Since 1993 our Pontifical Athenaeum has been committed to witnessing the mystery of Christ through the formation of Christian leaders—clerics and lay—at the service of the Church and of the common good. This year we are proud to celebrate our 25th anniversary with our students, professors, personnel and benefactors: together we accomplished many challenging goals, which contributed in reinforcing our identity. We are community also because we share our innermost dreams and together we can make them come true.

When you support our mission, you help us to spearhead a New Evangelization through dialogue between Catholicism and cultures, religions, sciences, and philosophical traditions. Your generosity impacts an entire generation of talented students, researchers and professors, many of whom are seminarians, sisters, and other consecrated persons who have dedicated their lives to this work.

With the joy of knowing you as part of our community, and with the hope of together building a culture of life and love so needed today, I thank each of you for the interest shown towards our institution.

Father Jesús Villagrasa, L.C.
President
Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum
Dear friends,

With great joy we thank the many generous donors who supported our projects in the 2017 edition. Their commitment, dedication and passion for our mission have contributed to enhancing our formation and research.

Through Verbum software, for example, all theology professors and all theology students enrolling in the next three years will have access for life to thousands of primary resources: Bible editions, commentaries, writings of the Church Fathers, magisterial documents, etc. Other generous benefactors have enriched our library with Collections of Biblical Commentaries. These will be an invaluable asset for our study and research.

Yet other benefactors have also generously invested in our distance-learning. We have been able to enrich some of our classrooms with state of the art multimedia, connecting students and professors from all over the world. We have also developed a pivotal distance-learning formation on the Shroud of Turin in English and are in the process of developing other formation online, both in our Science and Faith Institute, as well as from other Institutes.

I offer a special thanks for those individuals and organizations who continue to believe in offering personal scholarships for our students. Your support offers us and so many people hope and joy as we strive to put our formation to the service of our neighbor and do our part in making a better world.

On occasion of our 25th anniversary, thank you for taking the time to read this special edition of Regina Apostolorum’s Wishbook. The strategic projects offered here are aimed at guaranteeing our academic perpetuity and sustainability. Our dream is to assure generations of students the hope and assurance of all the means necessary to fulfill our mission: the formation of servant leaders and the evangelization of culture. The Pontifical Endowment Fund and the Regina Apostolorum Scholarship Fund with your generous support will help so many beautiful dreams come true, one person at a time.

Ours is a challenging mission yet your support makes it so rewarding and assures it will last forever!

Always in my prayers and hoping to receive you here in Rome,

Father Thomas Montanaro, L.C.
Vice President of Development and Administration
Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum
In early Christian art, the peacock is a symbol of eternal life due to the ancient legend that its flesh does not decay after death. It is also a symbol of Christ’s Resurrection, since it sheds its brilliant plumage each fall and grows longer and fuller feathers in the spring. Here at *Regina Apostolorum*, we see the peacock as a symbol of the impact your gifts can make, guaranteeing perpetuity to our academic mission.

Every year, we welcome an average of 1,200 students to the Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*: talented young men and women who are eager to build their knowledge, strengthen their spiritual lives, and prepare themselves to be leaders in contemporary society. With the backing of our Pontifical heritage and our dedicated professors, we aim to stand in the vanguard of culture and relentlessly promote a Catholic worldview of the human person and culture.
THE PONTIFICAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The accelerated pace of new processes and changes in our societies calls us to an accountable reflection about our mission, its role within society and our perdurance across time. Our Athenaeum is a privileged space for fostering the integration between faith and reason: we are committed to fostering, integrating and harmonizing the intellect, affections and activity across time.

Our planned giving goal is to achieve € 100 million in our Pontifical Endowment Fund, which will help us to sustain our Athenaeum’s growth and give it a perennial legacy. Benefactors and philanthropists are engaged to leave a lasting impact through their capital gifts, ensuring a solid and permanent endowment which will perpetually sustain our efforts.

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.

Please contact us at vp@upra.org for more details and information on the Endowment Fund.

THE REGINA APOSTOLORUM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

Our Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum has been founded for training students through innovation and courage: the first comes from the deep desire of contributing to New Evangelization, the latter from faith and fidelity to the Magisterium.

As a professional academic institution, we are committed to efficient management and economic sustainability. As a pontifical athenaeum we also have a moral duty, as Pope Francis has underlined: never leaving behind a gifted student with limited economic resources. For this reason, we are committed to keeping our academic fees low so to make higher education accessible to every Christian.

