

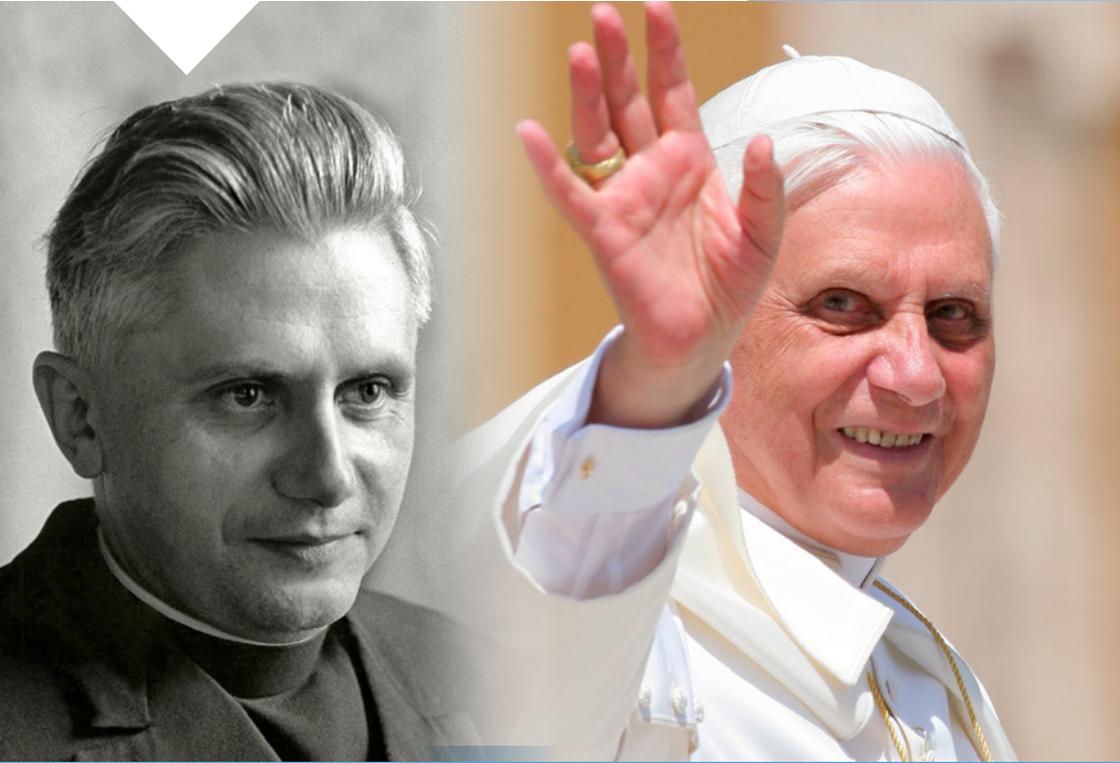
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# FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

Diploma in Joseph Ratzinger: Studies and Spirituality

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## OBJECTIVES

Through this Diploma, the understanding of the person, doctrine and spirituality of Joseph Ratzinger / Benedict XVI will be deepened, taking in consideration his publications and his ministry in the Church. Eight distinct modules, presented by the best experts in this matter, offer an overview of the thought of this great theologian and in general about theology.

Students will discover a theology based on the reality of a living faith, a characteristic of Joseph Ratzinger's elaboration.

## PROCEDURE

Participation in the Diploma consists in attending the course in two semesters during the academic period from February 2018 to December 2018; the completion of four written assignments; the presentation of a final thesis and the constant accompaniment by one of the professors of the course.

The academic program consists of 8 thematic modules and will be conducted in English and Italian, according to the preference of the student. The presentation of the thesis and written assignments is possible in one of the following languages: Italian, English, Spanish, German, French. The diploma furnishes thirty European Credits (**30 ECTS**).

## COURSE THEMATICS

Eight distinct modules offer some of the

most important treaties of the theology of Joseph Ratzinger / Benedict XVI.

