

Pope: Digital media must allow us to 'think more deeply'

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Pope Benedict Feb. 28 addressed the annual gathering of the Pontifical Council for Social Communication (PCCS), headed by Archbishop Claudio Celli, successor to Cardinal John P. Foley of Philadelphia who helmed the commission and then pontifical council from 1984 ? 2007.

In his remarks the pope refers to his address for the upcoming 45th World Communications Day on June 5th, [Truth, proclamation and authenticity of life in the digital age \[1\]](#), and describes the task of the Pontifical Council for Social Communication:

In this context the work the Pontifical Council for Social Communications carries out in deepening the knowledge of 'digital culture' is important. It stimulates and sustains reflection for a greater awareness of the challenges that lie in store for the ecclesial and civil communities.

It is not only a matter of expressing the Gospel message in contemporary language; it is also necessary to have the courage to think more deeply -- as happened in other epochs -- about the relationship between faith, the life of the Church and the changes human beings are experiencing.

Here is a brief clip of the Pope's speech. On a personal note, I was pleased to see that our Superior General of the Daughters of St. Paul was present, M. Antonieta Bruscatto; she is a consultant to the PCCS. She is the second woman on the left when the camera scans the audience.

I also saw Mr. Augustine Loorthusamy of Malaysia, president of [SIGNIS \[2\]](#), the World Catholic Association for Communication. SIGNIS is represented in the U.S. by the [Catholic Academy for Communications Arts Professionals \[3\]](#).

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