating in particular in the *Faith and Culture* meetings of the Festival d'Avignon.

Samuel LIEVEN

Director, since 2019, of the editorial staff of the weekly *Pèlerin*, the founding title of the *Bayard* group, which currently has forty-two journalists and some 500,000 readers throughout France for almost one hundred and fifty years, Samuel Lieven holds a master's degree in Medieval history obtained at *Lille III University*. He is a graduate of the *Institute of Political Studies* in Paris and the *Strasbourg School of Journalism (University Center for Journalism Education)*.

Before working as a field journalist for fifteen years in several newsrooms – *Vatican Radio*, *Le Soir*, *La Voix du Nord*, *Pèlerin*, *La Croix...* –, Samuel Lieven began his career as a journalist for *Radio Vatican* and then to become responsible for press relations at the European Commission.

He is the author of *God save Russia* (Arte), of *The Black Book of the Condition of Christians in the World* (XO Editions) and of *An Angry Imam* (Bayard).

In January 2018, in Lourdes, on the occasion of *St. Francis de Sales Days*, Cardinal Pietro Parolin presented him with the first *Father Jacques Hamel Prize*, rewarding journalistic work highlighting peace initiatives and interreligious dialogue initiatives. His article "Thomas and Benedict, the converts of November 13", published in *La Croix* on November 13, 2017, cross portrait of two brothers, one of whom is Catholic, the other has become Muslim.

The fracture marked family life, soon overtaken by the drama of the attacks which aim to oppose each other. The two brothers have nevertheless started a path of reconciliation: if the story is not over, it bears signs of hope.

Moderator: **Jean-Baptiste COCAGNE**, journalist at *RCF Lyon*.

From 8:30 pm — Panorama Hotel (restaurant on the 1st floor)
Standing buffet dinner

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8 am – 9 am — Basilica of the Rosary

Mass

presided by **Monsignor Emmanuel Gobilliard**, Bishop of Digne, Riez and Sisteron,
and member of the Council for Communication of the Conference of Bishops of France

2. Will influencers replace journalists?

Conference-debate / Bishop's Conférence of France Hall / Thursday, January 26 / 9:15 am – 10:45 am

While our media are looking for themselves on social networks, Catholics find their place there to the point of becoming producers of content, even of information.

Priests, monks, nuns and lay people bring a Christian voice and a disintermediated evangelization to audiences that our media often struggle to reach. Are journalists overwhelmed by influencers?

SPEAKERS:

Katie PREJEAN McGRADY

An award-winning author, international speaker, podcaster and daily radio show host, Katie Prejean McGardy began her professional career working with youth and in school education for several years. Since 2017, she averages 100,000 miles a year speaking at youth events, parishes, parent groups, fundraisers, retreats, religious education conferences, and more.

Katie began working with *Ave Maria Press* in 2019, creating digital and audio content for *Ave Explores*, a multimedia project exploring various Catholic topics for people who want to live their faith in a real and practical way.

She hosts the podcast *Ave Explores*, a long-running interview-style podcast that has racked up over 300,000 downloads and was honored by the *Catholic Media Association*. Katie also hosts *Like a Mother*, a new podcast about the joys, struggles, and ins and outs of motherhood, produced by *Podcast OSV*.

She writes regularly for *Blessed is She*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, *Aleteia* and the *Grotto Network*. She is a Catholic commentator on *CNN* and a consultant for the *USCCB Task Force on Youth and Young Adult Ministry*.

In the spring of 2021, Katie began hosting *The Katie McGrady Show*, a daily radio show on Catholic *Sirius XM channel 129* that talks about pop culture and current affairs, including Catholic news, and introduces listeners to a variety of engaging, dynamic and deeply inspiring guests.

She lives in Lake Charles, in the Los Angeles district, with her husband Tommy and her daughters, Rose and Clare.

