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# 2022 ACU School Leavers Program

17 Nov to 10 Dec 2022

Program  
information  
and schedule

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# The 2022 ACU School Leavers Program

The object of the ACU School Leavers Program is to provide leadership formation for Catholic school leavers through an immersion in the Catholic tradition and Western civilisation.

## THE PROGRAM:

- focuses on some of the major themes arising from the history of the Church and the development of the West
- uses a range of teaching modes and learning activities
- deepens participants' reflections on their own faith and sharpens their intellectual curiosity about the traditions to which they belong
- becomes a foundation for their own leadership and service after school.

The 2022 program will run from **17 November to 10 December**, with two weeks at ACU's Rome Campus and one week in London, at the Langham Court Hotel and the nearby Maria Fidelis Catholic School FCJ. Three modules will be taught, each comprising four lessons, assigned readings and visits to significant sites related to the theme of each teaching session.

The program is directed to students who are committed to their faith and have a record of leadership and service to their school, parish or the wider community. Participants do not need to be strongly academic, but they do need to be willing to read the course materials, engage positively with the discussions and site visits, and be willing to cultivate an interest in the ideas and influences that have helped to shape religion, arts, politics and society in the West.



# Teaching

The program consists of three teaching modules, each comprising four lessons, readings and site visits.

## TEACHING MODULES

The modules are:

- **The Church and the West:** An overview of key periods in the development of the Church and its influence in shaping the Western world, from the foundation of the Church to the Renaissance.
- **Influences, conflicts and challenges:** A discussion of some major influences, conflicts and challenges shaping the Church and the West, including the emergence of new ideas of politics, religion, knowledge and society.

- **The democratic world and papal teaching:** An introduction to how recent popes have written about democracy and the challenges of the modern world, and the Catholic response to them.

## READINGS

Assigned reading for each teaching session comprises selected short excerpts from two supplied texts:

- Tom Holland, *Dominion: The Making of the Western Mind* (Little, Brown, London: 2019)
- A compiled reader of primary and secondary sources.

TEACHING DAY STRUCTURE		
TIME	ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
7am	Mass	Rome Campus chapel   8am St Patrick's Church Soho
8am	Breakfast	Rome Campus   8.30am London hotel
9:30– 12:30pm	Teaching	Assigned time for reading followed by lesson/seminar
12:30 – 2pm	Lunch	Rome Campus   London hotel – or buy your own on site visits
2 – 5pm	Site visit	Linked to the teaching session and explained in it
5 – 8pm	Dinner	Rome Campus   London hotel   Local restaurants
8pm	Reflection	Reflection on the day's learnings, followed by evening prayer

The program is taught by two ACU staff and two external teachers:

- Dr Michael Casey
- Associate Professor Patrick Quirk
- Mrs Anne McIlroy
- Ms Daniela Bortolin

Two teachers from Sydney Catholic Schools will also assist with the supervision and pastoral care of students.

# Teaching staff



**Dr Michael Casey BA Hons., LLB (Monash), PhD (La Trobe)**

Dr Casey is the Director of the PM Glynn Institute, the public policy think-tank of Australian Catholic University. Before joining ACU in 2015, he worked for Cardinal George Pell AC, during his time as Archbishop of Melbourne and then Sydney. He was a Visiting Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington DC in 2006-7, and completed the Oxford Advanced Leadership and Management Program at Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford in 2014.

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**Dr Patrick Quirk BA, LLB (UQ), LLM (Tübingen) PhD (Adelaide)**

Patrick Quirk is Associate Professor at Australian Catholic University Brisbane Campus, and a former tenured Associate Professor and Academic Dean at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida, USA. He holds degrees in law and arts from the University of Queensland, as well as a Master of Civil Laws (Magister Legum) from the University of Tübingen, Germany. He is also a scholar-in-residence at St Mary's College at the University of Melbourne.

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**Mrs Anne McIlroy BA LLB (Melb), Dip Ed (Melb State College), GCert Curriculum Leadership (Melb)**

Mrs McIlroy is an English Literature and History teacher. She has taught in public and private schools in Victoria and, as a teacher of Renaissance history, has been part of and organised tours of Italy for secondary students.

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**Ms Daniela Bortolin BA (Monash), GradDipEd (Institute of Catholic Education, Melb)**

Ms Bortolin has spent 18 years as teacher in Catholic Secondary Colleges in Melbourne and Perth where she also held leadership roles as English Faculty Coordinator, Year Level Coordinator and Learning Enrichment Coordinator. She has been living in Italy for almost 15 years where she runs an English Language Services business. She has often accompanied Australian school groups on Italian cultural tours.

