



MEDIA PROGRAMME

Apostolic Journey of Pope Benedict XVI to Austria

on the occasion of the 850th anniversary of the pilgrimage site
of Mariazell

7-9 September 2007 | Vienna, Mariazell, Heiligenkreuz

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Thursday, 6 September 2007

9am - 8pm PRESS CENTRE VIENNA OPEN, CONGRESS CENTRE HOFBURG

10am **OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE** of the Austrian Bishops' Conference
with Archbishop Christoph Cardinal Schönborn
Congress Centre Hofburg, Kesselhaushof Forum

by 6pm Arrival of outside broadcast vehicles (SNG)
Registration with Host Broadcaster

Friday, 7 September 2007

8am - 10pm PRESS CENTRE VIENNA OPEN, CONGRESS CENTRE HOFBURG

9am - 8pm PRESS CENTRE MARIAZELL OPEN, SECONDARY SCHOOL

11.15 am Arrival of Pope Benedict XVI at Vienna's Schwechat Airport
Welcoming by Federal President Heinz Fischer with military honors
Addresses by Pope Benedict XVI and Federal President Heinz Fischer
POOL 1: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY *
Departure of the pool at 9.30am from the information desk in the press centre. Transfer with coaches.

12.45pm Liturgical opening ceremony at the "Mariensäule" (Column of the Virgin Mary) in "Am Hof" Square
Address by Pope Benedict XVI
Honoured in the golden book of the city of Vienna
POOL 2A-2C: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
Departure of the pool at 11.15am on foot from the information desk in the press centre.

1.35pm Silent remembrance by Pope Benedict XVI at the memorial to the victims of the Shoah together with Chief Rabbi Paul Chaim Eisenberg
POOL 3A/3B: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
Departure of the pool at 12 noon on foot from the information desk in the press centre.

* Press events with the word "pool" are subject to a limited number of people who can attend. See the document "Information about Media Pools" for further details.

- 5.30pm Arrival of Pope Benedict XVI in the Office of the Federal President of Austria
POOL: Host Broadcaster and Host Photographer
- followed by Welcoming of Pope Benedict XVI by Federal President Heinz Fischer in the Maria-Theresia Room, Office of the Federal President of Austria
POOL 4: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
Departure of the pool at 4.15pm on foot from the information desk in the press centre.
- followed by Conversation in the Federal President's office, Office of the Federal President of Austria
POOL: Host Broadcaster and Host Photographer
- 5.55pm Introduction of the Federal Government and leading representatives of the Republic of Austria to Pope Benedict XVI by Federal President Heinz Fischer "Geheime Ratstube", Hofburg
POOL 4: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
Departure of the pool at 4.15pm on foot from the information desk in the press centre.
- 6pm 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
"Zeremonienaal", Hofburg
POOL 5
Departure of the pool at 5pm on foot from the information desk in the press centre.

Saturday, 8 September 2007

- 4.30am DEPARTURE OF COACHES FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA TO MARIAZELL FROM CONGRESS CENTRE HOFBURG**
- 5am DEPARTURE OF COACHES FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA TO MARIAZELL FROM BRUCK/MUR, RAILWAY STATION**
- 6am - 10pm PRESS CENTRE MARIAZELL OPEN, SECONDARY SCHOOL**
- 6.30am - 10pm PRESS CENTRE VIENNA OPEN, CONGRESS CENTRE HOFBURG**

- 9.15am Arrival of Pope Benedict XVI at Mariazell Airfield
Welcoming by Federal President Heinz Fischer and
Diocesan Bishop Egon Kapellari
POOL 6: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
*Departure of the pool at 7.30am from the information desk, press centre
Mariazell. Transfer with coaches.*
- approx.
9.30am Arrival and welcoming of Pope Benedict XVI in front of the Basilica
POOL 7A: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
*Departure of the pool at 8.30am on foot from the information desk, press
centre Mariazell.*
- followed by Walk into the Basilica and prayer by Pope Benedict XVI in front of the
"Gnadenstatue" (Statue of Grace)
POOL 7B/7C: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
*Departure of the pool at 8.30am on foot from the information desk, press
centre Mariazell.*
- 10.30am Festive mass in front of the Basilica
Sermon by Pope Benedict XVI
POOL 7B/7D: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
POOL 7E
*Departure of the pool 7D/7E (!) at 9.30am on foot from the information
desk, press centre Mariazell.*
- 4.45pm Vesper in the Basilica with priests and members of religious orders
Address by Pope Benedict XVI
POOL 8A/8B: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
*Departure of the pool at 3.45pm on foot from the information desk, press
centre Mariazell.*
- from 3pm **STAGGERED RETURN OF COACHES FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
MEDIA FROM MARIAZELL TO CONGRESS CENTRE HOFBURG**
**For exact departure times, please see the notice boards in the press
centre**
- 7pm **DEPARTURE OF COACHES FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA
FROM MARIAZELL TO BRUCK/MUR, RAILWAY STATION**

Sunday, 9 September 2007

**6.30am -
10pm**

PRESS CENTRE VIENNA OPEN, CONGRESS CENTRE HOFBURG

- 9.30am Arrival of Pope Benedict XVI in the Archbishop's Palace
Welcoming by Archbishop Christoph Cardinal Schönborn and altar servers
POOL 9A: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
Departure of the pool at 8am on foot from the information desk in the press centre.
- 10am Eucharistic Mass in St. Stephen's Cathedral
Sermon by Pope Benedict XVI
POOL 9B/9C: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
Departure of the pool at 8.30am on foot from the information desk in the press centre.
- 12 noon Angelus prayer in St. Stephen's Square
Address by Pope Benedict XVI
POOL 9B/9D: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
Departure for pool 9D (!) at 10.30am on foot from the information desk in the press centre.
- 4.30pm Visit to Heiligenkreuz Abbey
Address by Pope Benedict XVI
POOL 10A/10B
Departure of the pool at 2.00pm from the information desk in the press centre. Transfer with coaches.
- 5.30pm Meeting of Pope Benedict XVI accompanied by Federal President Heinz Fischer with volunteers and honorary members in the Vienna Concert Hall
Addresses by Pope Benedict XVI and Federal President Heinz Fischer
POOL 11: PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY
Departure of the pool at 4pm from the information desk in the press centre. Transfer with coaches.
- 7.15pm Federal President Heinz Fischer bids farewell to Pope Benedict XVI at Vienna's Schwechat Airport in a ceremony with military honors
Addresses by Pope Benedict XVI and the Federal President Heinz Fischer
POOL 12
Departure of the pool at 5.15pm from the information desk in the press centre. Transfer with coaches.
- followed by **CLOSING PRESS CONFERENCE** of the Austrian Bishops' Conference with Archbishop Christoph Cardinal Schönborn
General Aviation Centre (GAC) of Vienna Airport