



International PRO COMMUNICATIONE St. Francis de Sales Days

« Media & Truth »

« That communication, in all its forms, may be actually constructive, at the service of truth »

Pope Francis / Social Communications Day 2017

Lourdes (France) • 24-26 January 2018

22nd International St. Francis de Sales Days

The 22nd International St. Francis de Sales Days are for professionals and media observers – Catholic or not – French or foreigners. They are co-organized by the Federation of the Catholic Media and the Office in charge of the Holy See's communication. After four years in Thonon-les-Bains (1995-1999), followed by ten years in Annecy (2001-2017) which is the hometown of Saint Francis de Sales, patron saint of journalists, the event will take place in Lourdes this year for the first time. The pastoral theme of the Marian city is indeed built through sharing and conveying the word. In the sight of Mary, by focusing on « Media and truth » we will be able to give a concrete sense to Pope Francis's exhortation « that communication, in all its forms, may be actually constructive, at the service of truth. » (Social Communications Days 2017)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ST. FRANCIS DE SALES DAYS?

he 22nd International St. Francis de Sales Days will take place from Wednesday 24th of January to Friday 26th of January. However, you don't need to register for all three days: it is possible to only come for a part of it.

There are two options when registering: individually or through your company, movement or service.

There is a special rate for each possibility. Additional expenses (such as accommodation and catering) are the same no matter which registration option you choose.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

It is open to individuals who must currently fund their own participation to the event such as volunteers from diocese and/or church bulletins, movements and services, media observers, researchers, students, etc.

The bill must **necessarily** be established in the name of the person who is registered and will be sent with exchange coupons for accommodation and catering.

The rate of an individual registration is fixed at 130 euros per person for the three days (this price excludes the costs of housing and catering).

Upon express demand addressed by mail to camille.perrier@medias-catholiques.fr before the 20th of December, a special rate can be granted to students, jobseekers or to the people who will only participate in a part of the event.

WHEN REGISTRATION IS TAKEN IN CARE BY YOUR COMPANY OR YOUR SERVICE

It is possible to register through your Media Company or service.

The bill will be addressed to the latter but the coupon for accommodation and catering will be personal.

After the 1st of January, in view of the advantageous rates offered by our local contractors, we won't be able to make any modifications regarding meals or accommodation

However, if for unavoidable reasons, someone who has registered can no longer come to Lourdes, someone else can take their place without any additional expenses.

This is under the condition that we are notified more than 72 hours before the beginning of the event.

In order to facilitate the participation of the greatest number of people, the office of the Federation of the Catholic Media has decide to apply a volume discount for group registrations charged to one single entity.

Therefore, a publisher who owns many publications will receive only one bill instead of a bill for each publication, which allows them as well to benefit from a cheaper rate.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

From one to four registrations take in charge by your company, movement or service the rate will be 320 euros by person.

From five to nine registrations the rate will be 260 euros per person. And from ten and more registrations, sent at the same time, the price will be 200 euros per person.

Be careful though, in order to benefit from those advantageous rates, registrations must be sent at the same time.

A detailed bill will be sent for each participant along with a recap for all registrations.

HOW TO REGISTER

You can apply online at the following address:

https://otrement.info

You can also fill in the registration form below and send it through postage or e-mail at the address indicated.

You can join your payment or pay by invoice. No payment can be made online.

Registration is considered effective only after the amount has been credited.

Either way, you will receive an e-mail within ten days containing all of the details you will need for your participation.

PROGRAMME AND PRACTICAL DETAILS

You will find on this sheet all the information regarding accommodation and catering. A detailed programme of the event can be found on the FMC (Federation of the Catholic Medias) website:

www.medias-catholiques.fr

It is updated regularly and we encourage you to have a look. Do not hesitate to contact us if needed.

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MEETINGS, ACCOMMODATION, CATERING:

WHAT YOU HAVE TO KNOW BEFORE REGISTERING

he International St. Francis de Sales Days are co-organized by the Federation of the Catholic Media and the Office in charge of the Holy See's communication, along with the help of local partners.

The number of participants is limited by the practical capacity. Only the first subscription will be considered.

The subscription is considered effective only after the payment has been credited. Please note that no refund can be made after the 1rst January 2018 regardless of the motive.

THE MEETINGS

They will take place in the **Hemicycle** where the Bishop's assembly of France gathers twice a year.

The workshops will be held in the Hemicycle and in surrounding rooms.

In the assembly hall you will find newspapers and magazines left in open stands, as

well as a cloak room and an information desk. Also, it is where we will meet for coffee breaks.

ACCOMMODATION

We have booked several rooms in two hotels near by the St-Joseph door (which is the principle access to the shrines.)

If you want any information about the rooms still available, you can send an e-mail to the following address:

camille.perrier@medias-catholiques.fr The prices and locations of the hotels are indicated below.

In order to benefit from those preferential rates you must book your hotel as soon as possible. The price covers the room with breakfast included and sojourn tax. Any extra expenses are to be paid for on site.

We can also book a room for you at the Cité Saint-Pierre du Secours Catholique. It will cost **35 euros** for a single room/night (breakfast included) with private shower and bathroom. The *Cité Saint-Pierre* is a fifteen-minute walk from the shrines.

CATERING

Sharing meals together is a good way to meet people and to be part of a convivial interlude.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will have regular seated meals.

Wednesday dinner will be a cold and warm buffet to allow the participants to interact with one another.

On Thursday, dinner will start with a cocktail featuring the Father Jacques Hamel Prize award ceremony, follow by a seated dinner/debate.

It is imperative to register for the catering and the event at the same time, because **no last minute registration can be made on site.**

LOCATIONS OF THE MEETINGS AND HOTELS











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ONLINE REGISTRATION Click HERE

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete the registration from legibly and send it **before Wednesday January 10th.**

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For payment by bank tranfer, please use the following account:

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