



## Voice of the Faithful 2021 Conference *Re—Membering the Church: Moving Forward*

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Featured Speaker

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Dr. Massimo Faggioli is a leading authority on the history and the administrative inner workings of the Catholic Church. He is a full professor in the department of theology and religious studies at Villanova University in Philadelphia where he teaches courses on modern Church history, Catholicism and world politics, and ecclesiology.

He received his PhD in Religious History from the University of Turin in 2002 with a thesis on the history of the appointment of bishops after the Council of Trent. He later continued his studies on the Second Vatican Council at the renowned institute of "Giovanni XXIII" for Religious Studies in Bologna, Italy.

From Italy he traveled first to Boston where he was visiting fellow at the Jesuit Institute at Boston College from 2008-2009 before moving to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2009 where he remained teaching until 2016.

Faggioli is a contributing editor to *Commonweal* magazine and columnist for *La Croix International*. His books and essays have been published in more than 10 languages. His most recent book is *Joe Biden and Catholicism in the United States* (Bayard Inc, 2021). His previous book, *The Liminal Papacy of Pope Francis* (Orbis, 2020), was published last year. In 2018, he received the Catholic Press Association award for his book *Catholicism and Citizenship: Political Cultures of the Church in the Twenty-First Century* (Michael Glazier 2018).

His other books include: *Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning* (Paulist, 2012); *True Reform: Liturgy and Ecclesiology in Sacrosanctum concilium* (Liturgical Press, 2012); *Sorting Out Catholicism. A Brief History of the New Ecclesial Movements* (Liturgical Press, 2014); *Pope Francis: Tradition in Transition* (Paulist Press, 2015); *A Council for the Global Church. Receiving Vatican II in History* (Fortress, 2015); *The Rising Laity: Ecclesial Movements since Vatican II* (Paulist Press, 2016).

Faggioli represents the new generation of Catholic intellectuals who is making a very significant contribution to theology, ecclesiology, and church history in the contemporary Church.

