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Catholic Health Association of the United States

You are invited

to a formative experience like no other.

CHA's Ecclesiology and Spiritual Renewal Program for Healthcare Leaders

APRIL 11 – 16, 2027





"Both the didactic sessions and all of the activities served to further inform me in new and timely ways. This was an exceptional experience from start to finish."

– PAST PARTICIPANT

Please join us at CHA's annual Ecclesiology and Spiritual Renewal Program for Healthcare Leaders, April 11 – 16, 2027, in Rome and Assisi. This important formation experience is a week-long learning and renewal program for leaders of Catholic healthcare that is like no other because of the gathering from across our ministry.

We encourage you to consider this program for yourself and for the executive and governance leaders of your organization.

This program offers us the opportunity to experience the broader perspective of our healthcare ministry and to realize the worldwide nature of the Church's work — an important perspective as we leaders are in communication with various dicasteries of the Holy See.

OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

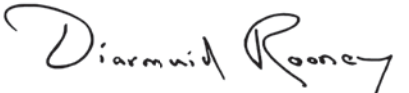
- Meetings with Vatican leaders
- A general Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square
- Tentative private tour of the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum
- Celebrations of the Eucharist and personal reflection exercises
- A one-day pilgrimage to nearby Assisi, the home of Saints Francis and Clare
- Formative presentations by CHA staff highlighting:
  - Responding to the call to lead in Catholic healthcare
  - Personal spirituality
  - Workings of the Holy See
- A commissioning ceremony for participants

We recommend that you secure your reservations promptly, as the program is generally limited to 50 participants and tends to reach capacity quickly. Be sure to read the remainder of this invitation for additional details and share it with all those whom you will be inviting to participate. We hope you will join us for this wonderful experience that connects our ministry to that of the universal Church.

Sincerely,



Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM
President and Chief Executive Officer



Diarmuid Rooney, M.S.Psych., M.T.S., D.Soc.Admin
Vice President, Sponsorship and Mission Services

Tentative Program Highlights

Program content, presenters and times are approximate and subject to change.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11
2:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Welcome and Orientation, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Opening Eucharist, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Opening Session, for Registered Participants

Reception and Dinner, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

MONDAY, APRIL 12
7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Buffet Breakfast, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Morning Sessions, for Registered Participants

Buffet Lunch, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Afternoon Session, for Registered Participants

Enjoy Dinner and an Evening on Your Own

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Assisi Pilgrimage with Breakfast, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Lunch and Free Time in Assisi on Your Own

Return to Rome

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
6:30 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Buffet Breakfast, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Papal General Audience, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Enjoy Lunch on Your Own and Afternoon Free Time (approx. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Integration Session, for Registered Participants

Private Tour of Sistine Chapel and Parts of the Vatican Museum, Dinner, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
6:30 A.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Buffet Breakfast, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Meetings with Dicastery Officials, for Registered Participants

Lunch Provided, Afternoon Free Time (approx. 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

Offsite Reception and Dinner, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
8:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Buffet Breakfast, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Closing Session, for Registered Participants

Prayer Service and Commissioning, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

Closing Luncheon, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RATING GUIDE

LEISURELY
Easy pace, little walking and stair climbing.

MODERATE
Moderate pace, greater distances covered, walking over uneven surfaces, stair climbing, embarking and disembarking motor coaches.

CHALLENGING
Vigorous pace, frequent movement, extensive walking over uneven surfaces, hiking, stair climbing where elevators are not available, embarking and disembarking motor coaches.

"Extremely well done. It is evident that the entire program is well thought through with a high degree of attention to every detail. I feel very blessed to have been selected to attend. This is a once in a lifetime experience that I will always treasure."

– PAST PARTICIPANT



















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REGISTRATION FEES AND PROCESS

Program Costs for Participants and Guests

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

For U.S. based members, the participant registration rate is **$11,500**. For non-U.S. based (international) members the participant registration rate is **$17,250**.

The complete package for participants includes:

- Seven nights at the Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa - April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. The stay includes an American buffet breakfast, service charges and taxes
- Seven breakfasts, three lunches and three dinners
- Motor coach transportation in Rome, dicastery visits, Papal Audience and St. Peter's Basilica
- Motor coach transportation to/from Assisi
- Transportation to/from airport or train station
- All program materials

REGISTERED GUESTS

The cost for a registered guest rooming with a participant is **$3,250**. If a registered guest requires their own room, there will be an additional charge.

The package for a registered guest includes:

- Seven breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners
- Motor coach transportation in Rome to Papal Audience and St. Peter's Basilica
- Motor coach transportation to/from Assisi
- Transportation to/from airport or train station

Please Note: Should you select to travel with a guest, and not register him or her, your guest will be on his or her own. This includes getting themselves to/from the airport and all meals. Your guest will not be registered to attend off-site events (i.e., Papal Audience, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, day in Assisi).

CANCELLATION FROM THE PROGRAM

CHA is required to pre-pay all program costs by March 12, 2027. As a result, no refunds will be offered for any program cancellations made after March 26. There is no cost to send a substitute.

