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# PONTIFICAL ATHENAEUM REGINA APOSTOLORUM

## 30 years of service to the Church and society

Promoted by the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ, Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athenaeum was canonically erected by the Congregation for Catholic Education on September 15th, 1993, and ever since Pope John Paul II recognized it as a Pontifical Athenaeum back in 1998, it has stood out for its contribution to the evangelization of culture through interdisciplinary research, innovative education, student engagement, and growth in innovative programs and soft skills.

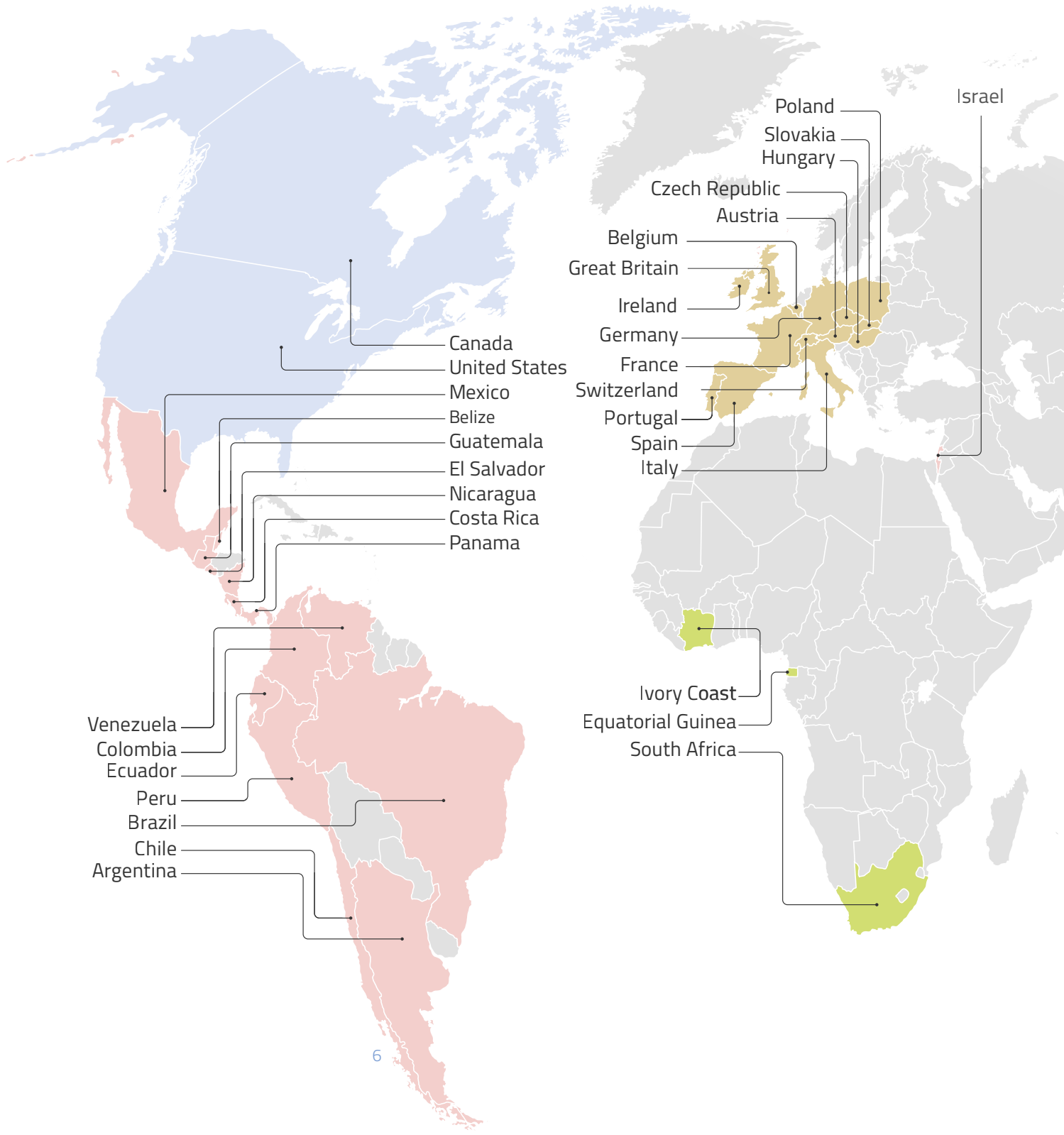
## Mission and identity

The Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum has the mission of form apostles, Christian leaders both cleric and lay, at the service of the Church to bear witness to the mystery of Christ, and is an international academic community which takes on this mission in full harmony with the Holy Father and the Magisterium of the Church. Through its studying paths, it allows students to develop a Catholic thought and culture capable of permeating the Christian spirit in today's society.

## Why it is so important to support APRA

Supporting the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum with a donation, be it large or small, is a gesture of great value. This is specifically because for 30 years now, we have been training students from all over the world to become the Evangelizers of tomorrow, for contributing as Christian leaders to build a more just, peaceful and human world, based on the values of the Gospel.









## LEGION OF CHRIST AND REGNUM CHRISTI

The Legionaries of Christ are a religious congregation made up of priests and candidates to the priesthood, professing a profound love for the Holy Father and for all Bishops, which contributes to the pastoral work of the Church through their international network of Works and Institutions, which includes 120 Institutes and 13 Universities present throughout the world as universities under the RIU organization (Red Internacional de Universidades), an active network of international connections between universities that share the same foundations and objectives.

