



## **Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary welcomes Dominican “Influencer” for the annual John Cardinal Foley Lecture**

Ambler, PA – Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary welcomes Father Patrick Mary Briscoe, O.P. as the 2026 Cardinal Foley Lecturer. His lecture on “Mercy and Mission: Continuity and New Accents from Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV” has been re-scheduled and will take place on Tuesday, **March 17, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Julia Ball Auditorium on the campus of Gwynedd Mercy University in Lower Gwynedd, PA.

On September 4, 2025 Fr. Patrick was appointed the first ever General Promoter of Social Communication for the worldwide Order of Preachers. In that new role, he works closely with the Master General and the General Curia to support the Order’s communication efforts, fostering collaboration and helping shape a global strategy for preaching through media across the four publics (friars, nuns, sisters, and laity) that form the Dominican family.



Fr. Patrick is a friar of the U.S. Province of St. Joseph. He entered the Order of Preachers in 2010, was ordained to the priesthood in 2016, and has served in campus ministry, parish life, and in various media apostolates.

He is widely recognized for his contributions to the popular Dominican podcast *Godsplaining* and for his preaching at the National Eucharistic Revival. He previously served as editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*, a national Catholic publication in the United States. He is co-author of *Saint Dominic’s Way of Life: A Path to Knowing and Loving God* (OSV, 2021). He is a member of the Catholic Media Association and a frequent commentator for public television broadcasts about Vatican news.

Father Thomas Dailey, O.S.F.S, who holds the John Cardinal Foley Chair of Social Communication at the Seminary, said of him: “Among Catholic communicators, Fr. Patrick exercises a national and now global influence. His media savvy, his engaging style, his religious charisma – all contribute to his online popularity and, more importantly, to his apostolic work. We are excited to welcome him to Philadelphia and hear his insights on the media mania that has accompanied the election of Pope Leo XIV.”

The lecture is open to the public with free admission. For more details on the lecture series, visit [www.scs.edu/cardinal-foley-lecture](http://www.scs.edu/cardinal-foley-lecture).

### **About Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary**

Founded in 1832, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary serves the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and numerous arch/dioceses across the country, forming men for the Roman Catholic priesthood and diaconate through rigorous academic, human, spiritual, and pastoral preparation as well as providing numerous educational offerings for leaders of the Church.

### **About the John Cardinal Foley Lecture**

This annual public lecture brings speakers of national and international prominence to the Seminary to address current topics in the realm of the Church and Social Communications.

The series honors John Patrick Foley, a Philadelphia native. Ordained a priest in 1962, he served in editorial roles for the archdiocesan newspaper (*The Catholic Standard & Times*) for nearly twenty years. In 1984 he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as President of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications and consecrated a bishop that same year. In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI created him a cardinal and named him Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Cardinal Foley died in Philadelphia in 2011.

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