

Restoration of the First Papal Graham Paige



Traditionally, when a pope wanted to travel, he was carried in the *sedia gestatoria*: a chair carried on the shoulders of a number of attendants. However, in the 20th century, papal transportation began to be more modernized. During the priestly jubilee of Pius XI in 1929, a special automobile arrived—a Graham Paige limousine. It is a fascinating precursor to the bulletproof glass-walled vehicle which we currently associate with papal travel. Recently restored, it now resides in the Vatican Carriage Museum. Dr. Romina Cometti will lecture on its historical significance.

Date: October 11th

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library

This lecture is open to the public.



Romina Cometti

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Dr. Cometti has served as a project manager and coordinator in the restoration laboratories of the Vatican Museums since 2007. She is also the author of “The Life of a Swiss Guard”.