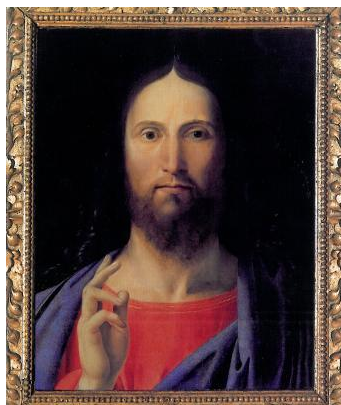




## SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN THE VATICAN

Ars orandi, Ars credendi



### **The Face of God and the Face of the Human Person in the Prayers of the Psalms**

17 - 23 February 2013

Meditations proposed by Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi

*The Spiritual Exercises were addressed to Pope Benedict XVI and the Curia.*

*His Eminence did not read from a text but his talks are available here in podcast in Italian.*

*An introductory text is available here (in Italian).*

*The talks were then written up in the form of the book L'Incontro, later translated into English as The Encounter*

### **Programme**

#### **Sunday 17 February**

The Face of God

I. Breathe, think, struggle, love. *The Verbs of Prayer*

#### **Monday 18 February**

II. To the Sources of the Jordan in the spirit. *The God of grace and of the Word*

III. The Song of the twofold sun. *The Creator God*

IV. The sparrows and swallows in the temple. *The God of the liturgy*

#### **Tuesday 19 February**

V. The river of time. *The God of history*

VI. The "truly necessary" God. *The Messiah of God*

VII. "My embryo your eyes have seen". *God in man*

### **Wednesday 20 February**

The Face of the Human Person

VIII. "As a baby weaned" *The believing person*

IX. "A breath in every person" *The fragile created person*

X. "I am exhausted: heal me!" *The suffering person*

### **Thursday 21 February**

XI. Crime, punishment, forgiveness. *The sinning person*

XII. Absence and nothingness. *The person without God*

XIII. Wisdom is enriching. *The wise and happy person*

### **Friday 22 February**

XIV. The song of the priests. *Immortal man*

XV. Around a festive table. *The person, the family, the elderly*

XVI. As scent and dew. *The person and love*

### **Saturday 23 February**

The seven stars of the Word. *Lectio divina*