



## **Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP – Biography**

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Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP, is a renowned expert in media literacy, film criticism, and authorship. Born in the United States, she entered the Daughters of St. Paul in 1967 and has been a member of the congregation for over five decades. She holds an M.Ed. in Media Studies from the University of London and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation.

Sr. Rose is widely recognized for her work in media literacy, promoting critical thinking and responsible media use among both youth and adults. In 1995, she founded the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Boston and relocated it to Los Angeles in 2002. She has written or co-authored over 15 books and numerous articles on media literacy, including “Media Mindfulness: Educating Teens about Faith and Media”, which received the Catholic Press Association award for Best Book in Pastoral Ministry.

As a film critic, Sr. Rose has received numerous accolades, including the Christopher Award in 2005 for “Lights, Camera, Faith: A Movie Lover’s Guide to Scripture” and a lifetime achievement Gabriel Award from SIGNIS World, the international Catholic association for communication. She has served on juries at various international film festivals, including Cannes, Venice, and Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic in 2025. For 20 years, she was the film critic for *St. Anthony Messenger*, contributes to the *National Catholic Reporter*, the Pauline Media Studies blog as well as her own blog on Patheos.

Sr. Rose is also a frequent speaker at catechetical conferences in dioceses across the United States and abroad, including the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. She has appeared on several TV and radio

programs, including NPR's Fresh Air and Busted Halo. Rose was an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Ministry program at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and has been teaching on communications and culture for the University of Dayton's online Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation since 2001

In honor of her 50th jubilee as a Daughter of St. Paul, Sr. Rose currently lives in Rome, Italy, where she continues to contribute to the Pauline mission of evangelization through media and media literacy formation in religious life. She recently gave a series of lectures in the Czech Republic, including a keynote address at the Czech Bishops' Conference on "Evangelization in the Digital Age." In 2025 she spoke at the World Jubilee Day for Communication on the place of hybrid media in evangelization today, presented a two-day conference to women religious in Romania on "Religious Life in a Digital Age" was a guest professor at Syracuse University speaking on the film "Spotlight" for a course on Modern American Politics in Film.