

Renewal Program for Missionaries

There is a growing need today to respond to the challenges arising from various contexts of religious and cultural pluralism, globalization, communication, pastoral involvement, ecological crisis, faith and justice, fundamentalism, atheistic spirituality and others.

An on-going theological, intellectual and spiritual formation to respond to the above-mentioned challenges is essential.

The Faculty of Missiology seeks to offer this kind of formation especially in Rome where the universal and the local Church meet in a radical way. Furthermore, the geographical proximity of the Vatican City and the Pope is expected to give a strong stimulus to missio-theological training.

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Inside images:

Andrea Pozzo, *Gloria di Sant' Ignazio*,
Church of St. Ignatius, Rome.

The image inside symbolizes the missionary activity of the Society of Jesus in the four continents: Europe, Africa, America and Asia with St. Ignatius of 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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Renewal Program for Missionaries



2019-2020



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 know English, and must hold a Bachelor's degree or a Pre-University Diploma in any discipline.

Pedagogy

1. Classes will be participative encouraging experiential sharing and methodological application for better study and comprehension.
2. The program will consist of courses, seminars and workshops with reading materials and discussions.
3. A certain number of basic courses is mandatory. Participants are allowed to choose from the list of 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
- Rites of initiation: interreligious encounter
- Religious fundamentalisms: Towards a response

Certificate Program

A Certificate in Missiology will be granted to those who attain the pre-requisite for it namely acquiring a total of 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). The courses and seminars inclusive of exams are 3 ECTS each; workshops



are 1.5 ECTS each. 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

Excursions and visits to important sites and religious places will be organized for a more experienced and in-depth learning. For those interested, a pilgrimage to Jerusalem could be organized after the program in the month of June 2020.

Admission Process

Those who wish to participate in this program must contact

the Dean of Missiology at decmissio@unigre.it

The requirements for matriculation to this program can be found in the Ordo Anni Academici (2019-2020) of the Pontifical Gregorian University or online at: https://www.unigre.it/Studenti/immatricolazione_en.php.

No. 2.3.6 is not applicable to the students of this Program.

For more clarification regarding matriculation please contact the Secretary of the Faculty of Missiology: missio@unigre.it New students can do their online registration from 17 December 2019.

The students must hand in their completed online registration forms available on the University site (www.unigre.it) with the authorization of the Dean of Missiology to the office of the General Secretary between 20 January 2020 and 31 January 2020.

Dates and Class Information

Classes begin on 17 February 2020 and end on 29 May 2020. The working days are from Monday to Friday. Some Saturdays would be outing days for visiting various important sites included in the program.

Teaching Staff

The teaching staff comprises of experts from various parts of the world proficient in the subject matter at hand.

Program Fees

- € 1.100 euros: classes, lecture notes and certificate.
- Saturday tours and Holy Land Pilgrimage: for those who are interested, a separate information will be sent by email indicating the costs and other details.

