



PROGRAM and SPEAKERS 2025

MONDAY, May 12th

Moderator: Prof. Giuseppe Ferrari

- 09.00 - 09.15 Opening remarks
Prof. Rev. Fr. José Enrique Oyarzún, LC
Magnifico Rettore, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome
- 09.15 - 10.00 Prof. Giuseppe Ferrari
Secretary General of GRIS, Bologna
Director of the Observatory of Religious Pluralism
- 10.00 - 10.30 Break
- 10.30 - 12.00 The Role of the Bishop in the Ministry of Exorcism
H.E. Msgr. Andrea Ripa
Secretary of the Supreme Tribunal of the Segnatura Apostolica, Rome
Titular Bishop of Cerveteri
- 12.15 - 12.45 Celebration of the Eucharist – presided by H.E. Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio
- 12.45 - 14.30 Lunch break

Moderator: Prof. Rev. Fr. Luis Ramírez, LC

- 14.30 - 15.30 The Historical Sources of the Ritual of Exorcism
Prof. Rev. Fr. Edward McNamara, LC
Director of the Sacerdos Institute, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome
- 15.30 - 15.45 Break
- 15.45 - 16.45 Angels and Demons in Sacred Scripture and in the Magisterium of the Church
Prof. Rev. Fr. Pedro Barrajón, LC
Full Professor, Faculty of Theology, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome
- 16.45 - 17.00 Break
- 17.00 – 18.00 Theology of Exorcism as Sacramental: theological, pastoral, and spiritual aspects
Prof. Rev. Fr. Pedro Barrajón, LC

TUESDAY, May 13th

Moderator: Rev. Fr. Anton Vogelsang, LC

- 08.30 - 09.30 Hell as Man's Self-exclusion from Salvation
Don Marcello Lanza
Exorcist of the diocese of Acerra
- 09.30 - 10.30 Hell as Man's Self-exclusion from Salvation
Don Marcello Lanza (continued)
- 10.30 - 11.00 Break
- 11.00 - 12.00 The Personal Spiritual Journey Necessary for Deliverance and the Ecclesial Dimension of the Ministry of Exorcism
Rev. Fr. Armando Santoro, OMV
Director of the "Fr. Pio Bruno Lanteri" School of Spiritual Life, Rome
- 12.15 - 12.45 Celebration of the Eucharist – presided by Rev. Fr. Armando Santoro, OMV
- 12.45 - 14.30 Lunch break

Moderator: Prof. Rev. Fr. Vincenz Heereman, LC

- 14.30 - 15.30 Theological Foundations for Lay Deliverance Ministry
Prof. Mary Healy
Professor of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit
- 15.30 – 15.45 Break
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- 16.45 -17.00 Break
- 17.00 - 18.00 The Role of Bishops and Priests in Supporting Lay People Engaged in the Ministry of Deliverance
Don Antonio Ritaccio
Director of Pastoral Formation, Allen Hall Seminary, Exorcist of the Diocese of Westminster

WEDNESDAY, May 14th

Moderator: Prof. Rev. Fr. Edward McNamara, LC

- 08.30 - 09.30 Juridical Questions of Exorcism: some aspects from the point of view of liturgical and canon law
Prof. Msgr. Davide Salvatori
Professor, Faculty of Canon Law, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome

- 09.30 - 10.30 Guidelines for the Ministry of Exorcism
Rev. Fr. Francesco Bamonte, ICMS
Vice-President of the International Association of Exorcists, Rome
- 10.30 - 11.00 Break
- 11.00 - 12.00 The Extraordinary Action of the Evil One - Criteria for Discernment
Rev. Fr. Francesco Bamonte, ICMS
- 12.15 - 12.45 Celebration of the Eucharist – presided by Rev. Fr. Francesco Bamonte, ICMS
- 12.45 -14.30 Lunch break

Moderator: Prof. Rev. Fr. Vincenz Heereman, LC

- 14.30 - 15.30 The Devil and Exorcism in the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Prof. Don Maurizio Gronchi
Full Professor, Faculty of Theology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome
- 15.30 – 15.45 Break
- 15.45 – 16.45 The Performance of Exorcism: liturgical praxis and *regula fidei*
Prof. Don Paolo Morocutti
Professor of General and Community Psychology, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome
- 16.45 – 17.00 Break
- 17.00 - 18.00 Spiritual Accompaniment of the Person
Don Cesare Truqui
Priest of the Diocese of Chur, Switzerland

