

# Pope Francis to participate in Stop Cyberbullying Day

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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 or stopcyberbullyingday.org to discover more about Stop Cyberbullying Day.

#### **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 diversity and inclusion by building a safer, more positive digital community and encouraging people to realise their full potential without 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.

### For more information

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