



15 July 2024

Dear friends,

We are pleased to invite you to the seminar *“The Feast of the Mystery of Creation: A Deeper Catholic Exploration”*, to take place in Assisi on 5-8 December 2024.

The event will explore the observance of September 1 as the celebration of God’s creation of the world – known as “Creation Day”, “Feast of Creation”, or “World Day of Prayer for Creation” – inspired by an ancient tradition of the Eastern church. In light of an [ecumenical process](#) currently underway, through which various Protestant churches – with whom Catholics share a common Western calendar and lectionary – have confirmed their intention to elevate the day to become a liturgical feast in their calendars, the seminar will deepen the exploration of the proposed feast from a Catholic perspective. Namely, it will be a “theological, historical, and pastoral” investigation to understand if “legitimate progress” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 23) is desirable for this day to become a new feast also in the Roman Catholic calendar.

We would be delighted if you could join this important dialogue to assist the Church in discerning its participation in the ecumenical process. The event will consist of two full days of academic seminar (6-7 December), plus an optional welcome program the afternoon of 5 December and departures on 8 December. More details are available here: [Seminar overview and logistical info](#).

If you are able to join us, either in-person in Assisi or online in the case of travel difficulty (please note that travel support is unavailable), you are kindly requested to register in the [RSVP form](#) as soon as you are able, given limited capacity, and no later than November 15.

Gratefully in Christ,

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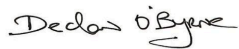
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