THURSDAY, May 15th

Moderator: Prof. Giuseppe Ferrari

- 8.30 - 9.30 Internet, social networks, smartphones: a preventive and educational approach to risks and dangers
Maj. Giuseppe Delfinis
Carabinieri of the Anti-Terrorism Department of the R.O.S.
- 9.30 - 10.30 *Les survivantes*: cultural and theological context and implications
Prof. Rev. Fr. Mario Imperatori, SJ
Professor of Theology of the Sacraments, Pontifical Theological Faculty of Southern Italy, Naples
- 10.30 - 11.00 Break
- 11.00 - 12.00 Symbolism in Occult-Magic and Satanic Rituals
Dr. Beatrice Ugolini

*Doctor of Research in Theories of Law and Politics, specialized in
Criminology, consultant of GRIS, Bologna*

12.15 – 12.45 Celebration of the Eucharist – presided by Rev. Fr. Edward McNamara, LC

12.45 – 14.30 Lunch break

Moderator: Rev. Fr. Ignacio Sarre, LC

14.30 - 15.30 Face to Face with the Devil: God has the last word.

Ania Goledzinowska

Author of the book Salvata dall'inferno

15.30 – 15.45 Break

15.45- 16.45 The Task of a Psychiatrist Assisting an Exorcist

Dr. Héctor de Ezcurra

Specialist in Psychiatry, Ministry of Health and Social Action – Argentina

16.45 – 17.00 Break

17.00 – 18.00 The Differential Diagnosis between Psychopathological Disorders and the
Extraordinary Action of the Devil

Dr. Héctor de Ezcurra

FRIDAY, May 16th

Moderator: Prof. Rev. Fr. Luis Ramírez, LC

08.30 - 9.30 Exorcism and Prayers of Deliverance in the Context of Afro-Brazilian
Magical Rituals

Msgr. Rubens Miraglia Zani

*Coordinator of the Communication Secretary of the International Association
of Exorcists, Brazil*

9.30 - 10.30 Exorcism and Prayers of Deliverance in the Context of Afro-Brazilian
Magical Rituals

Msgr. Rubens Miraglia Zani

10.30 -11.00 Break

11.00 - 12.00 Charisms and Mediumship

Prof. Rev. Fr. François Dermine, OP

National President of GRIS, Bologna

12.15 – 12.45 Celebration of the Eucharist – presided by Rev. Fr. François Dermine, OP

12.45 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 - 15.30 De-escalation Tactics

Dcn. Thomas LaBelle

Assistant to the Exorcist, Diocese of Buffalo, Instructor in the Police Academy

15.30 – 15.45 Break

15.45 - 16.45 Guidelines for the Assistant
Prof. Dr. Valter Cascioli
Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist, Specialist in Clinical Psychology
AIE (International Association of Exorcists) Scientific Consultant, Rome

16.45 -17.00 Break

17.00 - 18.00 Case studies
Dr. David Murgia
Journalist, blogger, writer and television host, Rome



Curriculum Vitae of the SPEAKERS 2025

Prof. Rev. Fr. José Enrique Oyarzún, LC

Father José Enrique Oyarzún was born in Illapel, Chile, in 1970. He entered the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ in 1987 and was ordained a priest in 2001. He holds a diploma in the Classical Humanities, a Licentiate in Philosophy with a specialization in philosophical anthropology, and a Doctorate in Theology with a specialization in dogmatic theology.

He is currently a professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum and the Teresianum. He has held directive roles at the European University of Rome and the board of directors of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum. He is a member of the board of directors of the Network of Universities of the Legionaries of Christ and Regnum Christi.

From 2013 to 2019 he served as academic vice-rector of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum and, since July 2019, he has been its Rector.

Prof. Giuseppe Ferrari

Dr. Giuseppe Ferrari has been a founding member and National Secretary of GRIS (Socio-religious Research and Information Group) since 1987. He started the collection of specialized volumes that have become the GRIS Library, of which he has been responsible since its foundation.