*Regnum Christi* continually launches initiatives and apostolic works oriented towards the proclamation of faith, the diffusion of Catholic doctrine, the formation of young people and adolescents, the support of marriage and family, the education and evangelization of professional and cultural fields, the support of social justice and the practice of works of mercy.







## INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

since its inception, the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum has embraced a unique and vital vision, rooted in the values of the Catholic faith and in the integral conception of the human being that derives from it. As an ecclesiastical university institution, we have accepted the challenge of imparting academic knowledge and cultivating a comprehensive education that promotes human development in all its dimensions.

One of the pillars that define our identity is the university experience in Rome, a city steeped in history, culture, and spirituality. This privileged position not only enriches the educational environment but also offers a unique opportunity for intercultural encounters and to experience Catholicism.

At the base of the Athenaeum lies the charism of the Legion of Christ and Regnum Christi, which inspires our mission to form leaders of service, both among the clergy and among the laity, with the aim of establishing the Kingdom of Christ in the world. This training is not limited to the academic field but extends to everyday life, inspiring our students to live their values in all spheres of society.

A horizon constantly present during these years, which has guided our efforts, has been to make evangelical values present in culture, starting from an open reason, rooted in a religious and cultural tradition, but always engaged in dialogue with contemporary challenges. We recognize the importance of interdisciplinarity and promote the exchange of ideas between different fields of knowledge to address the complex problems of our time from an integrated perspective.

Looking to the future, we are renewing our commitment to remain a relevant and meaningful voice in the dialogue between faith and culture, facing the challenges presented to us by cultural, ecclesiastical, and institutional circumstances.

With hope and prayers, we continue our journey with faith, excellence, and love in the service of the Gospel and humanity.



**Fr. José Enrique Oyarzún, L.C.**

*President*

*Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum*







## HOW DO YOUR GIFTS CHANGE LIVES?

Is it possible to measure the impact of an apostle in this lifetime? While many aspects of impact are measurable, an apostle's impact can be centuries after death, as in the case of St Thérèse of Lisieux, who was a cloistered Carmelite and who passed away at such a young age, unknown during her life to so many, yet now with a global spiritual impact in the lives of millions. While final impact will be seen in eternity, we would like to share just a few testimonies which begin to tell the story of how your gifts impact lives and assure the formation of apostles from different walks of life spread throughout the world, and thus help evangelize culture.



### Br John Kenny, LC - Preparation for Priesthood

These people are smart. That had always been my impression of the Legionaries of Christ from the moment I went on a weekend retreat with them. I hail from Houston, Texas and I come from a family of seven kids. My mother was keen on our education, but never forced it upon us. She would scatter books around the house, knowing that knowledge had to be stumbled upon. They say you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink. But if the horse is thirsty enough and there is plenty of water lying around, you have a recipe for success.

I had met many priests in my life and they were all smart and educated, but something in the Legionary demeanor, expression and joy spoke to me. They knew their stuff, but they knew how to make it meaningful and relevant. Thus, their ability to communicate and translate seemingly esoteric elements of Catholic education had me hooked.

I am now currently at the end of a long period of formation. I am in my third year of theology and, God willing, I will be ordained a deacon in the summer of 2024. When I first saw a Legionary of Christ, I was captivated by the charisma and pose of this priest. Back then, I felt admiration, and now as I finish, I feel gratitude. As I journeyed through the formation process, I realized how much the Legion invests in its priests. We have a beautiful and challenging mission ahead of us, and I feel prepared through the many hours of prayer, study and apostolic outreach that I have had the opportunity to engage in.

In these long years of formation, one learns the great value of the gospel values and the ideals of the Kingdom. And while the many years spent in silence and contemplation may seem endless, I also look at the immense needs of the Church today. I ask myself if I am ready, and certainly there is much more to do. The key lies in faith in God who called me and the solid preparation the legion has offered me. And for this formation I am deeply grateful.

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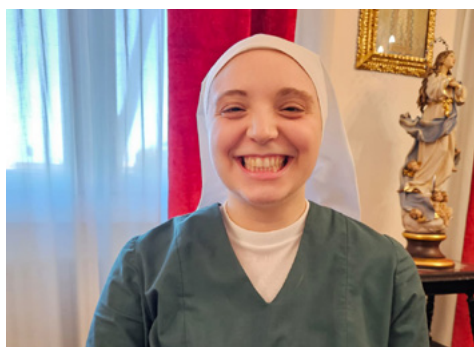
### Endel Alves

I am very happy to have the precious opportunity, to be among the fortunate students studying for a Ph.D. in Bioethics at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, and to have been lucky enough to receive a scholarship for the first two academic years (preparatory and research phase). The Ph.D. program in Bioethics at Regina Apostolorum offers a high level of education that, for me, addresses the challenges of secular society. Bioethics is one of the most urgent issues of our time. Addressing this issue is truly a crucial step in the context of the New Evangelization, where people are constantly confronted with modern bioethical questions and decisions.