Sister Atchimane Marceline EBIA

Belonging to the Catholic community Mother of Divine Love, she divides herself between six religious institutes and seminaries as a teacher-researcher, while exercising her true passion: preaching, during large prayer gatherings or on social networks like *TikTok*, with more than 21,000 subscribers, Catholics, Evangelicals and even Muslims. "In a society where people are always in a hurry, it is interesting to have a short format for sermons in one minute, explains the 49-year-old nun, based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. It also allows me to respond to my commitment as a missionary of the Good News and to the Pope's call to reach people in the peripheries."

On *Facebook*, Sister Ebia also promotes *BiblÉ cosmetics*, a range of beauty and hair care products "to maintain dark skin and frizzy hair", which she launched.

After a doctorate in political philosophy from the *Catholic Institute of Paris*, and a certificate in conflict management, she has just graduated in professional mediation after founding, in 2019, the *Association for the search for unity, Solidarity and African Identity* (Arusia), with the objective of promoting peace and reconciliation and proposing effective solutions in order to reconstitute the social fabric.

Père Matthieu JASSERON

At 37, Father Matthieu Jasseron, priest of the diocese of Sens (Yonne), is the parish priest of Joigny and more than a million users of the social network *TikTok*. Presenting himself as the "priest of *TikTok*", he publishes on the most fashionable social network for young people short video pellets, alternating between answers to questions, lessons and humor.

"Digital then imposed itself as a means of reaching [young people]", he explained recently to the *Pèlerin*.

"I had the idea of making accessible videos on questions that everyone can ask themselves. »

Purpose? "I want to redistill a Christian word in a world that is not. »

Last September, Father Matthieu Jasseron pursued his goal with a first book: *Believing it is useless, and yet it changes everything* (Flammarion).

Moderator: Étienne LORAILLÈRE, editorial director of *KTO*.

10:45 pm – 11:15 am — Hall of the hemicycle
Coffee break. Informal discussion time. Press table available free of charge.

The guest of the Days

Conference / Hemicycle / Thursday, January 26 / 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Gad ELMALEH,
comedian and actor.

"Being Catholic and saying it in today's world, a challenge...?"

Born in 1971, comedian "darling" of the French for more than a quarter of a century with films and sketches that have become cults, **Gad Elmaleh** is the director and the main actor of his most intimate work, the film *Reste un peu*.

The actor, born into a traditionalist Sephardic Jewish family, recounts his love story with... the Virgin Mary.

In this work, the humorist casts doubt on the boundary between fiction and personal testimony. The film found its audience, with almost half a million spectators in dark rooms.

The fifty-year-old comedian is also close to Lourdes, since he is also one of the partners in the production of the musical devoted to Bernadette de Lourdes.

In Lourdes, he confided to *La Croix*, "I also see a lot of hope, energy, joy and humor. But what touched me the most were all these young people helping the sick."

Moderator: **Youna RIVALLAIN**, journalist at *La Vie*.

12:45 pm – 2:45 pm — Panorama Hotel (restaurant on the 1st floor)
Convivial seated lunch

3. Are we the voice of the Church?

Conference-debate / Bishop's Conférence of France Hall / Thursday, January 26 / 3 pm – 4:30 am

Combining Catholic identity and duty to inform, our media sometimes seem caught in divergent currents, when they are not contrary. Can the Catholic identity affirmed by our media be put at the service of editorial independence or does it, on the contrary, suppose an editorial line to follow? How to combine our editorial identities with the ecclesial institution?

SPEAKERS:

José Luís RAMOS PINHEIRO

Grupo Renascença Multimédia operates in the field of social communication in Portugal, through a set of three radio stations (including *Renascença*, created in 1937) broadcasting in FM, medium wave and online.

The group is private and independent of any political, economic or social power, inspiring its activity in Christian humanism. It belongs jointly to the *Patriarchate of Lisbon* and the *Portuguese Episcopal Conference*.

José Luís Ramos Pinheiro is one of its administrators, under the presidency of D. Américo Aguiar.

Offering a wide range of services that include marketing, events, entertainment, training and social responsibility, the group is linked to national and European radio associations and, throughout its history, has helped to create transmitters and to train technicians in several countries, such as Guinea, Cape Verde, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Angola, Mozambique and Timor.