In 1991 he was co-founder of the magazine *Sette e Religioni* and, in 1995, he founded the magazine *Religioni e Sette nel Mondo*, of which he is Editorial Director. Since May 1992 he has been the Director of the radio station "Radio Maria" and, since 1994, a member of the Radio Maria Association.

Twice invited by the Italian Parliament for hearings on issues related to religious freedom, he has promoted international events and, in 2006, founded the Dignitatis Humanae Foundation. He has also held the position of Director of the House of Mercy and, in 2015, established the Observatory on Religious Pluralism of GRIS.

Throughout his career, he has organized conferences, courses, and seminars, as well as assisting in the publication of books. He has contributed articles to volumes, periodicals, and newspapers, offering a significant contribution to the debate on religious pluralism and religious freedom.

H. E. Msgr. Andrea Ripa

H. E. Msgr. Andrea Ripa was born in Rimini in 1973, graduated in Classical Literature at the University of the Studies of Urbino in June 1997 with full marks, presenting a thesis entitled *Il Teatro 3 di Cirene*.

From 1992 to 1999 he was a member of the Italian Archaeological Mission in Cyrene (Libya).

In March 2010 he obtained a Doctorate in Canon Law at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, with the recognition *summa cum laude*.

In July 2013 he obtained the Diploma of Lawyer of the Rota at the Firm of the Apostolic Tribunal of the Rota Romana. Since the Academic Year 2022/2023 he has been a professor of *Iustitia Administrativa* at the same Firm.

Prof. Rev. Fr. Edward McNamara, LC

Father Edward McNamara, LC, is Director of the Sacerdos Institute and Professor of Liturgy and Sacraments at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum. He is also Spiritual Director at the Pontifical College Maria Mater Ecclesiae in Rome.

Author of numerous articles and volumes on the liturgy, he has published, among others, *Jesucristo vivo y presente en la liturgia. Introducción al estudio de la liturgia* (2004). He is also a liturgical consultant for the news services *epriest.com* and *Zenit.org*.

Prof. Rev. Fr. Pedro Barraón, LC

Father Pedro Barraón, LC, born in Valdepeñas (Ciudad Real), Spain, in 1957, has been a member of the Legionaries of Christ since 1974. He obtained a Licentiate in Philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1985 and, from the same university, a Licentiate and Doctorate in Theology in 1995.

From 2006 to 2013 he was Rector of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum. He is currently Full Professor of Theological Anthropology and Rector of the European University of Rome.

His areas of specialization include anthropological philosophy, epistemology, anthropological theology, the social doctrine of the Church, and Christian spirituality. Among his publications is *Il mistero della grazia misericordiosa* (2016).

Don Marcello Lanza

Don Marcello Lanza, born in Acerra in 1985, began his ecclesiastical journey in 2000 at the Minor Seminary of Acerra, continuing his formation at the Pontifical Interregional Seminary of Posillipo since 2003. Ordained a priest in 2011, in 2020 he obtained a Doctorate in Spiritual Theology at the Pontifical Theological Faculty of Southern Italy, presenting a thesis on the theological thought and exorcistic practice of Father Gabriele Pietro Amorth.

Since 2011 he has been an exorcist of the Diocese of Acerra and since 2021, parish priest. A member of the International Association of Exorcists, he specialized in mystical life, demonology and the study of Amorth's theological thought. Since 2022 he has been Secretary of the Commission of Exorcists of Campania for the liturgical sector of the Campania Episcopal Conference and collaborates with the Abbot of Montevergine for the formation of exorcists.

Author of numerous publications on the subject, he contributes through conferences and collaborations on *Radio Maria*, deepening in the theme of exorcism and the figure of Fr. Gabriele Amorth.

Rev. Fr. Armando Santoro, OMV

Father Armando Santoro, OMV, received his doctorate in Spiritual Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 2005. He currently holds several notable positions in the Church.

He is director of the “House of Spirituality Fr. Pio Bruno Lanteri” in Rome and founder and Director of the School of Formation for Directors of Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Since 2016 he has been carrying out the ministry of exorcist in the Diocese of Tivoli, contributing to the spiritual care of the faithful and to the deepening of pastoral care in exorcisms.