The dignity of human life and the issues related to technological progress must be addressed with the correct knowledge and



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perspective. Therefore, a faithful Catholic education is a fundamental solution for restoring culture. This financial support will help me prepare to establish a Catholic university campus in collaboration with the entire faculty of Regina Apostolorum in Brazil.

This PhD has a unique significance for me allowing me to navigate with even greater attention the turbulent waters of ethics in the biotechnological advancements of our time. For this reason, an educational process based on faith, reason and science is necessary, and the Regina Apostolorum's doctoral program in bioethics is designed to meet this need.

### **Sister Maria Rebecca Nazzaro**

*Superior of the Community of the Missionaries of Divine Revelation of Rome*

Our Community was born in the Diocese of Rome on February 11th, 2001, after a long experience of lay consecration. Ever since the earliest years of its life, the Community has found a valid support in the human, religious and intellectual formation of early members of the Community in the training courses on Consecrated Life, organized by the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athenaeum. We have always benefited from these initiatives over the years, with great joy and profit.

Lately, our community has been enriched with new members and it has become necessary for them to undergo training suitable for the apostolate of the Catechesis service in which the Community is called to operate.

Since October 2023, two juniors and a novice have been following the first year of the Religious Sciences course with enthusiasm and profit. The Community noticed in them a certain firmness and conviction in their approach to children during parish catechesis; they have acquired mastery over contents relating to philosophy and history of the Church, increasingly showing a clear ability to be able to answer young people's questions effectively, stimulating them to ask themselves meaningful questions about their lives.

Our apostolate of Catechesis with Art, consisting of guiding pilgrims to the places of Christian Rome, requires careful preparation from a historical, artistic and theological point of view, because we find ourselves in dialogues with people of other cultures, confessions or simply people who have forgotten the rudiments of the Catholic faith. The sisters support us in this apostolate, and also thanks to what they have learned in their studies, they have improved in their approach to souls, they find themselves knowing how to express with so much simplicity the "reason for the hope that lies within us".

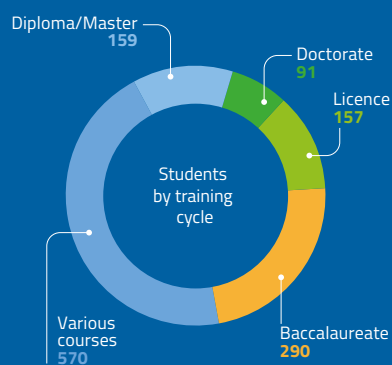
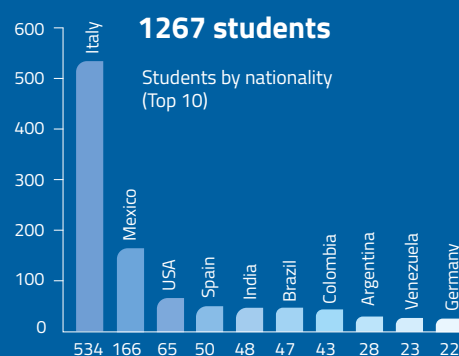
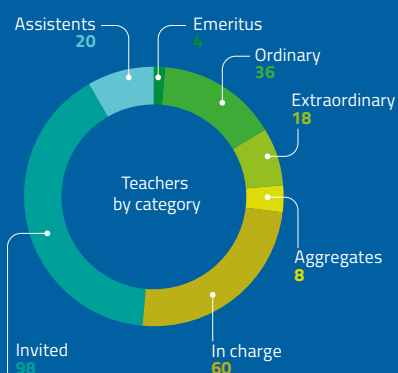
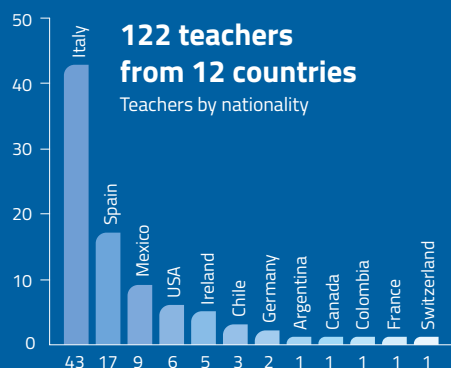
On behalf of the entire community, I sincerely thank the benefactors who through their generosity, have allowed us to take advantage of the scholarships for our sisters.





## APRA IN NUMBERS

*The Athenaeum has an international  
vocation as our students come from  
all over the world.*





# 1

## REGINA APOSTOLORUM STUDY SUPPORT

The Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum provides the Church with qualified professors, spiritual directors, seminar formators, priests, religious and lay people capable of dedicating themselves to teaching and training.



Thanks to your support, we can:

- Provide scholarships to deserving students coming from difficult economic backgrounds and with excellent academic qualities, guaranteeing them the possibility of accessing high-quality education;
- Supporting research while contributing to the progress of knowledge means to stimulate and improve debates between institutions, private individuals and companies. Constructively involving all the main components of society to analyze social critical issues and suggest shared solutions.
- Strengthen the teaching/training projects of our Institutes and Faculties, expanding it with new courses on current topics and innovative methods of fruition through blended teaching.





## 1.1 THE PONTIFICAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The seeding phase of the Pontifical Endowment Fund began in 2016 with a check of one thousand dollars, from a couple who believed in our dream to create a legacy that would continue to support the formation of apostles in perpetuity. Since then, the Pontifical Endowment Fund has grown slowly and modestly to over € 100,000, with a generous pledge of over € 5,000,000 and yet remains in an initial seeding phase.