In combining our Pontifical mission with our economic stability, the role of benefactors is crucial: their generosity make economic accountability and Christian stewardship possible! Each year, the Athenaeum dedicates more than one million euros to scholarships and fee-reductions for qualifying students. The real need, however, is much greater and, for our 25th anniversary, we hope benefactors will support the establishment of the Regina Apostolorum Scholarships Fund for our undergraduate and graduate students, as well as the establishment of PhD scholarships for helping future scholars.
CATHOLICISM AND INVESTMENT ETHICS

Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) is on the rise. More people want to make sure that their investments are not only doing well, but also doing good. The most common strategy is to assess companies not only by their performance, but also by their environmental, social and governance policies (ESG). Nevertheless, the devil is in the details. While most investors accept the general ideals behind ESG investing, there can be a lot of disagreement over which market activities and corporate policies are good or bad for society. What, then, are the Catholic Tradition’s criteria for ethical investment, and do they stand under scrutiny in a secular society? Furthermore, do investments following these criteria perform well? To answer questions such as these, the School of Philosophy seeks funding for PhDs on the subject, and the publication of research generated by the PhD program.

AI AND NEUROBIOETHICS

We are currently living in an age of tremendous research and discovery, knowing more and more about human brain. This exciting time of scientific and technological progress makes academic investigation on questions arising from neuroscience advancement and therapies ever more pressing. Our Bioethics School wants to face the anthropological, ethical, and social aspects within neurosurgery, implants, robotics, artificial intelligence, and treatments, in order to assess their impact on the real meaning of being human. Examining the implications of the neurosciences for human beings and for their self-understanding, PhD researchers will contribute to creating a multi/inter-disciplinary endeavor for the promotion of anti-reductionism. Your support for promoting ethically sound research on such an innovative field is extremely needed and will contribute to the advancements for better orienting our society.

RATZINGER STUDIES

The PhD program on Ratzinger Studies seeks to engage the most fundamental human questions from the theological thought of Pope Benedict XVI. We want to foster the dialogue between the Church and "modernity" and show the relevant presence of the former in contemporary society. For Pope Benedict XVI, interreligious dialogue is essential to the Church, as a fundamental element of its identity and mission. For Christians, interreligious dialogue stems from a specific vision of the person, of the universe, and of history that is shaped by the Christian faith and is therefore theo-
logical. The PhD research on Ratzinger Studies will contributing in re-thinking and analyzing the present historical context, casting light to future generations.

THE COVENANT BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN

Today men and women are called also by Pope Francis to collaborate on behalf of the society. This call means establishing true covenant, not only in marriage but also in culture and politics, in workplace, in economy, and in the Church. Deepening reflection about human identity, and the meaning of sexual corporeity, has a double-folded purpose: institutionalizing the academic research and disseminating its results. For this, we ask philanthropists and benefactors to support the establishment of PhD Scholarships for a gifted candidates interested in deepening originally and wisely the topic of “the convenant between man and woman”.

NUPTIAL THEOLOGY: THE BODY

Adam and Eve were created as gifts to one another. Their very bodies made this truth known. It was through their masculinity and femininity that they could express total self-giving. This is called “the nuptial meaning of the body.” The nuptial meaning of the body is central to Pope Saint John Paul’s theology: he referenced it numerous times throughout his catecheses. The PhD candidates will analyze how bodies make visible what is invisible in the world: through bodies we are called to be selfless and self-giving, for example, in the conjugal union. We cannot serve others unless we have a physical self to serve with. Man can only discover himself through a sincere gift of himself. This is at the heart of Christ’s teaching. It is also the heart of the Theology of the Body.

ROMANO GUARDINI AND RENEWED HUMANISM

In our contemporary society, too often marked by radical contrapositions and unilateral visions, the philosophical and theological method developed by Romano Guardini can help with a wider and more balanced perspective, very much needed for the New Evangelization. We seek to engage benefactors and philanthropists in supporting the efforts of PhD candidates aimed at a systemic and integrated research on Guardini’s thought on the human person, religion, culture and education, dialoguing with contemporary currents of thought. As in Guardini’s vision, 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 view of the world and an effective capacity for dialogue.

PERSONALIST BIOETHICS

Every year, our the School of Bioethics attracts students from all around the world. The most talented of our students are young people, often committed to pursuing an academic career, or established professionals interested in deepening their knowledge in bioethics. All of them have 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 countries 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.
Undergraduate and graduate scholarships, based on our actual costs, are a great help to 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 for offering 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 forms for making an impact on society, one person at a time.

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA: HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN THE AMERICAS**

Incomplete visions and unilateral interpretations of historical phenomena in the Americas may lead people to discredit the Church’s contribution in the continent. Since history scholars, opinion leaders and formators need a more complete vision, the Postgraduate Diploma on History of the Church in the Americas presents the Church’s role as a historical subject within American societies. Since the two-year Postgraduate Diploma offers a unique academic proposal, it has gained widespread interest, especially from countries and areas where the dearth of scientific publication on the subject can be used within ideological frameworks.