Prof. Mary Healy

Dr. Mary Healy, born in New York, USA, received her Doctorate in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in 2000. She has been professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, since 2008. As Chair of the Theological Commission of Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service (CHARIS, formerly ICCRS), she organized an international colloquium on deliverance ministry in Rome in 2014, in which theologians and deliverance ministers from around the world provided input for the book *Deliverance Ministry*, co-authored by Dr. Healy and Msgr. Etienne Vetö. She has taught and practiced deliverance ministry especially in the context of prayer for healing. Dr. Healy is a general editor of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture and author of three of its volumes, *The Gospel of Mark*, *Hebrews*,

and *Genesis*. Her other books include *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook* and *Healing*. She is a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is a member of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Her website is drmaryhealy.com.

Don Antonio Ritaccio

Born in Bedford, England, to Italian parents, he is the youngest of five siblings. He aspired to become an artist and a teacher, but an encounter with the Lord at the age of 16 led him to consider a priestly vocation. At 19, he became involved with the Neocatechumenal Way and, encouraged to respond to the vocational call, he left his ceramics studies. In 1991, he was one of the first four seminarians to open the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Westminster, becoming its first priest ordained in 1999. His missionary formation took him to the Philippines and South Africa.

Before becoming Director of Pastoral Formation at the Allen Hall Archdiocesan Seminary in London, he held various positions: parish priest, chaplain of Westminster Cathedral, and diocesan chaplain for youth ministry. He also spent three years *fidei donum* as a parish priest on the island of Nevis in the Caribbean.

In 2016, he became involved with the Unbound ministry of liberation, and since 2020, he has served as a diocesan exorcist. He has published several texts on mental health for the Catholic Truth Society and collaborated on the Italian translation of Neal Lozano's book *Unbound*.

Inspired by Saint John Paul II, he dedicates his mission to the New Evangelization, guarding the daily grace of the priesthood.

Prof. Msgr. Davide Salvatori

Msgr. Davide Salvatori is a priest of the Diocese of Bologna. He received a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University and a degree in Dogmatic Theology from the same university. He currently holds notable roles in the Church, as judge of the Apostolic Tribunal of the Rota Romana and a professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University and other academic institutions. He served as an assistant exorcist and legal advisor to the International Association of Exorcists for several years. In addition, he is the author of books and scientific contributions in the field of canon law, enriching the academic debate with his experience and knowledge.

Rev. Fr. Francesco Bamonte, ICMS

Father Francesco Bamonte, a religious of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the years of preparation for the priesthood attended the Pontifical Theological Faculty of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome. He was ordained a priest in 1990. Since 2004 he has been one of the speakers at the course on "Exorcism and Prayers of Deliverance", organized by the Sacerdos Institute of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome. He is the current Vice President of the International Association of Exorcists. He presently devotes much of his time in the initial and ongoing formation of priests of various nationalities in the ministry of exorcisms and the prevention of harm from the occult.

Prof. Don Maurizio Gronchi

Maurizio Gronchi, a priest of the diocese of Pisa, is a full professor of Christology at the Pontifical Urbaniana University and a Consultor of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Among his publications are: *Gesù Cristo* [Jesus Christ], Cittadella Editrice, Assisi 2012 (translated into English and Spanish by Urbaniana University Press); *Trattato su Gesù Cristo Figlio di Dio Salvatore* [Treatise on Jesus Christ Son of God Savior]; Queriniana, Brescia 2017 (3rd ed.); with L. Capantini, *La vulnerabilità* [Vulnerability], San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo 2018; *Parola per parola. Breve lessico spirituale* [Word by Word. A Short Spiritual Lexicon], Urbaniana University Press, Vatican City 2021; he edited *Dinamico plurale fedele. Lo sviluppo della dottrina cristiana* [Faithful Plural

Dynamic. The Development of Christian Doctrine], Urbaniana University Press, Vatican City 2023. With the "Casa Ilaria" project, he provides pastoral care for people with physical, mental, and sensory disabilities, and those who are socially disadvantaged.

Prof. Don Paolo Morocutti

Don Paolo Morocutti is an expert in the fields of education and theology. He is currently a professor of General Psychology and Fundamental Theology at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, offering an important interdisciplinary perspective. In addition, he teaches Spiritual Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Alongside his academic commitments, he exercises the ministry of exorcist in the Suburbicarian Diocese of Palestrina, contributing to the pastoral and spiritual care of the faithful.