Many yearly operational needs have limited the initial gifts toward this Pontifical Endowment, yet we continue to dream in a legacy we can create together, for those moved to magnanimity in this project at the top of our strategic priorities.

At Regina Apostolorum, because we are committed to forming apostles and evangelizing culture, in this competitive and demanding world of higher education, we are called to develop and perpetuate a sustainable formative model for future generations. Thus, we have undertaken the strategic challenge of developing our longterm funding, guaranteeing our institutional perpetuity through our endowment, with an initial goal of € 100,000,000, meant to strengthen the high quality of our education, research, outreach, strategic development and impact.

We are calling upon men and women of good will, lasting vision, and a heart open to the needs of others, to consider before God becoming partners in this daunting and yet important mission. For those who feel called to Collaborate with us and leave a legacy for the formation and evangelization mission of the Church, supporting the initial capital of the Pontifical Endowment fund is our proposal to you. It is an opportunity to pass on the values you believe in an exponential way, making a real difference in the lives of our students, faculty and culture of today and

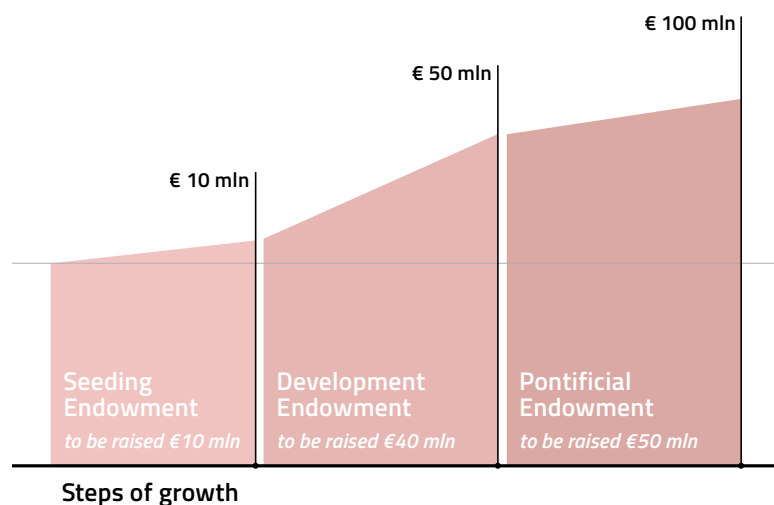




tomorrow. Through the investments of those who feel called to unite in this mission and respond with magnanimity, we remain united in a lasting, meaningful, spiritual and apostolic bond.

We count on your much-needed support. With your generosity, the future legacy of our missionary and academic community can stand the test of time. We hope and pray you will join our circle of Pontifical Patrons supporting the Pontifical Endowment Fund.

Please for more details on endowment donations please contact us at [info@rafoundationus.org](mailto:info@rafoundationus.org)





## 1.1 PONTIFICAL SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

**The Pontifical Scholarship Fund arises from the desire and need to attract and support of students characterized by both academic excellence and a proven commitment to the evangelization of culture.**

This fund will be able to support the formation of both clergy and lay people engaged in the evangelization of culture.

Evangelizing culture is not only our mission but the Church's mission because "a faith that does not become culture is a faith not fully accepted, not entirely thought out, not faithfully lived" (St. John Paul II)

In our epoch the words of St. Paul VI are timeless: "the split between the Gospel and culture is without a doubt the drama of our time, just as it was of other times" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 20). The apostles and Christian leaders who are formed at the Regina Apostolorum are accompanied in this mission by the efforts of our benefactors who will allow us to offer them a scholarship to continue preparing to better to respond as credible witnesses of the Gospel and integral human development. "A commitment to peace, justice, human rights and human promotion is also a witness to the Gospel when it is a sign of concern for persons and is directed toward integral human development" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 42).



**Pontifical Scholarships:**  
**€ 300,000**





## 1.2 SACRED HEART SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**This scholarship fund was created thanks to the generosity of several donors who are particularly concerned about the preparation of seminarians and who have understood that one of the Church's most important tasks is certainly the formation of those who are to animate the Christian community of the faithful, priests.**

The Sacred Heart Scholarship Fund is intended for religious of the Legionaries of Christ in formation prior to ordination and who study at our Pontifical Athenaeum. These scholarships are available for selected students who are distinguished by their continuous evangelization of culture, especially through social networks as influencers or through their own publications, sharing the Love of Christ with the world.

Donors contributing to this fund firmly believe that the vocation "is a gift of God's grace and never a human right, and that 'priestly life can never be considered as a simply human affair, nor the mission of the minister as a simply personal project'. Any claim or presumption on the part of those called is thus radically excluded. Their entire heart and spirit should be filled with an astonished and deeply felt gratitude, an unwavering trust and hope, because those who have been called know that they are rooted not in their own strength but in the unconditional faithfulness of God who calls" (St. John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*).

