

Diploma in “Donna e Chiesa”

Overview:

God, who created man male and female, expressing in this way the relational vocation of the person, has called both man and woman to be in Christ “coheirs of the grace of life” (I Peter 3:7). Just as men and women in their reciprocal collaboration enrich society with diverse gifts, in an analogous way God has willed that men and women should enrich the Church. In this context, the diploma of specialization studies specific contribution of women in the life and mission of the Church.

This reflection is not separated from the theme of the lay faithful, a theme presented above all by the Vatican Council II and not yet lived fully. Together with many examples of fruitful collaboration between men and women in the life and mission of the Church, there also exists cultural barriers of a different type that render difficult the full insertion of women in the life of society and the Church. Moreover, although the theme of women’s roles is not reducible to decision making, the Church is also convinced of the necessity of women’s collaboration in this regard. The path forward must come from a renewed understanding of the dignity of the common priesthood given in baptism and must avoid the clericalization of the laity in general and of women in particular.

In addition, the Church needs to discover her feminine and maternal face, in order to live her vocation fully. Pope Francis has summarized in four verbs the commitment to take regarding the ecclesial and social force of women: “understand, respect, value, and promote”¹. This reflection is in the context of a “outgoing” Church called to a structural missionary conversion. What is the role of women in this context?

The course explores the theological, anthropological, historical, canonical, and pastoral principles that underlie the contribution of women and takes into consideration the diversity of cultures and geographic areas. The classes are taught by academic experts and those involved in the field of direct action who can give a clear vision of the challenges that must be faced.

Structure: The will be offered in an intensive modality: one week in September 2019 and in February 2020. The program will follow the dynamic *see, judge, act*.

To see with the eyes of the missionary disciple: The course treats the current challenges in various contexts, looking at the light and shadows of the current situation and the role of women within the Church. Illuminated by the vision of faith, the course considers the examples of collaboration fruitful between men and women and the undervaluing of women in different geographic contexts.

Judge: To understand the causes of such challenges (cultural, historical, and anthropological factors), the foundations and the criteria to orient thought and action.

Act: The path to tread, the necessary instruments to progress toward the conversion and renewal of the Church, based upon the perspective of the Vatican Council II.

Workshops of synthesis, exercises, and applications are also foreseen.

At the end of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Understand the richness that the Gospel that has brought to society through a new vision of the reciprocal relation between man and woman, and how to explain the connection of their relationships in that are not in spaces strictly speaking “conjugal”: in ecclesial, cultural, and social areas.
2. Understand the foundations and the criteria that should orient the promotion of the feminine contribution within the Church and identify the key points at the base of difficulties that women find in developing fully their mission.
3. Develop an adequate understanding of the tradition Catholic Church that permits an understanding according to the hermeneutics of continuity as the manner in which the Church grows in an ever deeper comprehension of revelation in diverse epochs and cultures.
4. Confront adequately the critical pastoral issues that regard women within the Church and society.
5. Offer an ample and attractive perspective on the mission of women within the Church.

Scientific Committee (*in ordine alfabetico dei cognomi*):

- Professor Guzmán Carriquiry, Pontifical Commission for Latin America
- Professor Lorella Congiunti, Pontifical Urban University
- Professor José Granados, John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences
- Professor Sandra Mazzolini, Pontifical Urban University
- Professor Marta Rodríguez, The Institute for Higher Studies on Woman
- Monsignor Gianrico Ruzza, Auxiliary Bishop of Rome

Audience

The course is for bishops, priests, religious, and lay people (men and women) committed to roles of formation or leadership in the ecclesial sphere at the curial, diocesan, or academic level who need to understand and promote the feminine contribution within the Church and society.

Admission requirements

Those interested in inscribing should present with the inscription form a certification of prior studies or complete the form of self-certification that is found in the Athenaeum website.

Evaluation

The course will be taught in the intensive mode with 100 hours of lectures and 100 hours of personal work for 8 ECTS.

To obtain credits, the student must submit a 10-page written work. The theme must be approved by the coordinator of the course and should address one of the themes treated during the course.

Schedule

Intensive week 1. September 23-28, 2019 (50 hours)

Intensive week 2. February 10-15, 2020 (50 hours)

Class hours: 9:00 – 13:00; 14:30 – 18:30. Friday, a special session of testimonies 19:00 – 21:00.

All priests who so desire may concelebrate the Holy Mass at 8:00.

Cost 400 euro. The course requires a minimum of 14 students. Translation into English may be offered with a minimum of 25 students.

Inscription deadline: September 11, 2019

Late inscription deadline: September 23, 2019²

This Diploma is composed by three modules. At the end of each of them there will be a special session of Synthesis and interpretative keys of the module.

Social-cultural and historic module: Woman in diverse cultural context throughout history, and concretely within the Church. Light and shadows, current challenges. The critical perspective in the analysis social-cultural does not imply neglecting all the good that has been accomplished but does require the identification of the challenges that must be confronted with a new zeal and prophetic boldness.

