



The Tenth Annual
John Cardinal Foley Lecture
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INTRODUCTION

by Rev. Thomas F. Dailey, O.S.F.S.

Good evening and welcome to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for the tenth annual edition of the John Cardinal Foley Lecture, which focuses on The Church & Social Communications.

This lecture series honors the memory of Cardinal John Foley, a priest of this archdiocese who died in 2011. Cardinal Foley was an alumnus of and faculty member here at the seminary. He worked on archdiocesan communications at *The Catholic Standard & Times* for more than twenty years, while also serving for fifteen years as news secretary for the national conference of U.S. Catholic Bishops. In 1984, he was called to the Vatican to lead communications efforts for the universal Church as president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, where he served for twenty-three years.

Cardinal Foley was universally respected for his honest representation of the Catholic Church as well as for his realistic appreciation of the media. Concerning the latter, he once quipped that “the great sin of the world of communication is boredom” (ZENIT, 5/11/05).

Our speaker this evening has spent 35 years in the media working to overcome that sin! Having once realized, as he says, that “almost every person in the Catholic world is boring,” he has counteracted this on his radio show with such topics as: Jeepin for Jesus, Catholic Family Feud, Atheist Parable Reviews, God and Tacos, Church Alligators, and a feature on the “Sin of the Week.”

But there’s much more to it, and to him, than entertaining Catholic parody. Having just celebrated its 16th anniversary, the primetime Sirius XM radio show and podcast that he hosts on the Catholic Channel is now heard across North America and has more than 65,000 followers on social media. The show has been done in more than 20 countries and was the first American program ever to do a week of programming from Vatican Radio.

As its host, our speaker is described as “an everyday Catholic with a fresh, fun, and often off-beat take on living out the faith in the world today.” He’s also an accomplished producer, a popular author, and a three-time Emmy Award winner, the first in Catholic broadcasting to win that award since Bishop Fulton Sheen. With degrees in both communications and theology, he also serves as the personal media advisor to Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

And now he is the 2023 John Cardinal Foley Lecturer, here to speak to us about “The Present and Future of Catholic Media.”

Friends, please welcome ... **“The Catholic Guy” – LINO RULLI.**

