



# THE JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY CHAIR OF HOMILETICS & SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

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*The Cardinal Foley Chair at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary 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.*

The endowed chair is a faculty position named in honor of **JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY** (1935-2011), who served as President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications from 1984 to 2007.



The position responds to Pope Francis's invitation to join the “great and thrilling challenge” of the media revolution “with fresh energy and imagination as we seek to share with others the beauty of God.” In the world of social communications, our sense of religion, faith, and spirituality is changing. We need to encounter others in the digital realm and engage them with new models for understanding the world, for comprehending what it means to be human, and for generating vibrant church communities.

The Cardinal Foley Chair engages the theology of social communications by

- sponsoring lectures and symposia on current topics in the field;
- teaching in academic and formation programs;
- participating in scholarly and professional conferences;
- contributing to Catholic news organizations (commentaries, podcasts);
- offering talks and workshops to parishes and (arch)diocesan groups;
- and preaching spiritual devotions and retreats.



*“The Seminary gives men and women a voice to speak to the world – a twenty-first century gift of tongues – to defend and spread our shared faith. St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a jewel in the crown of our faith community. It is time to rediscover, or discover for the first time, this holy place of learning.” ~ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M. CAP*

**The John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics & Social Communications – the only chair of its kind in U.S. seminary or university education – looks to shine as a fine gem in that crown!**

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