

# **Three Components That Comprise Each Year's World Communications Day**

The **Announcement** of the World Communications Day theme is made on September 29, the Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, who have been designated as the patrons of those who work in radio.

**The Holy Father's Message** for World Communications Day is traditionally published in conjunction with the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, patron of writers (January 24), to allow bishops' conferences and diocesan offices sufficient time to prepare audio, visual and other materials for national and local celebrations.

**World Communications Day**, the only worldwide celebration called for by the Second Vatican Council (*Inter Mirifica, 1963*), is celebrated in most countries, on the recommendation of the bishops of the world, on the Sunday before Pentecost in May.

**For the current year's World Communications Day theme and message from the Holy Father, visit our web site:**

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