**Total cost** for establishing 15 initial scholarships for gifted American and Latin American candidates: € 62,500 (€ 4,166 for each scholarship)

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA: SCIENCE & FAITH**

The two-year Postgraduate Diploma focuses on the apparent conflict between science and the Christian religion, proving 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. Such a training has been especially thought for teachers and scientific professionals, as well as for religious and lay students who want to empower of a deeper understanding of contemporary questions and impacting more significantly in their cultural work.

**Total cost** for establishing 10 initial scholarships: € 34,000 (€ 3,400 for each scholarship)
POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE: RATZINGER STUDIES

The Postgraduate Certificate seeks to explore the life, thought, and spirituality of Pope Benedict XVI by examining a broad array of his writings in eight key areas of theology. Presented by leading experts in the thought of Ratzinger, the program thus serves not only as an overview of the thought one of the leading theologians of the twentieth century but also provides an example of how theology and faith mutually enrich each other and are at the service of the Church. The Postgraduate Certificate delves into themes like the vocation of the Catholic theologian, and the relation between faith, Magisterium, hermeneutics, and the transmission of the faith. It will also focus on important aspects of fundamental theology within the context of the challenges of post-modernity. Themes like the nature and task of theology, and the role of conscience and its relation to the truth will also be explored in depth.

Total cost for establishing 30 initial scholarships: € 81,000 (€ 2,700 for each scholarship)

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE: HOLY SHROUD STUDIES

The Institute Science and Faith, in collaboration with Othonia, the International Center of Sindonology of Turin and the Giulio Ricci Diocesan Center of Sindonology, offers a Postgraduate Certificate in Shroud Studies, which intends to offer a systematic approach to the challenges that this exceptional document raises to human intelligence. The Holy Shroud of Turin, indeed, is one of the greatest mysteries of all time, and one of the most fascinating field of studying. Doesn’t matter if 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.

We need your support for establishing twenty-five Scholarships for students who will be committed to contributing to the New Evangelization.

Total cost for establishing 25 initial scholarships: € 25,000 (€ 1,000 for each scholarship)
HOPES AND DREAMS SCHOLARSHIPS

For needy students, the bachelor’s and master’s degree in Religious Studies are a lifeline to new opportunities. In spite of our low tuition, for some, our program is a luxury they cannot afford, but also an opportunity they cannot afford to miss! Many young women, for example, 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. Our “Hopes and Dreams” Scholarships, to be implemented progressively over the next three years, will eventually provide this access to higher education to one hundred students on a yearly basis. The scholarship program will provide needy students with access to higher education and meaningful mission in the Church and society. A small contribution can make an enormous difference. As, for example, 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 for establishing 30 initial scholarships both for our Bachelor’s as well as Master’s Degrees: € 144,000
- 30 Bachelor scholarships: € 79,800
  (€ 2,660 for each scholarship)
- 30 Master scholarships: € 64,200
  (€ 2,140 for each scholarship)

VALUE @ WORK

The economic crisis that today’s society is facing shows us that the mere logic of profit doesn’t suffice, because there is an uttermost need for a long-term systemic vision. Believing in the centrality of the Person as a paradigm shift within job-place, our efforts aim to strengthen bridges between the academy and the job-market. Coherently with this, we developed a training program, which combines education with a paid internship, tailored for women victims of violence and trafficking, offering them effective tools for strengthening their skills, competences and employability. Benefactors can join our efforts, helping the realization of this innovative training program for ten women.

Total cost for establishing 10 initial scholarships for qualifying women: € 48,000
(€ 4,800 for each scholarship)
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HOLY LAND PRIESTLY RENEWAL

A priests’ life can be very demanding, whether it be celebrating the sacraments, administration of a parish, or the many other ministerial services he is called to offer. In the midst of these demands each priest must strive to keep his experience of Christ’s love the source of his ministry and self-giving. A great way to help a priest to renew his experience of Christ and his priesthood is by giving him the chance to walk in Christ’s footsteps in the Holy Land. Our Institute offers two priestly renewal courses in the Holy Land each year, one in January and another in July, so as to allow parishes and dioceses to better schedule their needs.

Offering priests this opportunity, especially those priests 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 work. Even though we are committed to offering the course with extremely low fees, many parishes and dioceses with economic difficulties still cannot afford this cost. For this reason, we ask philanthropists to join our efforts and support our course, and establish a priestly scholarship fund which will allow us to cover costs for at least 30 priests over the next year.

Total cost for establishing 30 initial scholarships: € 96,000 (€ 3,200 for each scholarship)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEMINARY FORMATOR’S 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.

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 to offering it with fees extremely low fees. Nevertheless, many parishes and dioceses with economic difficulties can’t afford it. For this reason, we ask you to join our efforts and support our course, so to establish full scholarships, covering registration, room and board, and course materials, for up to 30 priests over a two-year period.