Furthermore, those who support this fund are convinced that faith is a gift that is communicated through the community. That community is a gift of God and makes use of his gifts to transmit the Gospel by communicating the beauty and the good of the kingdom of heaven already here on earth. In this time when we are used to finding an impersonal app for everything, we need personal witnesses to show us that "the salvation that God offers us is an invitation to be part of a love story strictly connected with our personal stories" (Pope Francis). "Candidates for the priesthood should prepare themselves very conscientiously to welcome God's gift and put it into practice, knowing that the Church and the world have an absolute need of them. They should deepen their love for Christ the Good Shepherd, pattern their hearts on his, be ready to go out as his image into the highways of the world to proclaim to all mankind Christ the way, the truth and the life" (St. John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*).



**Sacred heart scholarship: € 200.000**



### 1.3

## GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**This fund is intended for students who would like to continue their studies at our Pontifical Athenaeum, but due to the numerous economic difficulties, they cannot afford to continue.**

During 2018 Regina Apostolorum alumni and professionals began an initiative of special interest - the *Tour2France* cycling tour for charity, which set out from St Peter's Square ending after eight days at the Sanctuary of our Lady of Lourdes in France.

The *Tour2France* initiative was a desire of a team of alumni to combine two passions: cycling and charity for needy students. After the first two successful years, the third edition of the *Tour2France* was particularly memorable. In addition to underlining the importance of magnanimity for a society in the midst of COVID-19, the tour took on the form of the Good Samaritan, striving to help the needy left at the side of the road. The Vatican's Pontifical Council for Culture's patronage of this third edition added yet another Good Samaritan.

Thus the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund was born. If you feel drawn or called to join the ranks of Good Samaritans, we invite you to respond generously. Pope Francis speaking on this parable of the Good Samaritan, reminds us that "the parable eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan. ... All of us have a responsibility for the wounded, those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth. Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan". (*Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti*).



**Good samaritan scholarship: € 200,000**





## 1.4 HOPES AND DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**For disadvantaged students, the bachelor and master degrees in religious studies are a lifeline to new opportunities, but in spite of our low tuition, for some of them our program is a luxury they cannot afford and also an opportunity they cannot afford to miss!** Our Hopes and Dreams Scholarship Fund, aims at providing access to higher education to sixty students on a yearly basis. A small contribution can make an enormous difference!

Many young women generously follow God's calls to service and enter into religious life with just a high school education. Their religious communities struggle to provide them with access to higher education, which has become so commonplace in the Western world. We believe that every religious sister should have access to higher education, so as to be a more effective pastoral agent in today's world.

The scholarship program will provide needy students with a meaningful mission in the Church and society. For example, as with sisters trained in the philosophical and theological disciplines: they will be better equipped to answer the existential questions as posed by the highly educated men and women who make up the society of today.



**Total cost: € 144,000**

- **30 bachelor scholarships amounting to € 79,800**  
(€ 2,660 each)
- **30 master scholarships amounting to € 64,200**  
(€ 2,140 each)



# 2

## PH.D. SCHOLARSHIPS

We want to support academic research and teaching, recruiting the best researchers and professors through incentives for PhD programs. Furthermore, by attracting the most promising candidates from abroad, we hope to broaden our team of researchers and through new ideas and perspectives, offer the world incisive research and publications for broadening the horizons of knowledge.

For a three-year degree, each PhD Scholarship only requires €70,000, and includes actual effective academic institutional costs, an annual salary for each candidate as well as economic resources for purchasing essays, journals, books, and for attending international conferences.

In the following pages we illustrate some strategic PhD programs and opportunities.





## 2.1

# NEUROBIOETHICS: RESEARCH & EDUCATION

At such a critical precipice for our society, it is imperative that we thoroughly understand the ethical implications of our neuroscientific advancements to better orient our society. For supporting and increasing the scientific consistency of our research, benefactors can contribute establishing a PhD scholarship for a talented researcher who will be hosted by our School of Bioethics.

Since 1973, the Neuroethic has continuously developed as a systematic reflection, study, and interpretation of neuroscience and related sciences of the mind, in order to understand its implications for human self-understanding and both the perils and prospects of its applications.

Our Research Group in Neurobioethics is committed to providing a comprehensive overview of the international neuroethical debate, offering unprecedented insights into the impact of neuroscientific research, diagnosis, therapy, and enhancement. The Research Group organizes "Brain Week" at our Athenaeum, as one of its most groundbreaking activities.

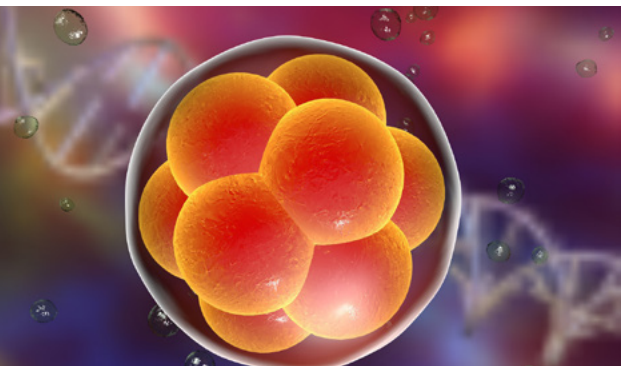
This exciting time of scientific and technological progress makes it ever more pressing to fund research encouraging academic investigation of the necessary ethical, social and political questions arising from the continuous advancements and therapies in the field of neuroscience.



