



THE JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY SYMPOSIUM

in celebration of the World Day of Social Communications

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<p>The JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY Chair of Homiletics & Social Communications</p> <p>@ Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>www.scs.edu/john-cardinal-foley-chair</p>	
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Cardinal JOHN PATRICK FOLEY (1935-2011) was instrumental in advancing the work of communications in the Catholic Church. He made it possible "to see the face of a church capable of speaking to the world with cordialness and to dialogue with it in maximum openness, without ever putting aside the truth or its own reasons" (Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli).

Under his leadership as its president, the Pontifical Council for Social Communications produced significant documents that brought ethical reflection to bear upon communications, advertising, and the then-emerging Internet. The work of that Council has been integrated into the new Secretariat for Communications at the Vatican, which is now responsible for promoting the annual celebration of the **World Day of Social Communications**.

The annual *Cardinal Foley Symposium* honors the enduring contribution of this native son of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in conjunction with the global celebration. Events take place, usually, during the last week in May at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary (Wynnewood, PA). The symposium begins with a public forum to discuss the theme of the World Day of Social Communications. A banquet follows during which two awards are presented in recognition of significant contributions to the world of mass media and social communications.

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celebrating the World Day of Social Communications
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About the World Day of Social Communications

This worldwide celebration is the only “day” called for by the Second Vatican Council (*Inter mirifica*, 1963) and is celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost (usually in May/June).



- The year’s theme is announced on **September 29**, the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, who have been designated as the patrons of those who work in radio.
- The Holy Father's message is traditionally published on **January 24**, in conjunction with the Memorial of ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, patron of writers and journalists.

As a way of celebrating this world day in the USA, the John Cardinal Foley Chair in Homiletics & Social Communications hosts an annual symposium at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia during the last week in May.

About the Cardinal Foley Forum

The symposium begins with a public forum dedicated to the theme of the year’s celebration. Responding to the world day’s theme and papal message, professional journalists and/or other invited experts engage in a discussion of how the values explained by the Holy Father can be applied to, and lived in, the contemporary world of mass media and social communications.

The seminar is open to the public with free admission.



About the Cardinal Foley Awards



The symposium concludes with a banquet at which two awards are presented: one to a communications professional and one to a young adult (or group of young adults). Selection of the award winners is guided by the Advisory Committee of the John Cardinal Foley Chair and approved by the Archbishop of Philadelphia. Guidelines for each award are provided separately.

The banquet is open to the public, but tickets are required.

About the Cardinal Foley Chair

Established in 2013, the John Cardinal Foley Chair in Homiletics & Social Communications supports the work of the Catholic Church in the realm of social communications by teaching seminary students and church groups, working with staff in parishes and (arch)dioceses, and engaging in dialogue with journalists and media professionals.



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