

# Reconsidering the Catholic Church and Holocaust



## *Holy Silence* Special Screening and Virtual Discussion

Thursday, April 8, 2021

7 PM EDT

Virtual Event

### Panelists

Dr. Suzanne Brown-Fleming, Director,  
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Dr. Philip Cunningham, Saint Joseph's University

Dr. Adam Gregerman, Saint Joseph's University

Steve Pressman, Director of *Holy Silence*

### Moderator

Dr. Kate Temoney, Montclair State University

*Holy Silence* is a new thought-provoking documentary that examines the individuals in the United States and across Europe who played a crucial role in shaping the Vatican's response to the rising Nazi threat across Europe.

As the Nazi Party's power and antisemitism spread across Europe in the 1930s-40s, how did one of the world's most influential institutions—the Catholic Church—address and confront the Nazi regime and its laws, particularly the persecution of Jews? Furthermore, how did the Catholic Church's response influence its followers in Nazi-occupied Europe?

Registration required: <https://forms.gle/fgv7Hw2GmEWt7mRZ6>

Film still from a 1939 Universal Newsreel showing Pope Pius XI on the balcony at the Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome. *US Holocaust Memorial Museum*, courtesy of National Archives & Records Administration, College Park, MD

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