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### **Lenten Specials Bring the Vatican to WQED-TV**

PITTSBURGH – WQED will feature two pieces on the Vatican in honor of the Lenten season. The *OnQ Special Edition: Astorino: Pittsburgh's Architect at the Vatican* will air Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. *Discovering the Secrets of the Vatican*, airs Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am and encores Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm on WQED-TV.

The *OnQ Special Edition* features unprecedented footage of the “Chapel of the Holy Spirit.” This chapel is the only building in the Vatican designed by an American (Pittsburgh-native Lou Astorino) and the place where cardinals pray before choosing a new pope. Astorino is credited with designing other landmarks, including PNC Park.

*Discovering the Secrets of the Vatican* is an intimate look at the government, people, culture, and history of the sovereign state. The Vatican is one of the most tourist-driven destinations in the world, despite covering just 110 acres. The program will unearth the rich culture and storied history of this landlocked destination; speak to Vatican guards; travel through underground tunnels; explore ancient architecture; and examine how a Non-Hereditary Elected Monarchy is run.

A *Discovering the Secrets of the Vatican* DVD, a partner book, “The Vatican: Secrets and Treasures of the Holy City,” and a 5-DVD set, *Secrets of the Vatican Collection*, are all available for a contribution to WQED by calling 412-621-5808 or toll-free at 1-800-232-8813, or by going to [www.wqed.org/support/membership\\_join.php](http://www.wqed.org/support/membership_join.php).

**OnQ** is WQED’s nightly newsmagazine show, the only one in the region and one of five in the country. In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, *OnQ* features stories about the region’s culture, business, history and human interest topics. A multiple Mid-Atlantic Emmy® Award winning program, *OnQ* was the first news and information program to broadcast in high-definition (HD) in the Pittsburgh market. Other prestigious awards for *OnQ* include: The Edward R. Murrow Award, The Gabriel Award, The CINE Golden Eagle Award.

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