The Dome of St. Peter's Basilica

**CONFERENCE VENUE**
Though intra-conference transportation will be provided, many may elect to walk to the reserved, 400-seat, Pontifical University Lateranense, Augustinianum, conference center, which is conveniently located next to St. Peter’s Square.

**INTERFAITH PRAYER**
Each day will open with a brief instructed practicum of contemplative prayer, a silent prayer, which lends itself to interfaith teaching and practice, since in the silence, there is no dogma. This will gently draw registrants into the experience of consciousness and potential mysticism, in preparation for the last presentations on those subjects.

**ENHANCING OFFSITES**
Relevant offsites will conclude each day.
- Physics to Creation: Virtual video presentation on the Vatican Observatory.
- Chemistry to Life: Sacred music in the Sistine Chapel with the focus on Michelangelo’s Creation of Adam.
- Biology to Consciousness: Tour the Borghese Gallery with focus on Bernini’s sculpture, Apollo and Daphne, symbolic of the birth of the consciousness and free will.
- Psychology to Mysticism: Tour the Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria with focus on Bernini’s sculpture, Ecstasy of St. Teresa of Avila, a mystical experience.

The agenda follows the textbook: *Faith and Science: A Journey into God’s Mystical Love* by Deacon Robert J. Hesse, Ph.D.

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 17 TO FRIDAY, 20, 2025**
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Culminating in research on Consciousness and Mysticism.

Our goal is to show those leaving their faith and the clergy, scientists, and medical professionals serving them, that current faith and science reinforce each other.
CONFEREECE AGENDA

Tuesday, 17 June
St. Peter’s Interfaith Service
His Em. Cardinal Peter Turkson
Welcome:
Dr. Joachim von Braun
Mystical Contemplative Prayer:
Dr. Robert Hesse
Welcome Dinner:
Dr. Hans-Albert Courtial

Wednesday, 18 June
Kabbalistic Contemplative Prayer
Physics to Creation*
Questions and Answers
Chemistry to Life*
Questions and Answers
Vatican Observatory Virtual
Sacred Music in Sistine Chapel

Thursday, June 19
Sufi Contemplative Prayer
Biology to Consciousness*
Questions and Answers
Psychology to Mysticism*
Questions and Answers
Borghese Gallery,
Bernini sculptures

Friday, June 20
Vatican Museum; tour not provided
Chapel St. Maria della Vittoria,
Bernini sculpture
Papal Audience for Registrants
and families
Farewell Dinner
*Two Keynote Speakers

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- Fondazione Pro Musica e Arte Sacra:
  Founder and General President,
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