

Year-Round Mentoring on Engaging Roman Catholicism

With Leonardo De Chirico

Leader



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Overview

GOAL:

To support, equip, and mentor:

- emerging evangelical academics who are seeking to study Roman Catholicism.
- evangelical leaders and laity to better understand Roman Catholicism, including the similarities and differences between evangelicalism and Roman Catholicism.
- evangelical leaders and laity in how to understand, love, and communicate the Gospel to their Roman Catholic family and friends.

PLAN:

Leonardo De Chirico will mentor a group of 10-12 leaders.

- An online kick-off session on September 12 at 18:00-20:00 CEST
- Five two-hour webinars and webinar assignments
- Three-day retreat in Budapest on 6-8 December 2022
- Pre-Forum Conference at the 2023 Forum (19-20 May 2023).

QUALIFICATIONS:

All participants should be mature Christians involved in ministry (e.g. student ministry, pastoral ministry, media, theological training, relevant research) related to Roman Catholic contexts and/or Roman Catholic issues.

COMMITMENT:

In order to be part of the group, you need to commit to:

1. Attending all sessions including the online kick-off session, the five two-hour webinars, the three-day retreat in Budapest on 6-8 December 2022 and the Pre-Forum Conference at the 2023 Forum (19-20 May 2023).
2. Accessing all webinars on a computer with a good broadband internet connection.
3. Thoroughly reviewing the pre-assigned materials before and after each webinar.
4. Doing writing and reading assignments in the time frame you are given.
5. In order to be accepted to next years' European Leadership Forum all Year-Round Mentoring participants will need to nominate two other leaders for the following year Year-Round Mentoring which includes personally contacting and recruiting them by email.

2022 RETREAT: All participants will meet with Leonardo De Chirico and Reid Karr (Reformanda Initiative Associate Director) in Budapest for a three-day retreat from noon to noon on 6-8 December 2022. Please schedule your travel so that you arrive on time and depart after all sessions are over.

Participant fees for the retreat are 150 Euros, or 100 Euros for scholarship recipients. For the retreat, non-scholarship recipients also have the option, which must be chosen in the application form, of paying 190 Euros in order to stay in a single room. Participants are also responsible for their own travel expenses.

2023 PRE-FORUM CONFERENCE: All participants will attend a pre-forum conference before the 2023 ELF in Wisla, Poland, on May 19 and 20, 2023. Participants will still need to apply for the European Leadership Forum and will be responsible for paying Forum fees in order to participate in the 2023 Forum.

For the 2023 Pre-Forum Conference the fees are 80 Euros for a Double Room and 90 Euros for a Single Room, or 68 Euros for scholarship recipients. Participants must also pay for their own travel expenses.

Webinars

Webinar One: “Hapax and Mallon: The Crux of the Problem with Roman Catholicism”

26th September 2022 @ 18:00 – 20:00 CET

Pre-reading:

- Leonardo De Chirico, [“The Blurring of Time Distinctions in Roman Catholicism”](#); [“Roman Catholic Theology After Vatican II”](#)

Pre-assignment:

- Write one page explaining why you are NOT a Roman Catholic

You can send your written assignment ONE week before the webinar to:

leonardo.dechirico@yahoo.it

Webinar Two: “Deciphering Vatican II and Beyond”

24th October 2022 @ 18:00 – 20:00 CET

Pre-reading:

- Leonardo De Chirico, [“Deciphering Vatican II”](#); [“What Happened at Vatican II?”](#), [“A New Era Between Evangelicals and Catholics?”](#)

Pre-assignment:

- Write one page explaining what is the attitude of the Roman Catholics you interact with towards evangelicals.

You can send your written assignment ONE week before the webinar to:

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Webinar Three: “Why Do They Cross the Tiber?” (Guest leader: Clay Kannard, Reformanda Initiative Communication Director)

24th January 2023 @ 18:00 – 20:00 CET

Pre-reading:

- Clay Kannard, [“Why Do They Cross the Tiber?”](#)
- Leonardo De Chirico, [“Why Do People Leave the Catholic Church?”](#); [“Why Are Younger Evangelicals Fascinated with Roman Catholicism?”](#)

Pre-assignment:

- Write two stories of people you know who converted to Roman Catholicism and explain the reasons why they did so. Write two stories of people who converted from RC and explain the reasons why.

You can send your written assignment ONE week before the webinar to:

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Webinar Four: “Mission: Did You Say Mission?” (Guest Leader: Reid Karr, Reformanda Initiative Associate Director)

21st February 2023 @ 18:00 – 20:00 CET

Pre-reading:

- Reid Karr, [“The Gospel of Solidarity: The Future of Roman Catholic Mission?”](#)
- Leonardo De Chirico, [“Mission: Did Pope Francis Say Mission?”](#)

Webinar Five: “Cooperating and Working Together With Roman Catholics?”**29th March 2023 @ 18:00 – 20:00 CET**

Pre-reading:

- Leonardo De Chirico, [“Cooperating With the Roman Catholic Church?”](#)

Pre-assignment:

- List the current initiatives involving evangelicals and Catholics in your area. What are the critical points?

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The Pre-Forum Conference will focus on how to reach Roman Catholic people with the gospel. We will talk about strategies, best practices, tools, and methods for evangelism among Roman Catholics and discipleship among former Roman Catholics.

Pre-reading:

- Leonardo De Chirico, [“Talking With Catholics About the Gospel”](#)

Pre-assignment:

- List your best practices in evangelizing Roman Catholics and in discipling former Roman Catholics.

You can send your written assignment ONE week before the webinar to:

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To apply:

1. Fill out an online application [here](#).
1. Once we receive your application form, your application will be considered complete. We will review your completed application and let you know if you are accepted into the program within two weeks.

If you have questions, contact us at initiatives@euroleadership.org