# Program overview

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thurs 17 November	Depart for Rome
Fri 18 November	Arrive in Rome <i>ACU Rome Campus, Largo Giovanni Berchet 4, 00152 Rome</i>
Sat 19 November	Welcome and orientation
Sun 20 November	Course introduction and Mass to commence the program
Mon 21 November	Module 1: The Church and the West (20 – 25 November)
Sat 26 November	Module 2: Influences, conflicts and challenges (26 November – 1 December)
Fri 2 December	Module 3: The democratic world and papal teaching (2 – 8 December)
Sat 3 December	Depart for London <i>Langham Court Hotel, 31-35 Langham Street, London W1W 6BU</i>
Mon 5 December	Module 3 continues
Sat 10 December	Depart for Sydney
Sun 11 December	Arrive in Sydney

## Detailed program schedule

### Friday 18 November

**Morning:** Arrival

**Lunch:** Rome Campus

**Afternoon:** Walk about Trastevere and local neighbourhood

**Evening:** Rome Campus

### Saturday 19 November

**Morning:** Welcome and orientation:

- practicalities, rules and housekeeping, safety, etc
- issue *Dominion* and reader

Time for pre-reading for course introduction on Sunday

**Lunch:** Pizza or panini near campus

**Afternoon:** Sight-seeing bus tour of Rome

**Evening:** Dinner in neighbourhood near campus

### Sunday 20 November

**Morning:** Course introduction:

- goals of the program and learning formats
- evening reflections and two written reflection pieces
- discussion of pre-reading: *Dominion* pp.xiii-xxix: the strangeness of Christianity when it emerged in the ancient world

**Mass:** Domus Australia: celebrated by Cardinal Pell

**Lunch:** Domus Australia

**Afternoon:** Walking tour: Santa Maria Maggiore, Trevi, Via del Corso, Piazza Navona

**Evening:** Pizza and gelato in Piazza Navona



# Module 1:

## The Church and the West

An overview of key periods in the development of the Church and its influence in shaping the Western world, from the foundation of the Church to the Renaissance.

### 1. FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHURCH

**Monday 21 November**

**Theme:** St Peter and St Paul, the foundations of the papacy

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.62-69: St Paul and the Galatians

**Reader:** Primary documents from the Gospels and on early persecutions

**Visit:** St Paul Outside the Walls; Monastery of the Three Fountains; St John Lateran

**Evening:** Reflection and evening prayer

### 2. THE EARLY CHURCH

**Tuesday 22 November**

**Theme:** How Christianity changed the Roman world; the Emperor Constantine (280-337AD)

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.119-26: made in the image of God

*Dominion* pp.108-18: Constantine and the Council of Nicaea

**Reader:** Primary and secondary sources on how Christianity changed the Roman world through care of women, the sick and the poor

**Visit:** Catacombs of San Callisto  
Mass celebrated by Cardinal Pell

**Evening:** Reflection and evening prayer



### 3. THE MEDIAEVAL CHURCH AND MONASTICISM

**Wednesday 23 – Thursday 24 November**

**Theme:** Religious life: St Benedict, St Scholastica, St Francis and St Clare

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.156-61: St Columbanus and the Irish monasteries

**Reader:** From the Rule of St Benedict, the Rule of St Francis, and *The Imitation of Christ*

**Visit:** Assisi: departing afternoon of 23 November, returning evening of 24 November

**Evening:** Overnight in Assisi

**Thursday 24 November**

**Mass:** At the Tomb of St Francis

**Morning:** Tour of the Basilicas of St Francis and St Chiara

**Afternoon:** Return to Rome

**Evening:** Dinner on campus; reflection and evening prayer

### 4. THE CHURCH IN THE EAST

**Friday 25 November**

**Theme:** Christianity, Judaism, Islam and the Crusades

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.162-70 and pp.176-81: Jews, Muslims, Christians 630-751AD

**Reader:** Primary and secondary sources on the founding of Constantinople and the Crusades

**Visit:** Great Synagogue and Jewish Museum of Rome

**Evening:** Kosher meal in the Jewish Ghetto

# Module 2: Influences, conflicts and challenges

A discussion of some major influences, conflicts and challenges shaping the Church and the West, including the emergence of new ideas of politics, religion, knowledge and society.