Total cost for establishing 30 initial scholarships: € 84,000 (€ 2,800 for each scholarship)
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXORCISM AND PRAYER OF LIBERATION

In collaboration with the Group for Socio-religious Research and Information (GRIS) of Bologna, we are committed to offer an understanding of the theoretical and practical matters concerning exorcism and demonic possession. We propose, to professionals and operators of the ministry of the exorcism and the prayer of liberation, an 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 formation: professionals and operators, indeed, need to exchange practices and experiences, in order to recognize more easily phenomena from different cultures. We want to engage benefactors in supporting the internationalization of our course, allowing us to invite key-note speakers from outside Europe and attendants from areas such as Philippines, African countries – where phenomena are becoming more frequent. For this reason, we count on your generous support for establishing up to 30 scholarships.

Total cost for establishing 30 initial scholarships:
€ 31,500 (€ 1,050 for each scholarship)

CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW FELLOWSHIP

As an Athenaeum committed to the integral training of future Christian leaders, we want to offer most gifted and promising students with the opportunity of participating in the Catholic Worldview Fellowship held in Germany and Rome. It will allow our best students to establish relationships with other academics from prestigious international institutions and to develop a sound synthesis between faith and reason and between theory and life.

The scholarships will be reserved for the most deserving students, who want to permeate contemporary society with the Catholic worldview. The participation of the students of the School of Philosophy in these courses represents an opportunity of great value for the individual formation path, but also for the strengthening of the institutional potential of the APRA Alumni network with that of the other young Christian leaders. We seek to create an interdisciplinary, Catholic mainstream of thought in the context of emerging global culture by forming the leaders of the future.

Total cost for establishing 15 initial scholarships:
€ 105,000 (€ 7,000 for each scholarship)
CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

The course seeks to form, network and empower talented scholars and students to evangelize culture through historical, religious, philosophical and ethical perspectives on society. 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. By projecting the responses to future challenges, they apply that knowledge to today’s world.

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

Total cost for establishing 15 initial scholarships: € 24,000 (€ 1,600 for each scholarship)

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER COURSE ON BIOETHICAL HUMAN ENHANCEMENT AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

The 17th International Summer Course in Bioethics is organized by our School of Bioethics and is designed to offer a greater understanding of bioethics principles and different bioethical issues, with a specialization on “Human Enhancement: Bioethical Challenges of Emerging Technologies”. Technological evolution is impacting society, raising questions and uncertainties, exacerbated by the complexity of value-relativism. As Bioethics School we are engaged in spreading the personalist framework and in proving the limitations of utilitarian conception of many currents existing in bioethics.

We are convinced that an intensive training here in Rome, within our School, provides a valuable opportunity for students, scholars and professionals to open up their horizons, facilitating their understanding of personalist bioethics.

We ask philanthropists for supporting the training of 15 students among the most prominent and talented candidates from the Americas, Africa and Asia, in order to produce a multiplier effect which can disseminate personalist values.

Total cost for establishing 15 initial scholarships: € 35,000 (€ 2,333 for each scholarship)
Our goal is to evangelize society by transmitting the joy of the Gospel to today’s culture.

We aim to form students capable of engaging today’s world: men and women deeply penetrated by the truths of the faith; Catholic leaders able to understand contemporary issues and propose innovative, systematic solutions in harmonious continuity with sound Catholic teaching.

We present here our projects through which you can participate in our mission and help us to shape culture and society.
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 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 a Postgraduate Certificate on Ratzinger Studies in the context of the evangelization of culture. Our goal is to be the point of reference, gathering students from all over the world, eager to learn his dialogical theology and able to facilitate dialogue. 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 such a Postgraduate Certificate, which has received express encouragement from the Pope-emeritus. The charitable partnership with Regina Apostolorum can provide thirty scholarships, in addition to developing a specialist library, offering three PhD program scholarships and organizing one international congress.

Duration: 3 years

Total cost: € 354,300
- Support 3 PhD scholarships: € 228,300 (€ 76,100 each scholarship)
- Support 30 Postgraduate scholarships: € 81,000 (€ 2,700 each scholarship)
- Distance-learning: € 15,000
- Conference: € 15,000
- Library enrichment: € 15,000
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA OF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN THE AMERICAS

Although half of the world's Catholics live in the Americas, the history of the Church in this continent is little studied, and there is a dearth of scientific publications on the subject. Such a situation leaves open the possibility for incomplete visions and unilateral interpretations of historical phenomena, occasionally used nowadays to discredit the Church’s contribution to society.

Responding to this need and in order to offer history scholars a broader and more complete vision beyond the so called “black legends,” the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum created the Postgraduate Diploma on History of the Church in the Americas, exploring the Church’s role as a historical subject within American societies.

The Postgraduate Diploma seeks to systematize the scientific study, leaving aside all ideological frameworks, by analyzing within a pluralist framework the Church’s contribution in shaping the cultural and historical development of the continent, in dialogue with the diverse religious-cultural traditions.