Designated as *Emissora Católica Portuguesa*, the radio marked several generations. Recognized as a training school, it is the first private communication organ to have been awarded the Order of Merit by the President of the Portuguese Republic.

Helen OSMAN

Since 2017, the American Helen Osman has been president of *Signis*, the World Catholic Association for Communication. After serving as publisher and director of communications for the Diocese of Austin, Texas, for more than twenty years, Helen Osman served as communications officer for the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* for eight years. In this capacity, she was responsible for the media organization of the visits of Popes Benoit XVI in 2008 and Francis in 2015.

Among other responsibilities, Helen Osman served as secretary and president of the *Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada* (CPA).

As President of *Signis*, Helen Osman has focused on strengthening the association, so that members can more effectively communicate their ideas and inspirations, and put *Signis'* mission into practice: "*Transforming our cultures at the light of the Gospel*".

On September 29, 2022, she was appointed by Pope Francis as a consultant to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication.

Jérôme CHAPUIS

A journalist by training, a graduate of *Paris Dauphine University* and the *Lille School of Journalism*, Jérôme Chapuis joined RMC in 1999, then a year later at *Europe 1*. He presented the morning papers there before joining political service.

In 2011, he joined RTL. At the end of the 2012 presidential campaign, he was entrusted with the *Grand Jury RTL – Le Figaro – LCI*, which he hosted for three seasons. From 2015 to 2019, he was a presenter for RTL's morning show.

In 2019, he joined *La Croix* as editor-in-chief. At the same time, he presented the program *Un Monde en Doc* for three years, every weekend on *Public Sénat*.

Since July 1, 2021, he has been the editorial director of *La Croix*.

Moderator: **Jean-Charles PUTZOLU**, journalist at *Vatican News*.

4:30 pm – 5:15 pm — Hall of the hemicycle

Welcome drink offered by the Lourdes Tourist Office

Tasting of natural fruit juices and artisanal pastries from local producers.

Thematic workshops

Thursday, January 26 / Hemicycle or sanctuary / 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

An hour and a quarter of workshop, in small groups, to exchange between participants and with the guests on the following theme (in the hemicycle), or enjoy a guided tour of the Notre-Dame de Lourdes sanctuary.

3. *Laudato si'*: how to (re)mobilize Catholics?

Nearly eight years after the publication of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the dynamism of Catholics around climate issues seems to be running out of steam. However, between temperature records regularly exceeded and the energy crisis, environmental issues seem more pressing than ever. How can our media restore momentum in Catholic circles?

SPEAKER:

Laura MOROSINI

A graduate in Political Science and Environmental Law, Laura Morosini worked on ecological and climate issues at the French Parliament and at the City of Paris, where she was at the origin of the first Climate Plan for the capital, which she flew between 2005 and 2009.

She has also been involved with the NGO Friends of the Earth, for which she was spokesperson at the Johannesburg Earth Summit in 2002. Convinced that, faced with the scale of the transformation of lifestyles required by the challenges ecological issues, law and politics are not enough, it is committed to the conversion of consciences.

She therefore founded the NGO Christians United for the Earth in 2012, worked to mobilize believers for COP21, then co-founded the Green Church label in 2017, the French-speaking component of the *Laudato Si'* Movement in 2020 and directs now the programs of the *Laudato Si'* Movement at the European level.

The *Laudato Si'* Movement aims to connect and mobilize Catholics for ecological justice and care for our common home.

Moderator: **Laurent JARNEAU**, journalist freelance.

4. Catholic media, missionary media?

Is it our role as Catholic media to announce the Good News? should a Catholic media be an evangelizing media?

SPEAKERS:

Sabrina DI MATTEO

A graduate in theology, Sabrina Di Matteo is assistant director, Mission section, of the *Canadian Religious Conference [CRC]* after having been director of youth ministry at the *Benoît-Lacroix student center*. Previously, she worked in communication and training for the Catholic Diocese of Montreal. She is currently president and columnist at "*Presence – Religious Information*". She sits on the Church and Society Council of the *Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Quebec*.

