

# St. André International Center



## for Ethics and Integrity

### 2026-2027 Seminar Program

- Health Care Ethics: Catholic Perspectives (20-24/7/2026, Rome, Italy)
- Ethics Educators Workshop (22-26/10/2026, Provence Occitane)
- Ethics of End-of-Life Care: Contributions from the Arts and Humanities (24-28/2/2027, Rome, Italy)

#### Interactive Program

The seminars are designed to foster exchange of ideas, sustained discussions, and intellectual stimulation. Seminars contain a mixture of presentations by invited speakers, contributions by participants, and organized excursions to cultural sites with direct relevance to the seminar theme. Registration is limited to 20 participants per seminar.

#### Holistic Approach

In addition to stimulating the intellect, we also wish to nurture well-being more holistically. The historic and artistic beauty of the conference sites (whether in Rome or the Provence Occitane), many shared meals, and sustained conversations across our time together assure that people arriving as strangers will depart as friends.

#### Academic Rigor

All lectures will be presented by internationally renowned ethicists. The academic program is vetted by the Center's Board of Directors, consisting of seasoned ethics educators from universities across the world. A certificate of completion will be provided.

#### Comments from past participants

*"The seminar did an exceptional job in blending formal presentations with diverse opportunities for informal discussions."*

*"It was a particularly insightful experience for me as a medical student to learn how colleagues further ahead in their medical careers are incorporating ethics into their careers."*

*"An amazing variety of people who shared knowledge, ideas and hopes so all could learn."*

*"What a tremendous week of professional growth in an international yet warmly collegial context!"*



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## Health Care Ethics – Catholic Perspectives

Mon. 20 – Fri. 24 July 2026 • Rome, Italy

An intensive ethics seminar organized in cooperation  
with the Pontifical Academy Pro Vita, Vatican City  
and the Château Saint André Center, France

### Seminar objective

Care of the sick and dying has always been a core Christian ministry. For much of the past two millennia, the local hospice or clinic run by Catholic sisters was the only health care facility in town. Today, many hospitals, ambulance services, rehabilitation clinics, and nursing homes continue to be affiliated with the Catholic church. In this seminar we will explore the values, tenets and principles that shape 21<sup>st</sup> century Catholic health care. In addition, we will discuss whether and how these same principles can also enhance the care offered in secular institutions.

### Rome and the Vatican

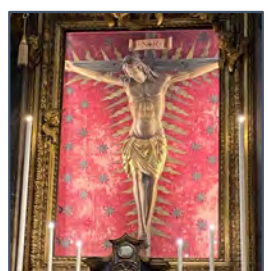
All St. André seminars combine traditional academic activities (i.e., lectures, participant presentations and extended discussions) with cultural site visits. However, this seminar taking place in Rome with its historic and artistic abundance invites a more intentional and explicit incorporation of the arts into the seminar program through cultural excursions to sites relevant to the seminar theme. We will also enter into conversation with representatives of entities within the Vatican explicitly dedicated to the ministry of health care today, such as the Pontifical Academy for Life, and the Dicastery (i.e., Ministry) for Promoting Integral Human Development.

### Teaching Staff

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### Location

Plenary meetings will take place at the headquarters of the Pontifical Academy for Life in Trastevere, the neighborhood of Rome just west of the Tiber. Information about travel as well as recommendations about lodging in that area will be made available online.



# St. André International Center for Ethics and Integrity

Intensive Fall Seminar in the Provence Occitane  
**Ethics Educators Workshop**  
22 - 26 October 2026 • France

## Seminar objective

Building forth on the Ethics Education Program of UNESCO, this workshop is designed to enhance the educational skills and abilities of ethics teachers. We explicitly invite academics who soon will start, or have just started, teaching ethics. However, experience has shown that very senior ethics educators also find this workshop to be very stimulating and helpful.

## Instructional approach

Whereas internationally renowned ethics educators will introduce the themes, the core of this seminar will be a sustained conversation among all participants, sharing methods, experiences and innovative ideas about 21<sup>st</sup> century ethics education. Each participant is encouraged to prepare a short presentation, which may cover a completed project, an upcoming teaching assignment, or any other ethics education related endeavor that can spark discussion. For each presentation, ample time will be set aside for an in-depth discussion. Registration is limited to 20 participants.

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**Registration Discount**  
Members of the International Association for Education in Ethics receive a registration discount for the Ethics Educators Workshop.

## Provence Location

The seminar takes place at the conference center Notre Dame de Grace in Rochefort-du-Gard near Avignon in the south of France. Onsite sessions will be alternated with excursions to historic and cultural sites. There will be ample time for relaxation, culinary enjoyment and social engagement.



# St. André International Center X for Ethics and Integrity

## Ethics of End-of-Life Care: Contributions from the Arts and Humanities

24 - 28 February 2027 • Rome, Italy

An intensive ethics seminar organized in cooperation  
with the Pontifical Academy Pro Vita, Vatican City  
and the Château Saint André Center, France

### Objective

Care for the dying and their loved ones is a most rewarding but also challenging endeavor. Such care can evoke complex moral questions that often defy standard methods of ethical analysis. In this seminar, we enter into dialogue with the arts and humanities to gain new insights about the human condition, find meaning in the final phase of life, and achieve a truly dignified death.

### Arts and Humanities

All St. André seminars combine the traditional activities of an academic colloquium (i.e., lectures, participant presentations and extended discussions) with cultural site visits. However, this seminar taking place in Rome with its historic and artistic abundance invites a more intentional and explicit incorporation of the arts into the seminar program (as also expressed in the subtitle of this seminar). Each day, the program will therefore contain an excursion to one or more sites in Rome that are directly related to the theme of the seminar. Most of these sites are off the beaten path and even those who have explored Rome before are unlikely to have visited them. Along the way, participants will, however, also gain a first impression of the most famous sites in Rome.

### Combination with the Annual Conference of the Pontifical Academy for Life

Immediately following the seminar, participants can attend the two-day annual conference of the Pontifical Academy for Life (1-2/3/2027). The topic of the 2027 meeting will be announced later.

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