Since the Postgraduate Diploma offers a unique academic proposal, it has gained the interest of many scholars and historians, proving that it fulfills a need. Given its cultural and social relevance, we desire to engage benefactors in supporting the Postgraduate Diploma. The generous support of people committed to spreading a comprehensive interpretation of history, can help the Postgraduate Diploma with the establishment of scholarships for the fifteen most talented candidates, as well as the publication and dissemination of scientific texts on related topics.

Such an ambitious project involves distinguished representatives from the Holy See, as well as scholars from European and American universities and research centers.

The relevance of this project is twofold: on the one hand, it represents the first academic and scientific institutionalization of the studies of Church history in the Americas; on the other hand, the project, which brings together intellectuals and historians from the Americas, contributes to reinforcing mutual collaboration with the Holy See.

The expected impact is wide and can contribute positively to the cultural development of the continent, contributing to the establishment of cathedrae of this discipline in ecclesial and civil departments of humanities at universities throughout the Americas.

Duration: 2 years

Total cost: € 86,500
- Support Program development: € 62,500
- Book Series Publication: € 24,000
The School of Philosophy contributes to the formation of leaders for the New Evangelization having solid rational and spiritual foundations and capable of connecting faith with reason. Through our research and academic programs, we challenge our interlocutors to ask the deep questions, seeking to understand and live divine, human and temporal realities in the spirit of truth and dialogue.

For this reason, we hope to give the world men and women who can exercise leadership in guiding and directing society according to the values of truth, respect for human dignity, the common good, and charity.
CATHOLICISM AND INVESTMENT ETHICS

As part of a long-term research project on social philosophy and economic ethics, the School of Philosophy is seeking funding for three PhD positions and an international conference on Catholic criteria for ethical investment.

Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) is on the rise. More people want to make sure that their investments are not only doing well, but also doing good. The most common strategy is to assess companies not only by their performance, but also by their environmental, social and governance policies (ESG). Nevertheless, the devil is in the details. While most investors accept the general ideals behind ESG investing, there can be a lot of disagreement over which market activities and corporate policies are good or bad for society. This is true of Catholics, who have their own distinctive views on integral human development and social justice, particularly when it comes to marriage, the family, and healthcare.

What, then, are the Catholic Tradition’s criteria for ethical investment, and do they stand under scrutiny in a secular society? Furthermore, do investments following these criteria perform well?

To answer questions such as these, the School of Philosophy seeks funding for an international and interdisciplinary conference on economic ethics, three funded PhDs on the subject, and the publication of research generated by the conference and PhD program. Through these research initiatives, the School of Philosophy hopes to provide individual investors, financial advisers, and fund managers with revised criteria for ethical investment.

As part of a Pontifical Athenaeum, the School of Philosophy can bring its expertise in the Catholic tradition to analyze, with help of social scientists and financial practitioners, the current ethical challenges of SRI.

Duration: 3 years

Total cost: €265,800
- Three PhD scholarships: €228,300
  (€76,100 each scholarship)
- International Conference: €37,500
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 seek 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 key words. The current project stems from the need to do field research in religious experiences outside of our religion of reference (Christianity) and to network internationally with other scholars, who are dedicated to similar types of research. It also hopes to translate this research into enriched lectures and formative activities for the students of Regina Apostolorum. The end goal is to form a more integrated and solid science of religion, faith and spirituality, integrated with Christian philosophy and theology.

Our research aim focuses on foundational questions: What is religion? What is faith? What is spirituality? Through a rigorous interdisciplinary approach, involving history, empirical studies, philosophy and theology, we have developed a three-year project with annual field study of specific religions (three weeks each) in their local cultural settings, and annual participation in leading international conferences on religion. The fruit of this research will not only be the papers presented at these peer conferences, but also an enrichment of the courses on phenomenology and philosophy of religion, and hands-on pedagogy through two guided student trips per year.

Benefactors, contributing to the realization of this project, will also help enrich the School with greater expertise in inter-faith, inter-religious, and inter-spirituality phenomenology and philosophical reflection. Furthermore, it will facilitate the formation of students (future pastoral agents) in appreciating and entering into inter-faith, inter-religious, and inter-spirituality dialogue situations from a solid Catholic and humanistic perspective.

Duration: 3 years

Total cost: € 80,400

ROMANO GUARDINI STUDIES

In our contemporary society, too often marked by radical contrapositions and unilateral visions, the philosophical and theological method developed by Romano Guardini can help provide a wider and more balanced perspective.

Pope Benedict XVI defined Guardini as “a great figure, a Christian interpreter of the world and of his time.” With the opening of the cause for his beatification, the School
of Philosophy launches a challenging project aimed at deepening the theoretical understanding of the current of his philosophical and theological thought, which has deeply affected the spirit of the New Evangelization.