Don Cesar Truqui

Writer and theologian, Don Cesare Truqui was born in Mexico in 1968, and graduated in 1992 in Communication Sciences from Anáhuac University in Mexico City and in Moral Theology from the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome in 2006. He is currently completing a Master's Degree in Canon Law at the Theological Faculty of Lugano. He serves as a missionary for the Catholic Mission of the Engadin, Switzerland, providing spiritual care for both the Italian and Portuguese communities. He is also known for his television and radio contributions, leading the column "Domande al Padre Spirituale" on Radio Maria Italia and "Esorcisti Rispondono" on Radio Maria Switzerland.

Maj. Giuseppe Delfinis

As Major of the Carabinieri Corp, Maj. Giuseppe Delfinis currently serves in the Special Operations Group (R.O.S.), and has been distinguished by a high-profile training and professional career. He graduated in Physics at the "La Sapienza" University of Rome with a score of 110/110. Alongside his scientific training, he undertook an academic career in the ecclesiastical field, obtaining the Baccalaureate in Religious Sciences (bachelor's degree) with the highest academic recognition, *summa cum laude*, and is currently completing the Licentiate in Religious Sciences (master's degree). During his military career he has held important positions: he served for six years in the field of scientific investigations, in particular at the R.I.S. (Scientific Investigations Department); he has held the role of adjunct teacher to the Chair of Information Technology at the Carabinieri Officers' School for seven years; finally, for a period of five years he worked in the telematic sector at the General Command of the Carabinieri. In addition to the professional and academic dimension, the Major cultivates a profound spiritual and cultural formation. He is an expert in Josephology, Acolyte at the Pontifical Parish of St. Anne in the Vatican and acts as spokesman for the Pontifical Academy of Theology.

Prof. Rev. Fr. Mario Imperatori, SJ

Of Swiss and Jesuit origin, Father Mario Imperatori, SJ, is from the Euro-Mediterranean province of the Society of Jesus. After a Licentiate in Contemporary History in Freiburg (Germany) and a Doctorate in Theology in Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), from 2000 to 2017 he taught Dogmatic Theology and Church History in Albania at the Theological School of the Albanian Interdiocesan Seminary, of which he was moderator for many years. There he also dealt with ecumenical and Islamic-Christian dialogue. Since 2017 he has been in Naples, in the San Luigi area of the PFTIM, where he teaches Theology of the Sacraments with particular attention to the sacrament of Marriage, as well as Dogmatic Theology, with particular regard to the theme of grace. He also directed the "Rassegna di Teologia" journal and has been Dean of the section for three years. He also collaborates with "Mistero Grande."

Dr. Beatrice Ugolini

Dr. Beatrice Ugolini graduated in Philosophy with a thesis on witchcraft and demonology. She specialized in Criminology, dealing with destructive cults, in particular the magical-esoteric ones and with the rituals and symbolisms used in them; she is the author of several publications on these topics. She has a Doctorate in "Theories of Law and Politics". She has been an adjunct professor at the University of Bologna with seminars on the history of magic and is a lecturer in "Occult-esoteric Language" at the University of Cusano in the Criminology program. Currently she is also interested in the relationships between conspiracy, occult theories, and safety.

Ania Goledzinowska

Ania Goledzinowska is the author of the book *Salvata dall'inferno*. For several years she was possessed and attended to by exorcists such as Don Gabriele Amorth and Father Cipriano de Meo. She lived for a long time in hiding and prayer within a religious community.

Dr. Héctor de Ezcurra

Dr. Héctor de Ezcurra, born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, graduated in Medicine from the Universidad de Buenos Aires in 1984 where he specialized in Medical Psychology and Psychiatry in 1991. He has been practicing clinical psychiatry and psychotherapy since 1985. Since 2010 he has been Assistant of the team of exorcism of Fr. Cristian Cabrini of the Diocese of San Isidro, Buenos Aires, carrying out interviews and participating in prayers of exorcism. As an associate member of the International Association of Exorcists (AIE) since 2016, he also collaborates with the translation of some AIE publications into Spanish. Author of *Algún enemigo ha hecho esto - La acción demoníaca bajo la mirada de un profesional de la salud mental*, published on Amazon in October 2020.