CANCELLATION OF SLEEP ROOMS

Many participants choose to arrive early or depart several days after the program. CHA is happy to make reservations for additional nights of stay at the program hotel, at the expense of the participant. However, once those reservations are made, should you need to make any modifications, please do so on/before March 26, 2027. Any rooms that are cancelled after March 26 will be charged to the registrant at the CHA contracted room rate. CHA will bill the registrant directly for these cancelled room nights approximately six weeks after the program concludes.



2027 Reservation Process for Participants and Registered Guests

Reservations are now being accepted for the 2027 program. To reserve space please contact Brenda Hudson, Executive Assistant, (314) 253-3434 or bhudson@chausa.org.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION NOTICES

- Space is limited to approximately 50 participants and priority is given to CHA representative members.
- If we receive reservation requests for more than 50 participants, we may need to set limits on the number of participants for each ministry to be equitable across the membership.
- The number of participants per ministry will be determined based on the number of reservation requests received by October 12.
- If participants exceed capacity, participants will be placed on the waitlist. As space permits, those on the waitlist will be contacted.
- Due to the popularity of this program, we suggest you submit your reservation request as soon as possible.

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHEN YOU CONTACT BRENDA *(see contact information above)*

- Coordinator - Name and contact information of the person from your system who will coordinate the details for all registered participants and registered guests.
- The number of spots the ministry would like to hold for participants in the program and the number of expected guests.

In October, the coordinators will receive an email with a link to register participants and guests for the program through the CHA website.

IMPORTANT PASSPORT INFORMATION

For those who do not yet have a passport or need to renew — please allow 10 – 12 weeks for U.S. passport processing times.

Please note: **Your passport must be valid for at least three months beyond your planned return date from The European Union.**

Starting in 2027, the European Union requires incoming foreigners to fill out an online application before they enter Italy. Travelers will need to apply through the ETIAS process (European Travel Information and Authorization System) online and pay a small fee. Once the application is approved, the ETIAS application number will be linked to your passport. CHA will inform participants when the ETIAS system has been implemented. Visit this site for updates - https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias

Though not required, we strongly encourage participants to enroll your trip in STEP (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program) with the U.S. State Department prior to travel. If you enroll in STEP you will receive important information from the Embassy about any safety conditions in your destination and help the U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency. Visit this website to enroll - step.state.gov/

See complete program information at:

www.chausa.org/romeprogram

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER RESERVATION

October 2026

- **Registration for Participants and Guests**

  CHA will email the system coordinator a link to register participants and guests for the program through the CHA website. This registration can be completed by the contact person or the participant. This registration is due by December 4, 2026.

November 2026

- **Additional Information Required**

  CHA will email system coordinators and participants for a (head and shoulders) photo (jpeg) of each participant and registered guest.



January/February 2027

- **Participant Travel Information**

  System coordinators will be asked to submit participant hotel reservation and travel itinerary information. This is needed to schedule transportation to and from the airport.

- **Program Materials Available**

  CHA will mail hard copies and provide access to electronic program materials on February 19, 2027.

March 2027

- **Webinar: Know Before You Go**
  March 2, 2027, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. ET

  This webinar will offer information to help participants and guests to understand and prepare for the pilgrimage. It is very important that everyone who is traveling to Rome attend or review the recording.

- **Participant Confirmation**

  Participants will receive an email to confirm their check-in/out dates as well as their travel itinerary in mid-March.

For additional information about the program or travel, please contact Lori Ashmore-Ruppel at lashmore-ruppel@chausa.org.

LOGISTICS

Hotel

The 2027 program will be hosted at
The Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa, Rome.

The hotel is:

- A five-star elegant urban resort nestled beside Rome's iconic Villa Borghese
- Steps from cultural gems like the Borghese Gallery, Bioparco di Roma and other sites

A CHA master account has been established to cover room and tax for the nights of April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. You will be responsible for any additional nights and all incidentals, which must be settled upon checkout.

PARCO DEI PRINCIPI GRAND HOTEL & SPA
Via Geolamo Frescobaldi, 5
Rome, 00198 Italy
Phone: +39 06 85442

Airport Transportation

In order to arrange airport transportation, we must have your itinerary showing airline(s), flight numbers, and arrival and departure dates and times. Please submit this itinerary using the online form that will be emailed to you in January.

A representative of Fourth Dimension Italy, our destination management company, will meet you at Rome's Fiumicino Airport.
You will then be transported to the Parco dei Principi.

Pre- or Post-Program Personal Travel Needs

Should you require assistance with personal travel before or after the Ecclesiology and Spiritual Renewal Program that is separate from the program itinerary, contact Travelink, a Virtuoso Member Agency (see contact information below). They offer a wide selection of vacation packages and experienced leisure travel specialists who are trained to help you plan a trip best suited to your taste and budget.

We encourage you to contact this service before you start your travel to Italy.

For pre- or post-program personal travel, contact:

TRACI CONWAY
traci.conway@travelink.com
(800) 851-8233 ext. 2456

The hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. There are processing fees involved with travel planning, and fees will be disclosed at the beginning of your conversation.

Air Travel

For air travel only, please call CHA's travel provider, American Express, at (314) 253-3442 and identify yourself as a CHA Ecclesiology participant. Participants are responsible for all air travel. For any additional travel questions or information, contact CHA at PAL@chausa.org

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