**3 years**

**Total cost: € 210,000**

to support 3 Ph.D. scholarships (€ 70,000 each)



## 2.2 THE PERSONALIST APPROACH TO BIOETHICS: EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Every year, our prestigious school attracts students from all around the world. The most talented of our students are young people often committed in pursuing an academic career or previously established professionals who have decided to further their studies in bioethics.

All of us felt the call to be protagonists in the Culture of Life. Our international PhD program is set up to encourage international and multiethnic involvement in the study and research of bioethics by facilitating students coming from developing nations as well.

This fund is set up to help prominent candidates to develop their academic research and have a significant impact in spreading personalist bioethics.



**3 years**



**Total cost: € 350,000**

**to support 5 Ph.D. scholarships (€ 70,000 each)**





## 2.3 RATZINGER STUDIES

Relativism today has assumed the role of a civil religion in the West. The distinction between true and false seems to have been abolished. Everything is, to some extent, negotiable.

"We are building a dictatorship of relativism," Joseph Ratzinger declared in his homily at the opening of the 2005 conclave, "that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate standard consists solely of one's own ego and desires."

Our commitment is evangelizing culture and society developing innovative research, remaining rooted in fidelity to Church teaching. In terms of innovation, Ratzinger opens theology to today's world, because he speaks easily to men and women from wide-ranging and even diverging currents of thought. Ratzinger's fresh and intuitive approach is fascinating, going beyond dogma. He articulates perennial values central to mankind's greatness, yet always accompanied by tolerance and humility because truth reigns, not through violence and imposition, but rather through its own power.

Since Ratzinger's thought converges in many aspects with our mission and vision, we initiated this PhD project in the context of the evangelization of culture. The project is designed to open up new horizons for students and scholars and proposes the integrated vision of such a leading contemporary theologian. Following Ratzinger's thought, future Christian leaders will be taught to dialogue with contemporary society, effectively infuse perennial values in debates, and spread truth among opinion leaders, professionals, and intellectuals.

We want to engage benefactors over a period of three years, offering them the opportunity of contributing to the growth of research of this thought; a project which has received express encouragement from the Pope-emeritus.



**3 years**



**Total cost: € 291,000 to support:**

- 3 Ph.D. scholarships for € 210,00 (€ 70,000 each)
- 30 postgraduate scholarships for €81,000 (€ 2,700 each)



## 2.4 FAITH, RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

Today's pluralistic world, despite widespread secularization, finds itself with ongoing and sometimes polarizing interest towards faith, religion, and spirituality. At the Regina Apostolorum, we are passionate about fostering dialogue between the Church and contemporary currents of thought.

We pursue to properly understand and interpret the religious phenomenon, from a Christian philosophical and interdisciplinary framework, to aid in the fields of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, ecumenism, and the New Evangelization.

In our project, awareness, understanding, critical reflection and education are keywords. The current project originates from the need to do research in the field of religious experiences outside of our religion of reference (Christianity) and to liaise worldwide with other scholars, who are dedicated to a similar research. It also hopes to translate this research into enriched lectures and formative activities for the students of Regina Apostolorum. The final aim is to form a more integrated and solid science of religion, faith, and spirituality, integrated with Christian philosophy and theology.

Through offering Ph.D. scholarships, the Schools of Philosophy and Theology will support burgeoning scholars in interdisciplinary research, with a keen sensibility and desire for understanding religious experiences even outside our religion of reference (Christianity), applying, at the same time, critical reflection and integration with Christian philosophy and theology. In general terms, pride of place will be given to foundational questions – What is religion? What is faith? What is spirituality? – especially in a relativistic and often critical cultural context.

Our Donors, contributing to these research opportunities, will also help to enrich the Schools with greater expertise in inter-faith, interreligious, and inter-spirituality phenomenology, and philosophical reflection. Furthermore, it will facilitate the formation of students (future pastoral agents) in appreciating and creating interfaith, interreligious, and inter-spirituality dialogues from a solid Catholic and humanistic perspective.



**3 years**



**Total cost: € 210,000**

**to support 3 Ph.D. scholarships (€ 70,000 each)**



## 2.5

### STUDIES IN CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL THOUGHT OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

The School of Philosophy at Regina Apostolorum has a passion for evangelizing culture by means of research, trying to impact culture through positive currents of thought and action. A fruitful springboard in this regard lies in paying special attention to the thought and work of influential Catholic intellectuals of the past one-hundred years.

Through financing Ph.D. scholarships, our donors incentivize not only academic research on the work of specific Catholic intellectual leaders of the 20th century but also on the application of their reflection on the human person, religion, culture, politics, and education. Such research fosters dialogue between the Catholic worldview and contemporary currents of thought, integrating metaphysics and history, faith and reason, science, and religion, in order to answer the urgent questions arising in today's globalized and pluralistic world. The proactive engagement of young minds in tackling the big questions with an integral philosophical-theological approach will aid in forming students and future teachers to acquire a balanced and harmonic view of the world and an effective capacity for dialogue.

