

“Pilgrims, Poets and Professors: Why All Roads Still Lead to Rome in the 21st Century”



From before the birth of Christianity through modern times, Rome has been a destination for some of the most important figures who shaped Western Civilization and a cross-roads for the development of politics, economics, art, architecture, literature, culture, language, science, philosophy and religion. The city continues to be a benchmark as the center of the Catholic

Church and its role in international diplomacy, interreligious dialogue and the promotion of justice and peace issues around the globe. As such, Rome offers a unique and unparalleled setting for academic learning, both in terms of its historical and current resources. Professor White's lecture will focus on how the various stages in the Eternal City's history have attracted countless generations of women and men, and why it continues to be a "living classroom" that can be an invaluable resource for students, faculty, administrators and other members of the Seton Hall Community.

Robert S. White, S.T.L., is completing his S.T.D. in Patristic and Historical Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome this Fall. He was the first American to have been named a Fellow of the Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI Foundation. He served as Assistant Director and International Program Director of the Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas from 2005-2015. He is also a regular commentator for Vatican Radio's International Coverage of Papal Events. Since 2013, he has been the Personal Secretary of the Librarian and Archivist of the Holy Roman Church. After having been an adjunct professor of theology for almost ten years at the Rome Study Abroad Programs of St. John's University (NY), Providence College (RI) and the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University (MN), he has been named the invited Professor of Church History at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome beginning in October 2016.

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