DATES: **March 19-29, 2027**

COST: **$1,325** (covers lodging and meals while in Rome). The cost does not cover airfare or pocket spending money.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- Application deadline: **January 25, 2027**
- Conference submission deadline: **February 20, 2027**
- Apply online at **ysi.org/univ**
- A **$200** deposit is due at the time of application. Full payment is due by **March 1, 2027**. Payments should be made online at ysi.org.

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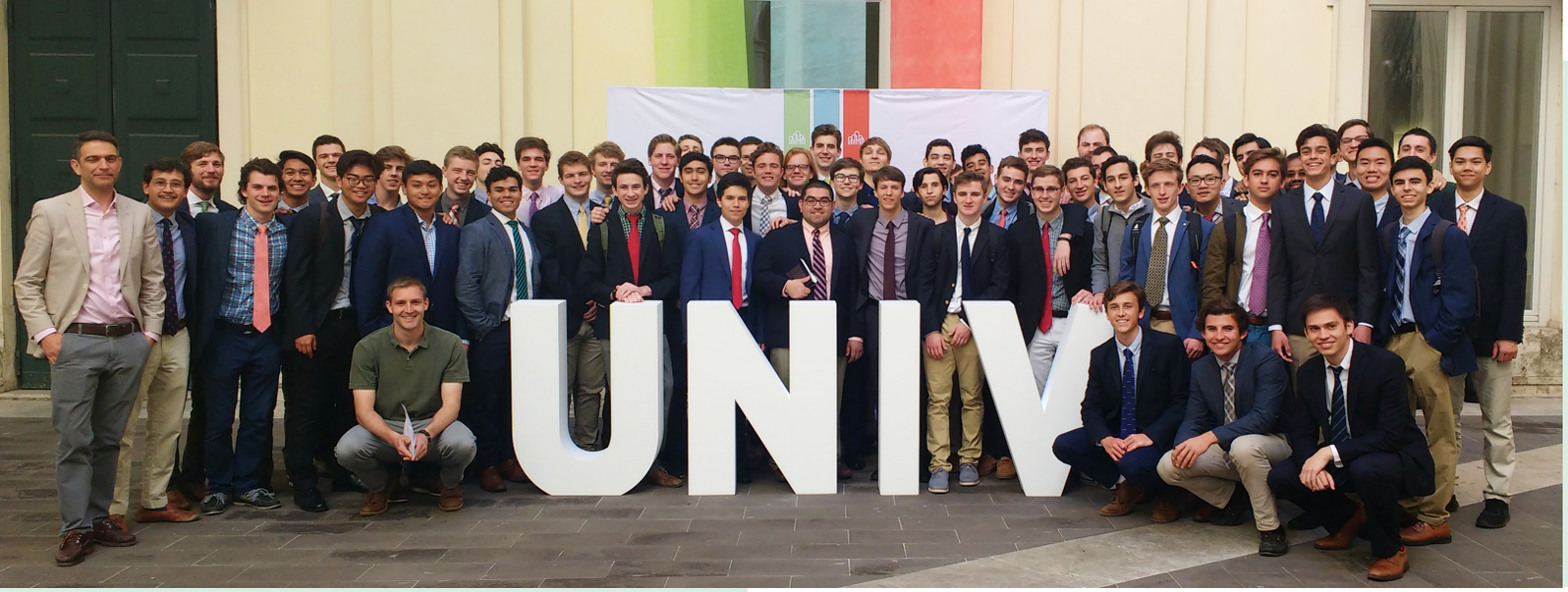

SEEING ROME

The group from the US & Canada will leave for Rome on Friday, March 19, and return on Monday, March 29. A number of days will be spent seeing the historical and cultural sites of Rome. The group will also participate in many of the Holy Week services and activities taking place in Rome during those days. Traditionally, the group attends an audience with the Pope and a get-together with the Prelate of Opus Dei, Msgr. Fernando Ocáriz.

WHAT IS UNIV?

The annual UNIV Forum conference brings together thousands of students from around the world for Holy Week in Rome, immersing them in the aesthetic and spiritual vibrancy of the eternal city. Drawing inspiration from the great men who have walked the streets of Rome over the centuries, UNIV challenges each participant to develop a magnanimous vision for his life and the world. The visits to sites of historical and cultural significance, participation in the Holy Week services, events with the Pope, lectures, and discussions throughout the program serve to inspire participants to strive for the greatness to which they have been called and that our times demand.

THE LOGIC OF GIFT

A highlight of the week is the academic conference that gathers students from over 40 countries to discuss fundamental issues facing humanity today. It offers a unique academic and cultural experience for those who wish to reflect on significant world issues in an international setting.

The main sessions of the conference take place on Tuesday, March 23 at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. The theme for this year's conference is "The Logic of Gift." For more information, visit **univforum.org.**

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

In addition to attending the presentations of the conference, all participants are encouraged to participate more formally in the conference by submitting a written paper related to the theme or by entering the video, art, debate, business case, or social initiative competitions.

All submissions must be made by **February 20, 2027.** See **ysi.org/univ** for more details. Partial scholarships are awarded to students whose submissions are accepted by the conference.

UNIV SPONSORS

UNIV is sponsored by the Institute for University Cooperation (Instituto per la Cooperazione Universitaria —ICU). Founded in 1966 to foster cultural, scientific, and educational exchanges worldwide, ICU annually brings together university students, educators, and leading professionals to discuss important issues of the day. The trip to UNIV for the group from the US & Canada is organized and sponsored by Youth Service International, Inc (YSI).

The Christian orientation of YSI programs is entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church (opusdei.org).

Some of the sites to be visited:

- Roman Forum
- Colosseum
- St. Peter's Basilica (and other major basilicas)
- Vatican Museum
- Piazza Navona
- Piazza del Popolo
- Piazza di Spagna
- Scavi (subject to ticket availability)
- Pantheon
- Major churches in Rome

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