

INFORMATION ABOUT MEDIA POOLS (Status 29.8.2007) on the occasion of the Apostolic Journey of Pope Benedict XVI to Austria

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

The Apostolic Journey of Pope Benedict XVI to Austria will generate enormous interest among both the public and the media. Owing to the large number of pilgrims who are expected and the restricted spatial circumstances, the Austrian Bishops' Conference, which is organizing the visit, is obliged to **limit the number of people attending the press events**.

In the press programme, the above-mentioned press events are labeled with the word "**pool**". The Federal Press Service will assist the Austrian Bishops' Conference during the planning and support of these pools.

Members of the press therefore may only **attend** by presenting a **valid accreditation badge and in addition a pool badge** that corresponds to the relevant programme.

The closing date for applications was Sunday, 26.8.2007. Due to the enormous interest we cannot accept any further pool applications. If there are still pool cards available we will announce it always shortly before pool departure in the press centre.

You can pick up the pool badges from 9am onwards on 6.9.2007 at the press centre in Vienna's Hofburg Palace.

The host broadcaster (ORF) and the host photographer (APA – photos can be downloaded free of charge from papstbesuch.picturedesk.com) will cover all pool events. Their **video and photo material** will be made available **free of charge** and can be published on condition that the source is indicated and that the general copyright provisions relating to news reporting are observed.

PLEASE NOTE:

- In some places the **distance** between the press stand and the Pope will be up to 70 m. This applies especially to the airport and to the Holy Masses both in Mariazell and in St. Stephen's Square.
- **Changing pool positions** during a programme item is **not possible**.
- The **pool positions** can **only be accessed in the company** of press officers of the Austrian Bishops' Conference and/or of the Federal Press Service.
- The majority of the **pool positions** are **outside**. They are **not covered over**. So we recommend that you wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day.
- Please understand that, owing to the large crowds of pilgrims expected, the departure times for the pool events have been calculated generously. Sometimes it might take **up to 5 hours to get back** to the press centre.
- If you want to attend the individual pool events, we strongly urge you to **turn up on time**. If you arrive too late, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to take part.
- The **majority of the pool events** are photo/film opportunities, that is to say that **only** representatives of the media who are accredited as **photographers** or as **camera crew will be permitted to attend**. Print, radio, TV and online editors will be able to follow all the press events live in the press centre on monitors specially provided for this purpose. Copies of the texts of the addresses and sermons will be made available at the information desk.

DESCRIPTION OF THE POOL POINTS:

Friday, 7 September 2007

Pool No.:	1
Subject:	Arrival of Pope Benedict XVI at airport; welcoming by the Federal President of the Republic of Austria, Dr. Heinz Fischer, the Austrian Bishops' Conference, and other eminent civil and church dignitaries; welcoming with military honors; Addresses by Pope Benedict XVI and Federal President Heinz Fischer
Date/time:	Friday, 7.9.2007, 11.15am – Schwechat Airport, Vienna
Meeting place:	9.30am, information desk, Vienna press centre – transfer with coaches
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside, distance up to 70 m

Pool No.:	2A
Subject:	Arrival of Pope Benedict XVI at "Am Hof" Square Welcoming by Mayor Michael Häupl After the liturgical opening ceremony: Honouring ceremony in the golden book of the city of Vienna Position: at entrance to church
Date/time:	Friday, 7.9.2007, 12.45pm – Am Hof Church, Am Hof, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place:	11.15am, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside

Pool No.: 2B
Subject: Liturgical opening ceremony at the "Mariensäule" (Column of the Virgin Mary) in "Am Hof" Square
Address by Pope Benedict XVI
Position: opposite the balcony from which the Pope will speak
Date/time: Friday, 7.9.2007, 12.45pm – Am Hof Church, Am Hof, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place: 11.15am, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted: Camera/photographers
Comment: Outside, distance approx. 30 m

Pool No.: 2C
Subject: Liturgical ceremony in the church on "Am Hof" Square
Position: in the church
Date/time: Friday, 7.9.2007, 12.45pm – Am Hof Church, Am Hof, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place: 11.15am, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted: Camera/photographers