Catholic intellectual giants such as Joseph Ratzinger, Jacques Maritain, Étienne Gilson, Romano Guardini, Alasdair MacIntyre, Cornelio Fabro, Christopher Dawson, Henri-Marie de Lubac, and others, have given Christians speculative and practical tools for dialoguing confidently with the modern and postmodern world. A methodological rigorous study of how individual Catholic thinkers have articulated an attractive and humanizing Catholic worldview for a century marked by grand scientific and technological advances and humanistic endeavors, but also by unprecedented conflicts and miseries, is essential in forming the Catholic intellectuals and leaders of the 21st century.



**3 years**



**Total cost: € 210,000**

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## 2.6 METAPHYSICAL WISDOM IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

For many centuries, but particularly in the 19th and 20th centuries, the existence of a plethora of philosophies has become a great challenge to scholars and to men and women desirous of true wisdom.

How should we navigate the waters between such diverse approaches as phenomenology and structuralism, existentialism, and postmodern critical theory, neurophilosophy and philosophy of information, and so on?

One temptation – often manifest in certain types of Christian theology – is an eclectic mixture of these currents, without proper philosophical discernment of their explicit or implicit theoretical foundations. Another common temptation is to simply ignore or pass off the questionings of the current epoch, giving up in the face of the challenge of rigorous speculative thought, and thereby falling into the repetition of traditional formulas.

The School of Philosophy is convinced that opting out of rigorous metaphysical thinking is not an option for Catholic intellectuals and leaders of today. The Christian metaphysical tradition – perhaps best exemplified in the thought of St Thomas Aquinas and his intellectual successors – is deep and fecund and has proven enduring value. Yet, the challenge for young scholars is to attentively study this wisdom, avoiding prefabricated answers when applying it to contemporary issues. Benefactors of Ph.D. scholarships in metaphysical research in the Christian tradition will contribute greatly to the strengthening of engaging and coherent dialogue with modern sciences, religious thought, and the existential hopes and fears of today's men and women.



**3 years**



**Total cost: € 210,000**

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## GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The other graduate and undergraduate scholarships are based on our actual costs and are a considerable support for those talented students facing economic difficulties. Thanks to scholarships, world-class international education becomes accessible to all students eager for contributing significantly to New Evangelization.

Scholarships, therefore, represent the most effective way to offer to the world Christian leaders of tomorrow capable of making a difference through dialogue and true knowledge. Supporting students through scholarships is one of the most predominant way to impact society, one person at a time.





### 3.1

## CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

The “Christianity and Culture” course trains professors, administrators, and university staff to appreciate the fundamental role played by Christianity in the creation of Western civilization and better prepare themselves for the challenges of the new evangelization of contemporary culture. The students learn to appreciate the roots of Western culture: by analyzing contemporary society, they learn to understand the religious, ethical, and philosophical context of culture and by projecting the responses to future challenges, they apply such knowledge to today’s world.

The course provides an interactive methodology, combining lectures, workshops and outings in the Eternal City. This enables students to be the protagonists of their own formation..



**Total cost: € 24,000**  
to support 15 scholarships (€ 1,600 each)



## 3.2

### WOMEN AND EMPLOYMENT: EDUCATION AS AN ENABLING ELEMENT FOR REINTEGRATION INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

Italy is among the European countries ranked with the lowest female employment rates. According to the latest 2023 Istat Report, the incidence of women on the total number of employed people has increased by less than 3%. Female work in our country continues to be characterized by the inactivity of women.

To change course, there is today a greater need than ever for institutions to support the participation of women in the world of work. With the certainty that working is a key human experience, the program has a very practical approach aimed at offering the fundamental tools for allowing women to reinvent themselves professionally, re-enter the job market or create their own business.

This initiatives aims to make female work a true factor of social development and to guide job search through a well-defined methodology, so that women's talents and skills can be fully valued and used in any professional context. and working.

Through this course, the Institute for Higher Studies on Women wants to provide tangible support to those who offer guidance and a networking environment to facilitate their professional flourishing.

Apart from the lessons, the program will also have a practical and operational focus, offering individual consultancy sessions, practical exercise workshops, meetings with recruiting companies and with testimonials such as professionals and entrepreneurs.

The expected effects of the program are a contribution to reducing female unemployment rates and improving women's performance and self-esteem.

The program consists of 100 hours which will be held in blend mode, with 80 hours of lessons and a practical and operational focus offering individual consultancy sessions, practical exercise workshops, meetings with recruiting companies and testimonials from professionals and entrepreneurs.

The scholarships are aimed at Italian or foreign women living in Italy eager to reinvent themselves professionally, who have lost their job and want to re-enter the job market and let their talents flourish, or aiming to start new businesses.

The criteria for selecting candidates are for Women with the following requirements:

- Italians or foreigners aged between 30 and 50;
- who lost their jobs in the 2020-2023 time frame;
- having a university degree;
- having a strong personal motivation to participate in the program.



**Total cost for 50 scholarships: € 31,500**  
**€ 630 for each scholarship**





### 3.3

## JOINT DIPLOMA: WOMEN AND CHURCH

This Postgraduate Diploma, organized by the Institute of Higher Studies on Women with the collaboration of five Pontifical Universities, aims to find and deepen the fundamental concepts that should guide the presence and role of women within the Church.

The Postgraduate Certificate considers the necessary diversity of cultures and geographical areas.

It will take place once a year as a two-week intensive course.

Online teaching through the Canvas platform. Synchronous classes along with instructional materials and forums to interact with other students.