We wish to engage benefactors and philanthropists in organizing a Congress on Guardini’s contribution to the epistemology of religion; establishing institutionalized research on Guardini’s thought, aimed at fostering systemic and integrated research, establishing synergies with related national and international study groups; offering PhD scholarships for research on Guardini’s thought; publishing papers presented during the congress so to disseminate them nationally and internationally.

This project is meant to be not only an incentive to academic research on Guardini’s work, but also a concrete application of his reflection on the human person, religion, culture and education. We hope to foster the dialogue between Guardini’s thought and contemporary currents of thought, integrating metaphysics and history, faith and reason, science and religion, in order to answer to the urgent questions arising in today’s globalized and pluralistic world. As in Guardini’s vision, 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 view of the world and an effective capacity for dialogue.

Duration: 3 years

**Total cost: € 256,800**
- Support 3 PhD scholarships: €228,300 (€ 76,100 each scholarship)
- Conference: € 16,500
- Library enrichment: € 12,000

**CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW FELLOWSHIP**

As an Athenaeum committed to the comprehensive training of future Christian leaders, we want to offer most gifted and promising students with the opportunity of participating in the Catholic Worldview Fellowship held in Germany and Rome. It will allow our best students to establish relationships with other academics from international institutions and to develop a sound synthesis between faith and reason and between theory and life.

The scholarships will be reserved for the most deserving students, who want to permeate contemporary society with the Catholic worldview. The participation of the students of the School of Philosophy in these courses represents an opportunity of great value for the individual formation path, but also for the strengthening of the institutional potential of the APRA alumni network with that of the other young Christian leaders. We seek to create an interdisciplinary, Catholic mainstream of thought in the context of emerging global culture by forming the leaders of the future.

**Total cost** for 15 Scholarships: € 105,000 (€ 7,000 each scholarship)
CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

The course seeks to form, network and empower talented scholars and students to evangelize culture through historical, religious, philosophical and ethical perspectives on society. 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. By projecting the responses to future challenges, they apply that knowledge to today’s world.

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

Total cost for 15 Scholarships: € 24,000
(€ 1,600 scholarship)

AROSIO CHAIR OF HIGH MEDIEVAL STUDIES

Established in 2010, the Arosio Chair of High Medieval Studies aims to keep alive and expand the work done by Dr. Marco Arosio on Medieval Studies, encouraging the research on philosophical and theological issues related to the medieval period (5th-15th century), promoting the Marco Arosio Prize, an annual project competition in Medieval Studies, organizing annual scientific events. The Chair, furthermore, is committed to support young researchers, giving them visibility and scientific recognition, creating opportunities for meetings and exchanges and creating opportunities for experience and work in the field.

LIBRARY ENRICHMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL WORKS IN MEDIEVAL THOUGHT

The cultivation of research in Medieval thought, as well as the ongoing renewal of Thomistic studies, are of great importance in modern philosophical and theological debate, also for our Athenaeum. It is important to continue forming young scholars in this area, as the School of Philosophy has been doing through the annual Marco Arosio Award and the activities of Arosio Chair on Medieval Studies, giving to aspiring professors teaching opportunities as well as visibility in academic conferences and publications.

Essential for attracting researchers and collaborators is a local access to critical editions of fundamental authors and to the most important contemporary academic series in Medieval Studies. Our library already has a sound collection in this field, but keeping up-to-date on new critical editions and renowned academic studies will help to make the Athenaeum a point of reference for such research.

Benefactors can support our Medieval Studies, helping to review the holdings of critical editions of complete works of fundamental authors in the High Medieval Ages: St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Albert the Great, Blessed Duns Scotus, as well as to acquire the missing volumes in the Corpus Christianorum series (those written in the past 10 years).

Research and cultivation of young professors will keep the presence of Latin Christian Medieval thought on the par of excellence, depth and academic scholarship in the modern philosophical and theological debate. It will contribute to solid, organic philosophical and theological formation of priests, seminarians and lay ministers.

Total cost: € 86,150
As the first School of Bioethics in the world, we have always been committed to forming leaders and professionals capable of spreading the Culture of Life. Through our activities we seek to promote bioethics values in contemporary society and promote dialogue between the cultures and religions.

Our desire, as center of international excellence, is to keep supporting concretely the society of the future to valorize and respect the dignity of the human person in an absolute way.

Here we present projects that embody our goals and require an important and constant commitment. We have the competence and the strength to grow, your contribution will be crucial to continue making the difference!
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 them 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 provide help to students who would otherwise be unable to study in Rome. In this way, the best and most capable students would receive a solid education in bioethics and have a significant impact in the field upon return to their native land. The scholarship covers academic fees, a monthly salary and a fund for participating in international conferences and purchasing essays and books. Everyone interested in this project may specify from which continent or country they would like to support 5 PhD students.

