

DATES: March 22 - April 1, 2024

COST: \$1,100 (covers lodging and meals while in Rome). The cost does not cover airfare or pocket spending money.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- Application deadline: **February 1, 2024**
- Conference submission deadline: **February 20, 2024**
- Apply online at ysi.org/univ
- A **\$200** deposit is due at the time of application. Full payment is due by **March 1, 2024**. Payments should be made online at ysi.org.



The Human Factor



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57th Annual
International
University Congress

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WHAT IS UNIV?

The annual UNIV Congress brings together thousands of students from around the world for Holy Week in Rome. UNIV offers participants a variety of academic, cultural, and spiritual activities as well as the chance to see the sites in Rome. Through lectures, discussions, and visits to historical sites, students are exposed to the lives and ideas of the great men and women who have lived in Rome, past and present.

THE HUMAN FACTOR

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 26 at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. The theme for this year's conference is "The Human Factor." 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, 2024**. 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 (Istituto 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 U.S. trip to UNIV 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).

SEEING ROME

The U.S. group will leave for Rome on Friday, March 22, and return on Monday, April 1. 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 Pope Francis and a get-together with the Prelate of Opus Dei, Msgr. Fernando Ocáriz.

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