Pool No.: 3A
Subject: Silent remembrance by Pope Benedict XVI at the memorial to the victims of the Shoah together with Chief Rabbi Paul Chaim Eisenberg
Position: to the side of the memorial
Date/time: Friday, 7.9.2007, 1.35pm – memorial, Judenplatz, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place: 12 noon, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted: Camera/photographers
Comment: Outside

Pool No.: 3B
Subject: Silent remembrance by Pope Benedict XVI at the memorial to the victims of the Shoah together with Chief Rabbi Paul Chaim Eisenberg
Position: balcony of house on Judenplatz 6, view over the square
Date/time: Friday, 7.9.2007, 1.35pm – memorial, Judenplatz, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place: 12 noon, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted: Camera/photographers

Pool No.: 4
Subject: Welcoming of Pope Benedict XVI by Federal President Heinz Fischer in the "Maria-Theresien-Zimmer" and introduction of the Federal Government and leading representatives of the Republic of Austria in the "Geheime Ratstube"
Date/time: Friday, 7.9.2007, 5.30pm – Office of the President of Austria
Meeting place: 4.15pm, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted: Camera/photographers

Pool No.: 5
Subject: Meeting of Pope Benedict XVI with representatives of international organizations, of the diplomatic corps, and of the public sector, accompanied by Federal President Heinz Fischer
Addresses by Pope Benedict XVI and Federal President Heinz Fischer
Position: press stand on the left and right sides and at the back of the hall
Date/time: Friday, 7.9.2007, 6pm – "Zeremoniensaal" (Ceremonial Hall), Hofburg
Meeting place: 5pm, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted: Camera/photographers/editors
Comment: Platforms exclusively for film crews/photographers; standing room for all the other media representatives admitted

Saturday, 8 September 2007

Pool No.:	6
Subject:	Arrival of Pope Benedict XVI in Mariazell; welcoming by Federal President Heinz Fischer, Diocesan Bishop Egon Kapellari, and other eminent civil and church dignitaries;
Date/time:	Saturday, 8.9.2007, 9.15am – airport, Mariazell
Meeting place:	7.30am, information desk, Mariazell press centre – transfer with coaches
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside, return journey to press centre at 10am

Pool No.:	7A
Subject:	Arrival of Pope Benedict XVI in the main square next to the Basilica in Mariazell; Pope gets out of his Popemobile; is welcomed by Abbot Otto Strohmaier and Superior Karl Schauer;
Date/time:	Saturday, 8.9.2007, approx. 9.30am – Basilica, Mariazell
Meeting place:	8.30am, information desk, Mariazell press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside

Pool No.:	7B
Subject:	Walk on foot to the Basilica; Pope Benedict XVI in front of the Basilica; followed by festive mass in front of the Basilica
Date/time:	Saturday, 8.9.2007, approx. 9.30am – Basilica, Mariazell
Meeting place:	8.30am, information desk, Mariazell press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside, distance to Basilica approx. 30 m, to the outdoor altar approx. 60 m

Pool No.:	7C
Subject:	Walk through the church; prayer in front of the "Gnadenstatue" (Statue of Grace) Position: on the right next to the "Gnadenkapelle"
Date/time:	Saturday, 8.9.2007, approx. 9.30am – Basilica, Mariazell
Meeting place:	8.30am, information desk, Mariazell press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers;
Comment:	Distance to the "Gnadenkapelle" approx. 7 m

Pool No.:	7D
Subject:	Festive mass in front of the Basilica Sermon by Pope Benedict XVI Position: to the right of the outdoor altar
Date/time:	Saturday, 8.9.2007, 10.30am – Basilica, Mariazell
Meeting place:	9.30am, information desk, Mariazell press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside, distance approx. 30 m

Pool No.:	7E
Subject:	Festive mass in front of the Basilica Sermon by Pope Benedict XVI Position: opposite the outdoor altar
Date/time:	Saturday, 8.9.2007, 10.30am – Basilica, Mariazell
Meeting place:	9.30am, information desk, Mariazell press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers/editors
Comment:	Outside, distance approx. 30 m

