

## Renewal Program for Missionaries

The varied contexts in which the Church serves today raise numerous challenges to mission. How are the followers of Christ to respond to religious and cultural pluralism, globalization, the new communication and digital cultures, the ecological crisis, migration, the world of young people, poverty and inequality, fundamentalism and intolerance, secularism and unbelief, among others? How is the Gospel to be brought to people of today and all these “strata of humanity” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 18) in a transformative way?

Those who have been participating in the mission of the Church through various ministries often feel the need for theological, intellectual, and spiritual updating and renewal, in order to respond more effectively to these challenges.

The Faculty of Missiology seeks to offer this kind of formation. The settings of the Gregorian University, with its rich multi-cultural student population, and of Rome, the city of the apostles Peter and Paul and of the Popes, offer unique perspectives to enhance and deepen missio-theological training.

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### Inside images:

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The images in the brochure depict the early missionary activity of the Society of Jesus in the four known continents (Europe, Africa, America, and Asia), with St. Ignatius of the Loyola at the center, glorified by God.

“The Church which ‘goes forth’ is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast”.

(*Evangelii Gaudium* 24)

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February - June 2021



### Eligibility

- Religious, Clergy and laity who have had some apostolic experience.
- Those on sabbaticals wanting to upgrade their knowledge in missio-theological studies.

• Participants in the renewal program should have a mastery of English, and must hold a Bachelor's degree or a Pre-University Diploma in any discipline.

### Pedagogy

1. Classes will be participative, promoting dialogue with and integration of the participants' experience and contexts of mission.
2. The program will consist of courses, seminars and workshops, involving readings and discussions.
3. A certain number of basic courses is mandatory. Participants are also free to choose from a list of optional seminars and workshops.

### Themes for Courses, Seminars and Workshops

#### Theology

- Biblical foundations of mission
- Theological aspects of mission
- The history of mission
- Theology of religions

#### Magisterial Documents

- Mission documents from *Probe Nostis* to *Evangelii Gaudium*
- *Laudato Si'*

#### Personal & Pastoral Interests

- Spirituality for missionary impact
- Mission, proclamation and dialogue: contemporary perspectives
- Effective communication for mission
- New Evangelization: problems and perspectives



### Contextual Studies

- Mission and globalization
- Mission and interculturality
- Introduction to Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism in dialogue with Christianity
- Consumer culture and the mission of the Church
- Rites of initiation: interreligious encounter
- Religious fundamentalism: Towards a response

### Certificate Program

A Certificate in Missiology will be granted to those who fulfill



the pre-requisites, namely, acquiring a total of 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). The courses and seminars inclusive of exams are 3 ECTS each; each workshop is credited 1.5 ECTS. Overall, the participant will have to complete 4 basic courses (12 ECTS), 4 seminars (12 ECTS), 2 workshops (3 ECTS) and a final paper of 30 pages (3 ECTS).

A Certificate of participation with 15 ECTS will be awarded to those who would attend the classes without enrolling for the exams.

### Out-of-Class Learning

#### Visits & Pilgrimage

Guided visits to important sites in Rome connected with mission, on several Saturdays of the semester, will offer a deeper experiential encounter with the history and tradition of the Church.

For those interested, a guided pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the month of June 2021 will offer an opportunity to re-live the beginnings of mission, in the very land of Jesus and his apostles.

### Admission Process

The requirements for matriculation to this program can be found in the Ordo Anni Academici (2020-2021) of the Pontifical Gregorian University or online at: <https://www.unigre.it/en/students/admission/enrollment/>.

For documents required for registration see: <https://www.unigre.it/en/students/admission/documentation/>.

Points 4 & 6 are not applicable for this registration. For more clarification regarding matriculation please contact the Secretary of the Faculty of Missiology: [missio@unigre.it](mailto:missio@unigre.it). New students can do their online registration from 15 December 2020.

The students must hand in their completed online registration forms available on the University site ([www.unigre.it](http://www.unigre.it)) with the authorization of the Moderator to the office of the General Secretary between 12 and 25 January 2021.

### Dates and Class Information

Classes begin on 15 February 2021 and end on 28 May 2021. Exams will be held in June 2021. The working days are from Monday to Friday. Some Saturdays will be outing days for visiting various important sites included in the program.

### Teaching Staff

The teaching staff is composed of professors from various faculties of the Pontifical Gregorian University.

### Program Fees

- € 1.100: classes, lecture notes and certificate.
- € 1.200: Holy Land Pilgrimage (price subject to last minute minor changes).

