



## The Academy

### ***7-week online course: "Christian Leadership in Public Office II: The Virtues Practiced by Great Statesmen who Changed the World"***

#### Course description:

This course for legislators, leaders in public office and those interested in the **essential** role of Christians in politics and government is the sequel to the groundbreaking "*Christian Leadership in Public Office I*" Academy course that was first taught in July and August 2020 (complete course available online). This second course will go into further depth by discussing how three of history's greatest Christian statesmen *actively* lived the Gospel virtues of *Matthew 5: 3-12* **and as a result changed the world**. They served effectively in positions of high office with formidable power and influence: Sir Thomas More as Lord High Chancellor of the British Realm, Dag Hammarskjöld as Secretary General of the United Nations and John Paul II as Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church and Vatican City Head of State. What these remarkable leaders had in common was that they were Christians first, and all else followed from this that constituted their core identity. The times in which they lived and fruitfully worked in the service of God and their fellow human beings were no less challenging than the conflict-ridden and confused world in which we live today. **Thus, they offer concrete answers and useful suggestions for what it takes to be a faithful and highly effective Christian leader in public office in secular society today.**

#### Course outline:

##### ***Part I – St. Thomas More, Lord High Chancellor of the British Realm 1529 - 1532***

Session 1: Humility

Session 2: Righteousness

##### ***Part II - Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the United Nations 1953-1961***

Session 3: Pure in heart

Session 4: Peacemaker

##### ***Part III - St. John Paul II, Roman Pontiff and Vatican City Head of State 1978-2005***

Session 5: Courage under persecution and suffering

Session 6: Merciful

##### ***Conclusion***

Session 7: The meek shall inherit the earth

#### Course texts (available through Amazon):

- Thomas More's Trial by Jury – A Procedural and Legal Review with a Collection of Documents, edited by Henry A. Kelly et al.; The Life of Sir Thomas More, by William Roper

- Politics & Conscience – Dag Hammarskjöld on the Art of Ethical Leadership, by Roger Lipsey: Markings – A Spiritual Journal by Dag Hammarskjöld
- The President, the Pope and the Prime Minister – Three who changed the World, by John O’Sullivan; Witness to Hope – The Biography of John Paul II by George Weigel.

Course structure:

Seven weekly *online* sessions of 50 minutes each starting on Thursday September 24, 2020 at 4pm Central European Time and taught in English. **The course will be conducted exclusively online** through real-time video, allowing participants to either attend live **or** by watching the recording at a later time of their own choosing. Once registered, each session’s replay link will be sent automatically to all participants. **Live participation is not required!** The course includes Q&A through the live chat function or by submitting written questions through e-mail to the instructor.

Course outcomes:

Participants obtain a deeper understanding as well as practical guidance on how Christians can faithfully serve God whilst effectively pursuing the vocation of public office in secular society.

Instructor:

**Dr. Christiaan Alting von Geusau, J.D., LL.M** holds law degrees from the University of Leiden (Netherlands) and the University of Heidelberg (Germany) whilst also having studied law, philosophy and theology courses at Franciscan University of Steubenville, the University of Notre Dame (USA) and at the Ecole Saint-Jean in Saint Jodard (France). He obtained with distinction his doctorate in philosophy of law from the University of Vienna (Austria). He practiced law at international law firms Houthoff and AKD in Amsterdam and Brussels from 1997 until 2004 where he advised and represented governments, public institutions and multinational firms on issues of civil and international law and conflict resolution. He currently serves as President and Rector of *ITI Catholic University* near Vienna, Austria where he is also a Professor for Philosophy of Law and Education. Throughout his professional career, Dr. Geusau has participated in and has himself taught leadership seminars and courses internationally whilst also completing certified training in diplomatic negotiation at Clingendael - the Netherlands Institute of International Relations and mediation at the Netherlands’ Mediation Institute. Von Geusau presides over the *International Catholic Legislators Network (ICLN)*, which he founded in 2010 to provide political and church leaders with intellectual and faith formation, fellowship and networking opportunities. Dr. Geusau works extensively with political and church leaders throughout the world, helping them realize their mission with integrity. You may access some of his lectures, interviews and presentations [here](#).

Registration and payment details:

**Register here:** <https://my.demio.com/ref/yj9K3MSVL3jN8Si3> to participate live **or** watch the replay of missed sessions later. **The cost of the course €160, - (advance payment only, non-refundable).**

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