



## Press Release



**Rome, April 7, 2025** - This year too, the appointment with the [Course on Exorcism and the Prayer of Liberation](#), organized by the **Sacerdos Institute** of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum (APRA) and the **GRIS** (Group for Research and Socio-Religious Information), returns.

**The Course, unique worldwide for its scientific-interdisciplinary approach, proposes careful and multidisciplinary academic research in response to current needs.**

*"We are pleased to organize, also and above all in the Jubilee Year and, for the 19th year, this increasingly widespread interdisciplinary course of international interest. In fact, it is increasingly important and urgent to guarantee adequate training also in this area, which is still often subject to narrow views," says Prof. P. Edward Mc Namara LC, Director of the Sacerdos Institute, and continues "...There is growing interest and involvement also from the laity in this Ministry, and for this year we will give space to it thanks to the participation of Prof. Mary Healy, who will explore some aspects in depth."*

**Prof. Mary Healy adds** in this regard: *"I am thrilled to be speaking on this topic at the Course on Exorcism and Deliverance. The ministry of exorcism has always been one of the most important ways the Church cares for those oppressed by Satan, who are among his least understood and most marginalized children. Beginning with Vatican II, the Church has rediscovered a complementary truth as old as the Gospel: all the baptized in Christ, clergy and laity, are given authority over the enemy in the name of Christ."*

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*"In recent years, a growing number of lay faithful have become involved in the ministry of deliverance, helping to restore to God's children the freedom and dignity that is theirs in Christ. The role of the lay faithful in the ministry of deliverance has deep roots in Scripture and Tradition."*

This Edition also features the special participation of **well-known experts in various fields**, such as:

- **Don Antonio Ritaccio**, in charge of pastoral formation, Allen Hall Seminary, exorcist of the Diocese of Westminster, with "The role of bishops and priests in accompanying lay people involved in deliverance"
- **Major Giuseppe Delfinis**, Carabinieri Anti-Terrorism Unit of the Special Operations Group with "Internet, Social Networks, Smartphones: a preventive and educational approach to risks and dangers"
- **Dcn. Thomas LaBelle**: US police officer, Auxiliary to the exorcist, Diocese of Buffalo, with "De-escalation Strategies"

## OTHER INFO

- **Enrolled:** participants from **other religious denominations**
- **Language:** Italian with simultaneous translation into English and Spanish
- **Accreditation Methods and Dates:**

**Only accredited press** will be able to participate in the institutional greetings and opening presentation of the Course at the Plenary on **Monday, May 12, from approximately 9:00 to 10:00 AM.**

- **No later than Monday, May 5: Send accreditation request** to [comunicazione@upra.org](mailto:comunicazione@upra.org), including Name, Surname, e-mail, telephone number and Journalist's Press affiliation requesting accreditation, and the names of the accompanying Team, if any;
- **By Friday, May 7: response on the outcome of the accreditation** from the Athenaeum's Communication Office

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- **Monday, May 12:** Access to the Athenaeum and receipt of materials at the Press Desk **from 8:30 to 9:00 AM (only before the start of the Course)**, exclusively for those who receive accreditation.

## NOTES

- **Possibility of interviews** (in person and/or online) with available speakers, only upon prior accreditation, authorization and scheduling with APRA. The APRA Communication Office will **propose a schedule** (according to themes, language, date and day) to the Press **by April 30**.
- Access to the Athenaeum will be allowed only upon prior Press Accreditation;
- **It is absolutely forbidden to take photos and/or videos in the Athenaeum's premises (indoors and outdoors)**, except for specific agreements already stipulated between the parties. Any transgression will result in the deletion of the photo and/or video and the immediate removal of the transgressor from the Athenaeum.

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