Pool No.:	8A
Subject:	Vespers in the Basilica with priests, members of religious orders, deacons and seminarists; Address by Pope Benedict XVI Position: to the right, at the front, next to the main altar
Date/time:	Saturday, 8.9.2007, 4.45pm – Basilica, Mariazell
Meeting place:	3.45pm, information desk, Mariazell press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Distance to the main altar approx. 10 m

Pool No.:	8B
Subject:	Vespers in the Basilica with priests, members of the order, deacons and seminarists; Address by Pope Benedict XVI; prayer in front of the “Gnadenstatue” (Statue of Grace) Position: on the right, next to the “Gnadenkapelle”
Date/time:	Saturday, 8.9.2007, 4.45pm – Basilica, Mariazell
Meeting place:	3.45pm, information desk, Mariazell press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Distance to the “Gnadenkapelle” approx. 7 m

Sunday, 9 September 2007

Pool No.:	9A
Subject:	Arrival & welcoming of Pope Benedict XVI in the Archbishop’s Palace by Archbishop Christoph Cardinal Schönborn and altar servers
Date/time:	Sunday, 9.9.2007, 9.30am – Archbishop’s Palace, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place:	8am, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside

Pool No.:	9B
Subject:	Entry of Pope Benedict XVI into St. Stephen’s Cathedral and Angelus prayer on St. Stephen’s Square; Address by Pope Benedict XVI Position: to the left of the platform – entrance to “Stephansplatz” subway station
Date/time:	Sunday, 9.9.2007, 10am & 12 noon – St. Stephen’s Square, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place:	8.30am, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside, distance approx. 30 m

Pool No.:	9C
Subject:	Eucharistic Mass in St. Stephen’s Cathedral Sermon by Pope Benedict XVI Position: west end gallery (balcony opposite the main altar – view from above)
Date/time:	Sunday, 9.9.2007, 10am – St. Stephen’s Cathedral, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place:	8.30am, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Distance approx. 70 m

Pool No.:	9D
Subject:	Angelus prayer on St. Stephen’s Square; Address by Pope Benedict XVI Position: to the right, opposite the platform
Date/time:	Sunday, 9.9.2007, 12 noon – St. Stephen’s Square, 1010 Vienna
Meeting place:	10.30am, information desk, Vienna press centre – on foot
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Outside, distance approx. 30 m

Pool No.:	10A
Subject:	Arrival, group photo and departure in the inner courtyard Blessing the outer courtyard of Heiligenkreuz Abbey
Date/time:	Sunday, 9.9.2007, 4.30pm – Heiligenkreuz Abbey
Meeting place:	2.00pm, information desk, Vienna press centre – transfer with coaches
Admitted:	Camera/photographers/editors
Comment:	Outside

Pool No.:	10B
Subject:	Liturgical celebration and address in the “Stiftskirche” (Collegiate Church)
Date/time:	Sunday, 9.9.2007, 4.30pm – Heiligenkreuz Abbey
Meeting place:	2.00pm, information desk, Vienna press centre – transfer with coaches
Admitted:	Camera/photographers

Pool No.:	11
Subject:	Meeting of Pope Benedict XVI accompanied by Federal President Heinz Fischer with volunteers and honorary members in the “Wiener Konzerthaus” (Vienna Concert Hall) Addresses by Pope Benedict XVI and Federal President Heinz Fischer Position: opposite the lectern
Date/time:	Sunday, 9.9.2007, 5.30pm – Vienna Concert Hall, 1030 Vienna
Meeting place:	4pm, information desk, Vienna press centre – transfer with coaches
Admitted:	Camera/photographers
Comment:	Distance approx. 25 m

Pool No.:	12
Subject:	Departure from airport, farewell with military honors, addresses by Pope Benedict XVI and Federal President Heinz Fischer
Date/time:	Sunday, 9.9.2007, 7.15pm – Schwechat Airport, Vienna
Meeting place:	5.15pm, information desk, Vienna press centre – transfer with coaches
Admitted:	Camera/photographers/editors
Comment:	Outside, distance up to 70 m; Return after the press conference