The criteria for granting scholarships are:

- admission to the course
- working experience within the Church structures at a local or universal level



**Total cost: € 40,000**  
to support 40 scholarships (€ 1,000 each)





### 3.4

## PERPETUAL SUCCOUR SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRIESTLY RENEWAL IN THE HOLY LAND

A priest's life can be very demanding, both celebrating the Sacraments and administrating a parish. However, each priest must strive to keep his experience of Christ's love in his life renewed since this is the source of his vocation. A great way to renew his experience of Christ and his priesthood is by walking in Christ's footsteps during the Holy Land Priestly Renewal course. The Sacerdos Institute traditionally offers two renewal courses each year, both in January as well as July, so to facilitate participation for priests with demanding calendars.

Joining other donors who have established the Perpetual Help Scholarship Fund will help offer full scholarships that cover registration, room, board and course materials, for up to 60 priests yearly.

Offering priests this opportunity, especially to those coming from dioceses in need, is a concrete means of sustaining the effort of the New Evangelization and of bestowing a renewed vitality to parishes, schools, religious communities, apostolates, and mission territories where these priests serve. It is also a perfect gift to those priests who serve you, and a gift that is sure to keep giving back.

The scholarships are available for priests celebrating at least 5 years of priesthood as well as priests celebrating significant anniversaries of their priestly ordination.



**Totale cost: € 192,000**  
for 60 full Scholarships per year (€ 3,200 each)



## 3.5 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEMINARY FORMATORS COURSE

All priests are prepared to serve God's people. However, few priests are trained to be a seminary formator. As a response to the need of those that work in seminaries to update and inform themselves on seminary pedagogy, Sacerdos Institute organizes a month-long course that deals with the most important themes of seminarian formation, from seminary psychology and human development to spirituality and apostolic formation with special attention to the challenges that today's culture presents.

Sacerdos Institute every year welcomes Seminary Formators, coming from all over the world, offering them a first-class course for strengthening their integral education. Each class is given by professors coming from different countries and, to ease the teaching and learning process, Sacerdos Institute offers the course with simultaneous translation.

The course is meant to help diocesan bishops in the preparation and ongoing formation of those who are dedicated to the formation of future priests. It provides priests from various countries the opportunity to apply the faith to current events as well as offer a forum for exchanging ideas. Such an experience is so important that we are committed in offering it for extremely low fees. Nevertheless, many parishes and dioceses with economic difficulties cannot afford it. For this reason, we ask donors to join our efforts and support our course, so as to establish full scholarships, covering registration, room and board, and course materials, for up to 30 priests.

With this course, we have a direct impact on human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral formation; nowadays we have helped, through this course, more than 30.000 seminarians from all over the world, as concrete support to future Christian leaders spiritual, and cultural education.

The scholarships are intended for formators (vice-rectors, rectors, spiritual directors, professors, etc.).



**Total cost: € 84,000**  
to support 30 scholarships (€ 2,800 each)



### 3.6

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINISTRY OF EXORCISM AND DELIVERANCE COURSE

In collaboration with the Group for Social and Religious Research and Information of Bologna, we are committed to offering an understanding of the theoretical and practical matters concerning exorcism and demonic possession. To professionals and operators of the ministry of the exorcism and the prayer of liberation, we propose academic research, covering a wide range of disciplines: anthropological, social, theological, liturgical, canonical, pastoral, spiritual, medical, neuroscientific, cultural and juridical. Given the ever-growing globalization of cultures, we want to enhance the internationality of our offer: professionals and operators, indeed, need to exchange practices and experiences, in order to recognize more easily phenomena from different cultures.

As one of our priorities is the internationalization of our course, we desire to facilitate the participation of attendants from areas — where phenomena are becoming more frequent—and, at the same time, to increase the number of keynote speakers from outside of Europe.



**Total cost: € 31,500**  
for 30 scholarships (€ 1,050 each)





3.7

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HOLY SHROUD STUDIES

The Science and Faith Institute, in collaboration with Othonia, the International Center of Sindonology of Turin and the Giulio Ricci Diocesan Center of Sindonology, offers a Postgraduate Diploma in Shroud Studies which intends to offer a systematic approach to the challenges that this exceptional cloth presents to science and the human intelligence. The Holy Shroud of Turin, indeed, is one of the greatest mysteries of all time, and one of the most fascinating fields of study.

Whether contemplated with the eyes of a pilgrim or analyzed by scientific eyes, the Holy Shroud asks questions that our postgraduate certificate wants to better understand and answer. Thank you for considering supporting students who will be committed to contributing to the New Evangelization.



**Total cost: € 25,000**  
to support 25 scholarships (€ 1,000 each)



### 3.8

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA AND MASTER IN SCIENCE & FAITH

This two-year Postgraduate Diploma focuses on the apparent conflict between science and the Christian religion, demonstrating that modern science and faith are complementary, and they are mutually strengthened in their common search for truth. Philosophy is essential to understand the fundamental truth of human existence both for science and for faith.

This interdisciplinary formation is tailored both for professors and scientific professionals, as well as for religious and lay students who search for a deeper understanding of contemporary questions bridging the gap between science and faith, with the promise to significantly impact their profession.



**Total cost: € 34,000**

to support 10 scholarships (€ 3,400 each)





## FOUNDATION



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