Philippine de SAINT PIERRE

Managing Director of *KTO*, married and mother of two children, Philippine de Saint Pierre is a journalist. After beginnings in the economic and financial press, she joined the editorial staff of *Radio Jerico*, in Metz, in the 90s.

Hired by *Radio Notre-Dame*, in Paris, to host the 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. section, she became its editor-in-chief from 1996 to 1998.

She then founded *Théo-Fil*, a press agency specializing in religious information which works for various media and produces documentary films and web content.

She has collaborated with *KTO-TV* since the creation of the channel, covering the Pope's travels and providing commentary on the broadcasts of major Church events. Appointed program director of *KTO* in July 2007, she was entrusted with the general management in 2014. She continues to exercise the profession of journalist, in particular by covering the news of the Vatican, where she is accredited permanently, and by hosting various talk shows or reports.

Moderator: **Thibault D'HAUTHUILLE**, director of *Radio Présence*.

Great witness

Conference / Bishop's of France Hemicyle / Thursday, January 26 / 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm

H.E. Cardinal Pietro PAROLIN, Secretary of State of the Holy See

On the theme: "Vatican diplomacy in the service of peace", the Cardinal testifies to the way in which Catholic diplomacy plays a role in the construction of peace, an illustration of the way in which Catholics are heard for peace in the world.

Moderator: **Xavier LE NORMAND**, editorial manager of the international editions of *La Croix*.

H.E. Cardinal Pietro Parolin was born on January 17, 1955 in Schiavon, in the province of Vicenza. He studied at the diocesan seminary and was ordained a priest on April 27, 1980. A graduate in canon law at the Pontifical Gregorian University, he joined the diplomatic services of the Holy See on July 1, 1986, which took him successively to Nigeria from 1986 to 1989, then to Mexico until 1992. Secretary of the apostolic delegation and architect of the negotiations for the official recognition of the Catholic Church in the country and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

He then returned to the services of relations with the States at the Vatican. He was then responsible for relations with Spain, Andorra, Italy and San Marino. On November 30, 2002, he was appointed Under-Secretary of the Section for Relations with the States of the Secretariat of State. Pietro Parolin is then the kingpin of the efforts of the Holy See to obtain the approval and the implementation of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

As Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Holy See, he is one of the architects of the establishment of diplomatic relations with Vietnam and also participates in discussions between the Vatican and Israel. It was at the beginning of the pontificate of Benedict XVI that direct contact was re-established with China.

On August 17, 2009, Benedict XVI appointed him Titular Archbishop of Acquapendente and Apostolic Nuncio to Venezuela.

On August 31, 2013, the press room of the Holy See announced his appointment by Pope Francis as Secretary of State to replace Cardinal Bertone. He thus became, at the age of 58, the youngest Secretary of State since 1929. On December 13, 2013, he received for the first time the entire diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See for an audience. On December 16, 2013, he was appointed by Francis as a member of the Congregation for Bishops.

On Sunday January 12, 2014, the pope announced his forthcoming elevation to the cardinalate. Quickly, he expresses himself on what diplomatic relations are for him: they must be experienced as a diplomacy of love. He also explains that the role of Vatican diplomacy must be human-centered with attention to the weak and the poor. He also fixed two other points of attention for the South of the world and also for Europe with, for this one, a contribution of the Holy See to the construction of the European house.

He was created cardinal by the pope on February 22, 2014. On May 22, he was confirmed as a cardinal member of the Congregation for Bishops, but also as a member of the congregation for the Eastern Churches and also of the congregation for the Evangelization of peoples. On May 28, he was named a member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Since July 1, 2014, he has been a permanent member of the Council of Nine Cardinals. On September 9, 2014, he was appointed "synodal father" by François for the third extraordinary general assembly of the synod of bishops on the family taking place from October 5 to 19, as Cardinal Secretary of State.

