

CONVOCATION TO A COLLECTIVE WORK

«Catholicism tested by a digital culture»

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Religious beliefs and practices are investing and are invested in order for them to make a «switch-over» to the contemporary digital world since a decade ago. Internet and wireless portable technologies interact with the religious sphere not only as a means of social communication but as a space for exchange and creating a new meaning that defines and develops a new, deeper identity and structures to a groups of believers.

If the academic literature, at the dawn of a new anthropological reflexion called Digital Humanities, is beginning to define a research area on internet in the field of religious studies, it seems to us that a collective work that explore the impact of the digital phenomenon over the past fifteen years within the Catholicism is overly needed.

By a necessarily interdisciplinary approach from anthropology, sociology, history, theology or political science, among others, the authors of this work are invited to submit their contributions academically argued and documented (humor papers, condemnations and prophetic denunciation will not be considered) on one of the following, but not exhaustive, axes:

- Tension between charisma and institution in the information society
- Building up a sense of belonging / Catholic religious identity in the cyberspace
- Theology of the body and digital disintermediation
- Time, duration, and moment: cyberspace and fragmentation
- Rituals, sacraments, liturgy and connected monitors
- The proliferation of technological objects in the sacred space
- Technology, devotion and spirituality
- The government of the Catholic Church and online expression of a Catholic «public opinion»
- The definition of an online «Christian community» and the ecclesiastical criteria
- How is it that the notion of an online community questions and nurtures the notion of Christian community?
- The concepts of Magisterium, Truth, Doctrine, and Authority tested by the digital world.
- The concept of Tradition in the age of Internet
- Broadcasting of religious studies, theology courses, and the figure of the «amateur theologian»
- The transmission of faith: the experiences of e-learning for catechesis
- Consecrated religious life requires to «log out», too?
- Christian creative writing and artistic representation of the divine in the digital era
- Mission evangelization and proselytism on the net
- Internet and ICTs: a new structure of sin?
- Christian Ethics and the Internet

Please send an abstract of 2,000 characters in length, on format « . doc », together with a schema of the article and a resume of the author to media@curie.op.org by May 15th, 2012.

If your abstract has been selected (response will be sent by June 15th 2012) then you should send the entire article of 30,000 characters in length (including footnotes and bibliography) by September 31st, 2012. The articles are accepted in English or French.

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