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CARDINAL GEORGE PELL TO HEADLINE JANUARY 14 WEBINAR ON TRANSPARENCY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SOUTH BEND, IN – The Global Institute of Church Management (www.gicm.org) announced today that George Cardinal Pell will be speaking about Creating a Culture of Transparency in the Catholic Church this Thursday, January 14, 2021, via [live feed](#). The address is part of a webinar series on building a transparent and accountable Church being co-presented with the Program of Church Management (PCM) at the [Pontifical University of the Holy Cross](#) in Rome. The [webinar series](#) is offered through May 2021.

Cardinal Pell is the former Prefect at the Secretariat for the Economy, former Member of the Council of Cardinal Advisers, and Archbishop Emeritus, Sydney, Australia. Pell's involvement in financial reform of the Roman Curia is suspected to have partly driven his prosecution for sexual abuse of minors in 2018. Pell's conviction was unanimously overturned by the Australian High Court in 2020 and he was acquitted of all charges.

“Achieving financial transparency is one of the most important things that the Catholic Church can do to prevent abuse of all types, including sexual abuse,” said Pia de Solenni, President and Executive Director of the Global Institute of Church Management and one of the event's moderators. “We are grateful to have the insight of Cardinal Pell on such a critical and difficult topic.”

Dr. de Solenni will be joined in moderating by Fr. Robert Gahl, Vice Chair of the Program of Church Management in Rome. “Change management offers the deepest challenge for all organizations,” said Fr. Gahl. “For the Catholic Church, the largest organization in the world, effective global cultural change may seem impossible and yet, as Cardinal Pell commented in his Prison Journal, Santa Croce's PCM is contributing ‘expertly and quickly’ to greater competence in Church management and finance.”

The webinar starts at 3PM UTC (7am Pacific, 10am Eastern, 4pm Central European, 11pm Philippines time). Registrations are open to the public [here](#).

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The Program of Church Management (<https://www.pusc.it/pcm>) at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, is the flagship Church Management curriculum of the Global Institute of Church Management. PCM offers a certificate course of study and executive intensive sessions to create a culture of Gospel-centered stewardship among current and future Church leaders.