On September 29, 2014, he spoke before the United Nations General Assembly to recall the problems of distribution of wealth and the situation of Eastern Christians in the face of the rise of terrorism.



Presentation of the 2023 Father Jacques Hamel Prize

Bishop's of France Hemicyle / Thursday, January 26 / 7:30 pm – 8:15 pm

Among the candidate producers of an original creation in any form, published between February 1 and November 30, 2022, the jury has selected and rewards journalistic work that highlights **initiatives in favor of peace and development. interreligious dialogue.** Created in 2017 by the Federation, this Prize is awarded in memory of the priest assassinated on July 26, 2016 in his church in Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray.

From 8:30 pm — Panorama Hotel (restaurant on the 1st floor)

Standing buffet dinner

animated by **Dominique Bouchait**, master cheesemaker, *Meilleur Ouvrier de France*



FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

8 am – 9 am — Basilica of the Rosary

Mass

presided by His Excellency Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See

4. How to speak of the divisions of the Church?

Conference-debate / Bishop's of France Hemicycle / Friday, January 27 / 9:15 am – 10:45 am

"I am not afraid of schisms," declared Pope Francis in September 2019. For several years, the Catholic Church has been criss-crossed by divisions that seem to be increasingly irreconcilable ruptures.

What is the role of our media in this turbulence, without denying these realities or exacerbating the divisions? What words, what looks can be posed to inform about these divisions?

SPEAKERS :

Jean-Marie GUÉNOIS

Vaticanist and French journalist specializing in international religious issues, Jean-Marie Guénois is editor-in-chief of the daily *Le Figaro*. He founded the press agency *I.Media* in Rome when he lived there from 1989 to 1998. During this period he traveled a lot. The agency is now owned by the *Media-Participations* group. He has also collaborated with the magazine *30Giorni* specializing in international religious issues.

Head of the religion service at the daily *La Croix* for ten years, he hosted the program *Midi moins 7* then *C'est aussi de l'info* for *Le Jour du Seigneur* on France 2.

A former correspondent at the Vatican, he is currently editor-in-chief in charge of religions at *Le Figaro*, consultant for RTL and journalist for the program *L'Esprit des Lettres* on the KTO channel.

He has written numerous books, including: *How far will François go? : divorced-remarried, reform of the Vatican, anti-capitalism... Its challenges, its enemies* (Éditions Jean-Claude Lattès, 2014); *Love of God and Church Reform: According to Saint Francis de Sales and Pope Francis*, with Claude Dagens (Salvator, 2014).

Père Stefano STIMAMIGLIO

In March 2022, the *San Paolo Editorial Group* approved the appointment of don Stefano Stimamiglio as director of *Famiglia Cristiana*, a weekly founded ninety years ago in Alba, which in recent years has enthusiastically supported the magisterium of Pope Francis and his line anchored in Vatican II, for a "Samaritan" Church, merciful, with doors open to all.

Don Stefano Stimamiglio, 57, was ordained a priest in the *Society of Saint Paul* in 2007. A law graduate from Bologna, he worked for six years in the legal department of large companies in the Northeast. He entered the *Saint Paul Society* in 1999, after completing his theological studies at the *Pontifical Gregorian University*, and he obtained a degree in theology of marriage and the family at the *Pontifical John Paul II Institute* in Rome.

A professional journalist since 2008, he was deputy editor of *Crede e Jesus*, before assuming the role of general secretary of his congregation in 2015. For *Edizioni San Paolo* he published *Who saves a life saves the whole world* (2014), on the life of Father Georg Sporschill sj, and, with Don Gabriele Amorth, *We will be judged by love. The devil can do nothing against the mercy of God*.

In 2021, he translates *Bi@mail* from German. *Messages from the ends of the world. A Bible for the Bold* (by Father Georg Sporschill and Ruth Zenkert). Since February 6, 2015, he has been an ecclesiastical adviser to the *Unione Cattolica della Stampa Italiana* Lombardia.