Duration: 3 years

Total cost for 5 PhD scholarships: € 380,500 (€ 76,100 each scholarship)

OPEN ACCESS BIOETHICS JOURNAL: STUDIA BIOETHICA

Our school has spearheaded the foundation of an investigative bioethics journal, that was launched in Italian in 2008. The journal is scientific and quasi-monographic in that each number makes reference to a specific point in actual debate. Our school hopes to translate the journal’s 28 back-issues to English and start a multilingual journal, making it openly accessible, multicultural and interdisciplinary, thus allowing for a wider impact as well as engaging research on the cutting edge of science, philosophy, theology, religion, and law.

Duration: 5 years

Total cost: € 393,000
- To translate first 28 issues: € 107,000.
- To support the research, multilingual redaction, printing and mailing of this journal: € 57,200 per year
INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS COLLECTION

Our goal is to build one of the world’s most comprehensive multilingual bioethics libraries. Our library already hosts an ample collection of philosophical and theological works for reference. However, since the establishment of the School of Bioethics and the veritable explosion of publications over the past thirty years, we face a twofold challenge: maintaining our collection of all the most important and recent works in all the major languages, and building our stock of past and classic works, particularly from the decades of the late seventies to the present.

The broadening of our library’s collection has a direct impact on the international placement of our school, thus strengthening our academic prestige. Given its costly and time-consuming nature, it is all the more imperative that the work is carried out immediately. The collection will be completed over a 3-year period.

Duration: 3 years

Total cost: € 400,000

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER COURSE ON BIOETHICAL HUMAN ENHANCEMENT AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Every year we organize the International Summer Course in Bioethics, aimed to offer a greater understanding of bioethics principles and different bioethical issues. In this two-week program we offer an introduction to personalist bioethics and, during the second week, an academic specialization on groundbreaking issues. As a bioethics school, we are engaged in promoting a personalist vision, and in demonstrating the limitations of the utilitarian framework of many currents of thought in bioethics. We are convinced that an intensive training here in Rome, within our school, represents a valuable opportunity for students, scholars and professionals to broaden their horizons, facilitating their comprehension of personalist bioethics.

We ask benefactors and philanthropists to help us internationalize our program and establish at least 15 scholarships for the most prominent and talented candidates from outside Europe, so as to trigger a multiplier effect which can disseminate personalist values.

Total cost: € 35,000 (€ 2,333 each scholarship)

THE INSTITUTE OF BIOETHICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (UNESCO CHAIR)

The Institute, operating the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights, offers a university framework of reflection and study, providing information and fostering the application of bioethical principles in the fields of science, medicine and new technologies based on the UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. Our Institute encourages a wide exchange of ideas and experiences among scholars, professionals, religious and lay people through dialogue among international institutions of higher education especially with developing countries: we intend to hold two major events involving European and international leaders in the field of bioethics with the aim of addressing the following two topics of utmost priority in their agendas.
NEUROBIOETHICS: RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Since 1973, neuroethics 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 that we fund research encouraging academic investigation of the necessary ethical, social and political questions that arise with continuous advancements and therapies in the field of neuroscience.

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, contributing to the organization of an international conference, and funding the enhancement of Neurobioethics sector within our library.

**Total Cost:** € 317,300
- 3 PhD Full Scholarships: € 228,300 (€ 76,100 each)
- Organization of an International Conference: € 29,000
- Library Enrichment and Scientific Publication over 3 years: € 60,000

INTERNATIONAL INTERFAITH DIALOGUE ON WOMEN HEALTH AND HUMAN REPRODUCTION

The idea that cultural and religion diversity creates conflict is a commonplace belief. However, we aim to use this workshop to eliminate prejudice and labels that inspire hate, discrimination and violence. We are strongly focused on supporting the vision that people need to be gathered in diversity in order to appreciate and explore our common ground related to bioethical issues.

We have seen the continued success of our previous conferences in Jerusalem, Hong Kong, Houston, and Rome, and we want to continue to create dialogue and offer positive contributions to society. The great success that we have accomplished has all been attributed to benefactors. We are asking for funds in order to hold more frequent meetings and invite distinguished experts and speakers comprising of many of the world religions including Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. Our objective is to create an environment of encounter through the true meeting of people and sharing of ideas, promoting authentic listening and understanding.

**Total cost:** € 55,400
A century ago, many academics thought that religious worldviews would soon disappear. A hundred years later, Christianity and other religions continue to have a powerful presence in shaping society and culture. But what will be the shape of religion in society for the next hundred years?

The Higher Institute for Religious Sciences (HIRS) at Regina Apostolorum is founded on the conviction that the message of the Gospel continues to offer light and inspiration for life in the Third Millennium the institute is especially engaged in the training of religious educators, as well as in the on-going formation of religious and consecrated lay women.
TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF “COLLECTED STUDIES”

In spite of the crisis in vocations in religious life, women religious are still an important part of the Church’s life and mission. Now more than ever, religious women experience a need for a deeper understanding of themselves, their vocation, and the world that they serve.

