
PRESS RELEASE

**CLAUDIO GIOÈ, STAR OF
"IL TREDICESIMO APOSTOLO",
LIVE ON THE WEB ON QUIMEDIASET:**

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The third episode of "Il Tredicesimo Apostolo", the successful TV drama is on Canale 5 this evening and, Claudio Gioè ("Il capo dei capi", "Squadra Antimafia"...) responded on video on the QuiMediaset web site to questions from viewers.

<http://www.video.mediaset.it/video/conferenze/full/274902/claudio-gioe-%E2%80%93-diretta-web.html>)

The relationship between Father Gabriel and the character played by Claudia Pandolfi? "It wasn't straightforward at all. We wanted to avoid a sense of guilt, something that the Catholic culture probably abused in the past. We wanted to honour a new, more modern attitude of the church".

And the character of Father Gabriel? "I wouldn't have minded a clumsier character." Cinema or television? "I have worked on television productions that compared with a film seemed like working in Hollywood."

A director you would like to work with? "Clint Eastwood".

The most frequent compliment you receive? "You look taller on television." Your Palermo? "Fascinating and damned".

Has Italy freed itself of the mafia? "With the proliferation of information, in a culture that tends to exclude criminality, slowly we will overcome also this phenomenon".

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