Gregory Roy ERLANDSON

Greg Erlandson has served in Catholic media as a journalist, author, editor, publisher and president. From 2016 to 2022, he served as Editor in Chief and Director of *Catholic News Service*, which is based in Washington with offices in New York and Rome. CNS serves Catholic publications and dioceses throughout the United States and around the world. For 15 years he was President and Publisher of the *Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division*. *Our Sunday Visitor* is a not-for-profit Catholic company that publishes *OSV Newsweekly* and other periodicals, trade books, parish resources and religious education curricula for parishes and schools. Before becoming publisher, Greg Erlandson had served first as the editor of *OSV Newsweekly* and then as Editor in Chief at *Our Sunday Visitor Publishing*. He previously worked as a foreign correspondent in the Rome bureau of *Catholic News Service*, where he covered the Vatican from 1986 to 1989. He also served as news editor for the *National Catholic Register* when it was based in Los Angeles.

He is co-author of the 2010 book, *Pope Benedict XVI and the Sexual Abuse Crisis: Working for Reform and Renewal* and has written many articles, editorials and columns. He is a regular columnist for the *Angelus*, magazine of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Past president of the *Catholic Press Association*, he has served as a consultor for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. In 2014 he was one of six international experts appointed by the Council of Cardinals to the Vatican Media Committee to propose reforms for the Vatican's diverse media operations.

Greg Erlandson has received the St. Francis De Sales Award for outstanding contributions to Catholic journalism and the Bishop John England Award for publishers from the Catholic Press Association. In 2016 he was inducted into the Association of Catholic Publishers' Hall of Fame for his lifetime achievement in Catholic publishing.

In 2017 he was awarded the Cardinal Cushing Medal for the Advancement of Church Research by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

Moderator: **Cyprien VIET**, journalist at *I.Media* and *Aleteia*.

10:45 am – 11:30 am — Hall of the hemicycle

Tasting of regional products

with the friendly participation of cheese producers (cow, goat and sheep), local cured meats, artisanal preserves, Jurançon winegrowers, etc. Possibility of purchase.

11:30 am – 12 pm — Bishop's Conference of France Hemicycle

CONCLUSION OF DAYS

by **Xavier Le Normand**, program coordinator,
and **Jean-Marie Montel**

member of the management board and managing director of the *Bayard Group*,
President of the *Catholic Media Federation*.

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm — Hôtel Panorama (restaurant au 1^{er} étage)

Convivial seated lunch

For people leaving before lunch, possibility of a packed lunch to take away (to be reserved when registering).

14:45 pm – 16:30 pm — Reception and Information Center of the Sanctuaries

Screening of the film on the message of Saint Bernadette

followed, for those interested, by the

guided tour of the sanctuary:

the basilicas, passage to the Grotto, pilgrim route, etc.

>>> As every year, the *Federation* provides you with free shuttles on arrival and departure, connecting the Saint-Joseph gate of the sanctuaries (50 m from the hotels) to stations and airports. Privates cars, minibuses or grand touring coaches will be identifiable by their "St. Francis de Sales Days" sign. The schedules will be communicated to you by email before the Days and on site at the reception stand. For your trip, we invite you to consult the *sncf-connect* and *volotea.com* websites. **Recommended times from Paris:** by train, departure Wednesday at 6:39 a.m. (arrival at 11:21 a.m.), return Friday at 1:02 p.m. (arrival Paris at 5:52 p.m.) by direct TGV *Inoui*; by *Volotea* direct plane, departure Orly Wednesday 8:45 a.m. (arrival at 10:10 a.m.), return Friday departure 6:40 p.m. (arrival Orly at 8:05 p.m.). **Recommended times from Rome:** *Ryanair/Air Malta* direct flight, departure Tuesday at 3:50 p.m. (arrival at 5:45 p.m.) or Wednesday at 10:10 a.m. (arrival at 12:05 p.m.), return Saturday at 4:45 p.m. (arrival Rome 6:40 p.m.); no direct return flight on Friday, compulsory transit *via* Toulouse or Paris.