



THE CYBERSMILE FOUNDATION

PRESS RELEASE

Pope Francis To Participate In Stop Cyberbullying Day

LONDON, UK, JUNE 19, 2019 - The Cybersmile Foundation in partnership with Scholas Occurrentes Foundation have announced Pope Francis will launch a special 24-hour live telecast from the Vatican on Stop Cyberbullying Day - bringing together thought leaders from around the world to discuss all aspects of online civility.

130 experts from around the world including Cybersmile, UNICEF, and the University of London will participate in the telecast exploring digital civility and the impact of cyberbullying.

The telecast will include an online conference that explores all areas of cyberbullying with the participation of the International Youth Observatory along with experts broadcasting live from over 20 countries.

“Everybody at Cybersmile is proud and excited to welcome the involvement of Pope Francis in Stop Cyberbullying Day activities. Today feels like a huge step forward for Cybersmile, Stop Cyberbullying Day and the world’s digital citizens,” Scott Freeman, CEO, The Cybersmile Foundation.

Delegates including Cybersmile Co-Founder Dan Raisbeck will discuss the impact of cyberbullying and share potential solutions to the growing problem of online abuse. Thought leaders and influencers including Cybersmile Ambassador Paige Spiranac will also make public service announcements during the telecast, sharing their personal experiences of cyberbullying and their advice for those being affected.

The event will be broadcast live from Rome and can be viewed on the Cybersmile website on Stop Cyberbullying Day. The event runs from 12pm CEST on Friday June 21st for the full 24 hours of Stop Cyberbullying Day. Viewers can join the conversation

and even get involved in the event by using #STOPCYBERBULLYINGDAY or #24hScholasTalks on social media.

Log on to [cybersmile.org](https://www.cybersmile.org) or [stopcyberbullyingday.org](https://www.stopcyberbullyingday.org) to discover more about Stop Cyberbullying Day.

ABOUT STOP CYBERBULLYING DAY

Every 3rd Friday in June, Stop Cyberbullying Day welcomes a host of international stars, thought leaders, educational institutions, governments and brands who share their inspiring content and messages on social media to help others who have been affected by cyberbullying and online harassment.

The day encourages people from around the world to show their commitment toward a truly inclusive and diverse online environment for all, without fear of personal threats, harassment or abuse. Internet users can participate on the day by sharing messages of support and empowerment using the #STOPCYBERBULLYINGDAY hashtag on social media.

ABOUT THE CYBERSMILE FOUNDATION

The Cybersmile Foundation is a multi-award-winning nonprofit organisation committed to tackling all forms of digital abuse and bullying online. They work to promote kindness and inclusion by building a safer, more positive digital community and encouraging people to realise their full potential without the fear of ridicule and abuse.

Through education and the promotion of positive digital citizenship, The Cybersmile Foundation reduces incidents of cyberbullying and provides professional help and support services to children and adults around the world.

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