

# Benedict XVI

## SOCIETY

### INVITATION

*Celebrating the 99th Anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI*

# April 16 – 17, 2026

Rome, Italy

APRIL 16TH - EVENING

**Where:** St. Peter's Basilica - Altar of the Chair

**6:00 PM** Solemn Mass - Cardinal Kurt Koch, St. Peter's Basilica

APRIL 17TH

INVITATION ONLY

**Where:** The Pontifical Academy of Sciences

**10:00 AM** Meeting Point - Porta del Perugino, Vatican

Initial Greeting, Welcome and Introduction - Card. Kurt Koch

Academic Theology - Fr. Thomas Joseph White

Institutions - Religious Leaders and Educators - Fr. Elias Klexner, OSB

Media and Public Relations - Mr. Rudolf Gehrig

Culture of Life - Leaders and Multipliers - Mrs. Jill Alexy

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*11:30 AM - Break*

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Artificial Intelligence - Patrick Gruhn

Spirituality and Catechetical Leaders - Mrs. Marianne Hofer

Liturgy - Encounter with God - Fr. Edward Haunschild

Events and Major Congresses - Fr. Ralph Weimann

Conclusion - Card. Ludwig Gerhard Müller

**1:30 PM** Reception at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences - Casa Paolo IV

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