## 1. THE RENAISSANCE

**Saturday 26 November**

**Theme:** Christianity and the classical world in art and philosophy.

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.247-54: Faith and classical learning

*Reader:* Michelangelo's *Sonnets*; excerpts from Machiavelli and Aristotle

**Visit:** Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel

**Evening:** Dinner on walk back from the Vatican

## Week 2: Rome

**Sun 27 November – Sat 3 December**

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**Morning:** Mass

**Reading:** *Reader:* The Great Fire of Rome and Emperor Nero's persecution of Christians 64AD

**Afternoon:** Visit to Colosseum and San Clemente

**Evening:** Dinner near campus; reflection and evening prayer

## 2. THE REFORMATION AND COUNTER-REFORMATION

**Monday 28 November**

**Theme:** Calvin, Knox, Luther and the Reformation in England; the Council of Trent

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.298-321: Ch XIII: Reformation

*Reader:* Secondary sources on the Reformation and Counter-Reformation; excerpts from *Hamlet*

**Visit:** A small historic church for an explanation of how the parts of the Mass and the parts of a Church come together (Fr Anthony Ekpo, ACU Campus Chaplain)

**Evening:** Reflection and evening prayer





### 3. POLITICS AND RELIGION

**Tuesday 29 November**

**Theme:** The political influence of the papacy; the sacralisation of politics

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.206-14: pope vs emperor

**Reader:** Secondary sources on the Wars of Religion and the separation of church and state

**Visit:** Palazzo Montecitorio (Parliament of Italy)

**Evening:** Opera selections at the Opera Lirica, Palazzo Santa Chiara

**Wednesday 30 November**

**Morning:** St Peter's Basilica

**Lunch:** On the walk back to campus from audience

**Afternoon:** Students to write and hand in a reflection piece on learnings so far

**Evening:** Outreach at San Egidio Trattoria delgi Amici

### 4. FAITH AND SCIENCE

**Thursday 1 December**

**Theme:** Religion, reason and knowledge

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.335-43: science, religion and Galileo

**Reader:** Secondary sources on the Enlightenment and faith and reason

**Visit:** Castel Gandolfo and Vatican Observatory

**Evening:** Reflection and evening prayer

# Module 3:

## The democratic world and papal teaching

An introduction to how recent popes have written about democracy and the challenges of the modern world, and the Catholic response to them.

### 1. THE MODERN WORLD AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

#### Friday 2 December

**Theme:** The challenges of the modern era and the Church's response

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.379-81: democracy and revolution

**Reader:** Excerpts from *Rerum Novarum* and *Centesimus Annus*

**Afternoon:** Free time ahead of departure to London on Saturday morning

**Evening:** Farewell dinner in Rome

#### Saturday 3 December

**Morning:** Depart campus for airport

**Afternoon:** Depart for London

**Evening:** Langham Court Hotel

### Week 3: London

#### Sun 3 December – Sat 10 December

#### Sunday 4 December

**Mass:** Brompton Oratory

**Reading:** *Reader:* Churchill's 1940 speech 'We shall fight on the beaches'

**Afternoon:** Exploring London: cabinet war rooms, walking tour around the Australian war memorial and Buckingham Palace

**Evening:** Casual dinner near hotel

### 2. TRUTH, KNOWLEDGE, JUSTICE

#### Monday 5 December

**Theme:** Truth and moral relativism; freedom and responsibility

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.443-51: the death of God: loss of faith and political extremism

**Reader:** Excerpts from *Veritatis Splendor* and *Laudato Si'*

**Visit:** Tower of London

**Evening:** Dinner at restaurant near Tower of London; reflection and evening prayer at St Patrick's Soho

#### Tuesday 6 December

**Morning:** Seminar on St John Henry Newman; day trip to Oxford University

**Mass:** Oxford Catholic chaplaincy

**Afternoon:** Lunch and walking tour of Oxford

**Evening:** Return to London; reflection and evening prayer at St Patrick's Soho



### 3. DEMOCRACY AND THE CHURCH

**Wednesday 7 December**

**Theme:** Democracy's origins in England, religion and reason in democratic life

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.435-42:

Communism, capitalism, democracy  
*Reader:* Edmund Burke; George Orwell;  
Benedict XVI on democracy and religion

**Visit:** Palace of Westminster (Parliament of Great Britain)

**Evening:** Open House at St Patrick's Soho (outreach); reflection and evening prayer at St Patrick's Soho

### 4. A LIFE IN COMMON IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD

**Thursday 8 December**

**Theme:** Politics as friendship, our common home, how to build a good society

**Reading:** *Dominion* pp.517-25:

Christianity's power: how the weak shame the strong

*Reader:* Elements of political order; Aristotle on friendship; excerpts from *Fratelli Tutti*

**Visit:** British Museum

**Evening:** Outreach at St Patrick's Soho; reflection and evening prayer at St Patrick's Soho

**Friday 9 December**

**Morning:** Students to write and hand in a final reflection piece on learnings

**Afternoon:** *Henry V* at the Winter Globe Theatre

**Evening:** Final dinner at restaurant near hotel

**Saturday 10 December**

**Morning:** Return flight to Australia

**Sunday 11 December**

**Morning:** Arrive in Sydney

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