The novelty of the Gospel and the early Church in relation to women **Renata Salvarani (UER)**. *Great feminine contributions to the Church, doctors of the Church* **P. Jean François Lethel, OCD (Teresianum)**. *Great male-female alliances in the history of the Church* **Caterina Ciriello (Urbaniana) e Carmelo Pandolfi (APRA)**. *The contribution of women to spirituality* **Angela Tagliafico (APRA)**. *History of feminism, open questions* **Susy Zanardo (UER, ISSD)**. *A historic reading of the the agenda of international organisms regarding women* **Marta Rodriguez (ISSD)**. *Women in the legislative systems: a brief panorama of tendencies in diverse contexts* **Ignazia Satta**. *Principle difficulties and challenges of women in diverse cultural contexts (African, Anglo-Saxon, European, Latin-American, Oriental)* *Roundtable discussion* **M. Lia Cervino (UMOFC), Eugenie Tcheugoue (DLFL), Emma Cecarelli (Forum delle Associazioni Familiari)**. *Women and work: light and shadows. Analysis of the phenomenon of womenomics, new organizational models, contributions of women, appreciation of the soft skills.* **Fr. Robert Gahl (Santa Croce) and Marta Rocchi**. *Women and their roles of responsibility in the Church: Status questionis at the Curial level and in the Episcopal Conferences.* **Marta Rodriguez**. *Synthesis and interpretative keys of the module* **Marta Rodriguez**

Theological and pastoral module: The theological foundations that should orient thought and action; themes regarding women that demand a pastoral formation *ad – hoc*.

Ecclesiological perspective of Vatican II and its reception: *Fundamental notions: revelation, dogma, tradition. Distinctions.* **David Koonce, LC (APRA).** *The Church as mystery of communion and universal sacrament of salvation; the images of the Church: Spouse and Mother; the relationship between women and life, the communication and care.* **Sandra Mazzolini (Urbaniana).** *The Church as People of God; the common dignity of the baptized; their participation in the tria munera; the responsibility of women for the life and evangelizing mission of Church.* **Ma. Pilar Río (PUSC).** *The synodality of and in the Church; ministries and carisms; women and ecclesial ministries.* **Sandra Mazzolini (Urbaniana).** *Potestas in the Church and its exercise: presuppositions and theological and juridical implications.* **Linda Ghisoni (PUG).** *The feminine consecrated life between renewal and the search for new forms.* **Suor Mary Melone (Auxilium).** *Synthesis and interpretative keys of the module.* **Sandra Mazzolini (Urbaniana).**

Mariology: *Mary in LG: historic panorama of the development of dogma. The image of women in light of Mary: fertility novelty, historic difficulties, the path ahead. The special mediation of maternity.* **Carla Rosa Espagnet (PUSC) Daniela del Gaudio (APRA).**

Theological Anthropology: *Theological Anthropology of sexual difference: Scripture, Magisterium.* **P. Pedro Barraón, LC (APRA) e Laura Paladino (PUG, APRA, ISSD).** *Spousal logic as a model of collaboration between men and women in the Church.* **P. José Granados (John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute).** *Women in Scripture.* **Laura Paladino (PUG, APRA, ISSD)** *Women in the New Testament.* **Rosalba Manes (PUG), Gabriela Rocco (LUMSA).** *Women in the Magisterium and in the documents of the Church.* **Maria de Giorgi (PUG).** *Women in theological reflection.* **Suor Catherine Droste (Angelicum).** *Synthesis and interpretative keys of the module.* **P. Jaime Rodriguez, LC (APRA).**

Pastoral Theology: *Women as protagonists and resources in the pastoral mission: generation and life, care for creation, in interreligious dialogue, resolution of conflicts.* **Adriana Arrieta (Caritas Internationalis), Rita Moussalem (Ist. Sophia), Suor Gabriella Bottani (USMI).** *The Synod of the Youth: the signs of times and young women in the Church.* **P. Raffaello Lanzilli, SI (Secretariat for the Synod).** *How to face sexual abuse.* **Chiara D’Urbano (APRA).** *How to face violence against women,* **Marta Rodríguez (APRA, ISSD).** *How to face pornography.* **Tebaldo Vinciguerra, (Puri di Cuore).**

Anthropological and psycho-pedagogical module: Philosophical reflection, scientific references, and practical instruments.

Philosophical Anthropology of sexual difference, **Lorella Congiunti (Urbaniana).** *Sexuality: Between nature and culture.* **Giorgia Salatiello (PUG) e P. Juan Gabriel Ascencio, LC (APRA),** *Neuroscience and sexual difference.* **P. Alberto Carrara, LC (APRA).** *Psychology of sexual difference.* **Monika Grygel (John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute).** *Models of relationships between men and women.* **Susy Zanardo (UER, ISSD).** *The female body as a problem in the actual culture.* **Ma. Teresa Russo (Roma Tre).** *Formation of femininity and masculinity. The crisis of virility and of paternity.* **Antonio Grasso e Silvia Berivi.** *Full integration of the sexual dimension in the consecrated life.* **Laura Salvo (APRA).** *Synthesis and interpretative keys of the module* **Marta Rodríguez,**

Workshops: *Instruments of communication (management of prejudices, empathy, listening and assertive communication), participator leadership, management of diversity.* **P. Massimo Merlino, LC.** *Gender intelligence,* **Emiliano Lambiase.**

Testimonies: *(Persons to be determined. They will be offered in two sessions: Friday of each week 19:00-21:00.*

The commitment of religious to anti-trafficking. Women in conflict resolution. Women and the humanization of economy. The contribution of women to the formation of seminarians. Women who have left their mark upon the history of Latin America. Experience of accompaniment and healing in female prisons. The Church as viewed by young women (testimonies of young women who participated in the Synod)

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