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Michele Dillon, associate professor of sociology at the University of New Hampshire, is available to discuss the election of Pope Benedict XVI. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected the 265th pontiff April 19, 2005, by the College of Cardinals. Dillon can be reached at (603) 862-2925 or [michele.dillon@unh.edu](mailto:michele.dillon@unh.edu).

Dillon has written extensively on Catholicism in the United States and elsewhere, and has been especially interested in the institutional and cultural processes that enable Catholics who selectively disagree with aspects of Catholic teaching to remain loyal to Catholicism. She also has examined the political engagement of the Catholic Church, and of other churches and activist organizations in public moral debates in different western countries.