Prof. Msgr. Rubens Miraglia Zani

Msgr. Rubens Miraglia Zani holds a Licentiate in Philosophy from the Paulista State University (UNESP), a Doctorate in Theology from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University. He is currently Professor of Canon Law at the Faculty of St. Paul the Apostle in São Paulo and the Institute of Canon Law "Mons. Giuseppe Benedetto Simone" in Marília, Brazil. Priest and pastor of the Maronite Parish of Bauru, as well as Diocesan Exorcist and Coordinating Delegate of the Portuguese Language Secretary of the International Association of Exorcists, with the role of Councilor.

Prof. Rev. Fr. François Dermine, OP

Born in Canada, Father François Dermine, OP moved to Italy in 1972 and in 1979 became a Dominican priest. He is the national president of GRIS and professor of Moral Theology at the FTER (Theological Faculty of Emilia-Romagna). He also carries out the duty of exorcist. His publications include *Vassula Ryden – Indagine critica* (Elle di Ci, 1995), *Mistici, veggenti e medium – Esperienze dell'aldilà a confronto* (Libreria editrice vaticana, 2002), *Carismatici, sensitivi e medium – I confini della mentalità magica* (Edizioni Studio Domenicano, 2010) and *L'estasi* (Libreria editrice vaticana, 2003), of which he is co-author.

Dcn. Thomas LaBelle

Deacon Thomas LaBelle, born in Buffalo, New York, studied Sociology at Buffalo State University, graduating in 2000. He launched his career as a paramedic in 1998, focusing on violent crimes. In 2003, he returned to academia to pursue Conflict Studies and Dispute Resolution at Hilbert College. By 2004, he transitioned to law enforcement, becoming a police officer in New York and working in various units including Gang Suppression and Investigations where he was awarded 20 times. In 2023, he received a master's degree from Saint Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry and was subsequently ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Buffalo, NY. He was appointed to the board of directors for the Office of the Exorcist, where he actively participates in exorcisms and serves as a team leader for client preparation and follow-up care. With 25 years of experience as a flight paramedic on a rescue helicopter and 21 years as a police officer, Deacon LaBelle also teaches at a

police academy, specializing in multiple threat assessments, positions of advantage, and de-escalation techniques.

Prof. Dr. Valter Cascioli

Dr. Valter Cascioli is a medical specialist in clinical psychology, psychiatry, and psychotherapy, regularly registered with the Professional Register. Throughout his career, he has held several prominent roles, including that of technical consultant at the Court of Rome. He is a member of the Italian Catholic Doctors Association and a member of the International Association of Exorcists, for which he also served as scientific advisor, spokesperson, and head of the press office between 2014 and 2015, managing relations with major radio and television networks. He collaborated closely with Father Gabriele Amorth, participating as an assistant in numerous rites of exorcism, and currently continues to offer his scientific advice to various Italian exorcists. As a popularizer and lecturer, he was a professor at the Course on Exorcism and Prayer of Liberation at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in 2013 and 2023. He collaborates with GRIS, the Group for Research and Socio-religious Information, and has taught courses on effective communication at La Sapienza University of Rome. He has participated as a speaker at seminars organized by the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences Ecclesia Mater, in collaboration with the Vicariate of Rome. In 1987, he conducted a scientific mission in Medjugorje for an experimental study on collective ecstasy, promoted by La Sapienza University. He is also the creator and host of the radio program "Esorcistica e Psichiatria" [Exorcism and Psychiatry], broadcast on Radio Maria Italia every third Tuesday of the month. Formerly an official consultant to the Secretariat for Assistance to Nuns, he currently practices both privately and at the former Santa Maria della Pietà Psychiatric Hospital in Rome.

Dr. David Murgia

Dr. David Murgia is a professional journalist for TV2000, a broadcaster for the Italian Bishops' Conference. He is the author and presenter of *Vade retro* (published with Oscar Mondadori), which has become a best-seller for the originality of the themes covered. Thanks to his journalistic investigations, several self-styled magicians and false seers have been brought to justice. He was a Vatican correspondent for the newspaper "Il Tempo" and dealt with satanism and the world of the occult through investigations and reports. He is a Pontifical Academic and member of the International Observatory on Apparitions at the Pontifical International Marian Academy.