

PONTIFICAL IRISH COLLEGE, ROME



The Joy of the Gospel
Family, Church and Pope Francis
A course for Parishioners

8th – 12th September 2014

The Joy of the Gospel – Family, Church and Pope Francis

During these days in the city of the apostles Peter and Paul, participants will be afforded an opportunity to reflect on Pope Francis' call to live the Joy of the Gospel. The week includes a series of talks, liturgies and guided visits to significant Churches and Basilicas in Rome, a day of spiritual recollection and reflection as well as a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Francis at Assisi and an opportunity to attend a General Audience with Pope Francis.

Presentations will be given by the following:

- Msgr. Ciarán O'Carroll (Pontifical Irish College, Rome) will visit St. Peter's Basilica, the Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Church of St. Peter in Chains, drawing together the theme of family in the early centuries of Christian life in Rome.
- Dr Patricia Kieran (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick) will examine the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation and its implications for faith formation and the family.
- Fr. Tom Norris (Pontifical Irish College, Rome) will lead a reflection on 'The Art of Loving - the Secret for Church and Family'.
- Fr. George Hayes (Pontifical Irish College, Rome) will look at the use of art and the aesthetic in nurturing one's relationship with God.
- Fr. Hugh Clifford (Pontifical Irish College, Rome) will offer insights into the area of family, vocation and formation.

The cost of the course is €750. Places are limited. A deposit of €300 is required to secure a place. Travel arrangements to Rome are the responsibility of participants but airport transfers to the College are included in the price. Rooms are en-suite with meals half board. Those who wish to arrive early or remain following the conclusion of the course are welcome to do so subject to the availability of rooms.

If you wish to reserve a place, please telephone the Irish College on the main office number at 00 39 06 772 631 or email ufficio@irishcollege.org

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