**1. The module "Joseph Ratzinger and the Theological Method"** presents important aspects of the vocation of the Catholic theologian, the doctrine of the faith, the Magisterium and the hermeneutics, that is, the interpretation and transmission of faith. Specialists such as Cardinal Kurt Koch and Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ will be present.

**2. In the module "Joseph Ratzinger and Fundamental Theology"** important aspects of fundamental theology are going to be considered in the context of the challenges of post-modernity. In addition, the nature and task of theology, the truth and the role of conscience will also be explored in depth. Experts such as Prof. George Woodall and Prof. Paul Haffner will participate.

**3. The module "Joseph Ratzinger and Christology"** emphasizes the centrality of the person of Jesus Christ, his uniqueness, universality, as well as the holiness of life. Experts such as Msgr. Markus Graulich and Prof. Thomas Söding will be present.

**4. The module "Joseph Ratzinger and the History of Theology"** inserts his thought within the general development of theology. The confessions of Saint Augustine, the influence of the Fathers of the Church, as well as that of contemporary theology will be considered. Experts such as Fr. Robert Dodaro, OSA and Prof. Mauro Gagliardi will present different themes.

**5. The module "Joseph Ratzinger and the Word of God"** considers the importance of Revelation, Tradition and Scripture. Exegesis will be especially underlined. Experts like the Ratzinger Award Winner Dr. Christian Schaller and Prof. Nicolas Bossu, L.C. will intervene.

**6. The module "Joseph Ratzinger in Dialogue"** explains the importance of this issue for him. Dialogue with the Jewish tradition, with Lutherans, with other religions, with the modern world and with the theology of liberation will be treated. Experts such as Prof. Achim Buckenmaier and Msgr. Markus Graulich will participate.

**7. The module "Joseph Ratzinger and the Church"** emphasizes sacramentality, explains key concepts such as, for example, "the new People of God." Themes such as the ecclesiology of the Second Vatican Council, Mariology as well as the relationship between the Primacy and the Episcopate are considered. Experts like Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller and Prof. Pedro Barrajón, L.C. will study those issues in depth.

**8. The module "Joseph Ratzinger and the Sacred Liturgy"**, a theme especially dear to our author. The sacramental foundation of Christian existence offers a key to understanding worship in Spirit and Truth, the symbolism, the tradition of the Catholic liturgy and the liturgical reform. Experts such as Prof. Uwe Michael Lang and Rev. Dr. Sven Conrad will be among the experts who participate.

## ENROLLMENT &amp; PAYMENT

Enrollment in the Diploma:  
**€ 1.700,00** includes the final diploma.

Enrollment in two modules:  
**€ 450,00** modules.

By February 19, 2018 the required documents must be sent to the Secretariat of the Faculty of Theology.

Complete information regarding enrollment, payment and other academic requirements for obtaining the Diploma can be found at [www.upra.org](http://www.upra.org) or call Ph. +39 06 91689817

## PLACE OF LESSONS

The lessons are held at the Pontifical Ateneo Regina Apostolorum Via degli Aldobrandeschi, 190 00163 Roma

## CALENDAR

**Lessons Begin on Monday 19 Feb 2018**

Timetable: 15:30-18:20

- > **The lessons in English** will be held every Monday
- > **The lessons in Italian** will be held every Tuesday and will begin with module 5
- > It is possible to follow the entire program in one semester, attending in both languages



## How to arrive in Athenaeum

**BY TRAIN** From Termini station, take the regional train towards Civitavecchia (stops at: Tuscolana - Ostiense - Trastevere - San Pietro). Get off at **Aurelia Station**. Leave the station to the left and take the small rise to the right (Via Balzo) and continue onto Via degli Aldobrandeschi 190.)

**BY BUS** From Via Baldo degli Ubaldi, take bus 892 towards Via degli Aldobrandeschi; from Cipro, take bus 247 until Aurelia Station and then walk a short way to Via Balzo and continue onto Via degli Aldobrandeschi 190.

**BY CAR** Free Parking available.



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