We are convinced, and experience has shown, that the insights of a well-grounded psychology and the proven tradition of the Catholic spiritual theology are powerful keys for unlocking the evangelizing potential of women religious. Our programs of ongoing formation for women religious are characterized by a dialogue between psychology and spiritual theology.

Our Summer conferences can reach up to 100 participants at a time: publishing our contents not only in Italian but also in English will multiply our impact exponentially. Indeed, many congregations of women religious have adopted English as their official language. By offering both live and written translations of our content, more women and their communities can benefit from the solid formation we provide.

Given the interest and success of the first volume published in 2017 where all the papers and documents presented have been collected, we want to involve Christian philanthropists in establishing a Series of Collected Studies. We already have a backlog of material awaiting publication, and an exciting calendar of new topics scheduled through a 3-year period.

Our titles awaiting publication include: Consecrated life, icon of God’s mercy; Inner peace: psychology and spiritual theology in dialogue; The reasons of the heart: the affections in religious formation; In the footsteps of the beloved disciple: youth, faith, and vocational discernment; Fraternity and friendship.

The generous support of benefactors will be used for the preparation of material, the Simultaneous translation of the live conferences from Italian to English, twice a year, the translation of the written material from Italian to English and the publication of the volumes in the series, twice a year, in Italian and English.

Duration: 3 years

Total cost: € 94,500
HOPES AND DREAMS SCHOLARSHIPS

For needy students, the bachelor’s and master’s degree in religious studies are a lifeline to new opportunities. In spite of our low tuition, for some, our program is a luxury they cannot afford, but also an opportunity they cannot afford to miss! Many young women, for example, 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. Our Hopes and Dreams Scholarships, to be implemented progressively over the next three years, will eventually provide access to higher education to one hundred students on a yearly basis.

The scholarship program will provide needy students with a meaningful mission in the Church and society. A small contribution can make an enormous difference. As, for example, 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.

Duration: 5 years

**Total cost** for 30 scholarships: € 144,000
- 30 Bachelor scholarships: € 79,800 (€ 2,660 for each scholarship)
- 30 Master scholarships: € 64,200 (€ 2,140 for each scholarship)
As a true “humanity lab” focused on the person, we are engaged in research and educational programs to increase the influence of women in society. In particular, our activities promote a positive, realistic view of women and maternity, enhancing their contribution and specificities, in the family, the professional world, and the Church.

Starting from hailing the differences and peculiarities between man and woman, we are committed to offer concrete opportunities for confrontation and dialogue, so to make differences a resource and a value. We believe the world is a place where deep dialogues arise, where the difference is only growth, where to build cultural bridges, where being woman and being mother is a gift.

We hope you join us to achieve these goals together we can advance great projects!
RESEARCH GROUP
“THE COVENANT BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN”

Today men and women are called to collaborate on behalf of the society. This call means responsibility to work in a covenant, not only through marriage but also through culture and politics, in workplace, in economy, and in the Church.

Our interdisciplinary group has been working since 2013, deepening reflection about human identity, and the meaning of sexual corporeity. The project we present has a double-folded purpose: institutionalizing our research, teaching and dissemination activities, and creating the conditions for our sustainability and development over time.

For this reason, we ask philanthropists to support the growth of our group, over a period of three years, by facilitating the continuous presence of six postdoc researchers, involved also in teaching and dissemination activities, as well as establishing PhD Scholarships in the Schools of Theology and Philosophy for gifted candidates interested in deepening originally and wisely the topics of “The Covenant between Man and Woman” and “Nuptial Theology,” among others. We envision also the possibility for further synergies aimed at strengthening the collaboration between men and women by financing, during the entire duration of the project, the publishing of academic works and the realization of an international conference, seminars and cultural activities for the dissemination of results.

By supporting the research group, benefactors have the opportunity of fostering our trajectory, contributing concretely in inserting our academic and scientific research within international debates, helping in disseminating the importance of mutual knowledge and respect, because it is not simply a question of equal opportunities or mutual recognition. This is above all the understanding of men and women on the meaning of life and on the path of peoples, since neither man alone, nor woman alone, is able to take on this responsibility.

Duration: 3 years

Total cost: € 188,400

- Support to PhD scholarship: € 76,100
- Realization of three International Conferences: € 37,500
- Support to our Post-Doc researchers: € 74,800
**VALORE MAMMA**

As its Italian name suggests, the project wants to underline the social and cultural value of motherhood. We believe, indeed, that mothers have a great energy that deserves to be supported and that the female perspective must be cultured, valued and understood in all areas. For this reason, Valore Mamma wants to support motherhood as central and fundamental moment in the life of a woman, characterized by great energy and creativity but also by fragility and vulnerability.

Mothers are a precious resource for society, for the family and for the economy, but often there is no real awareness of this value on the part of mothers themselves and especially on society. We believe that the motherhood is a value for society, culture, economy, family and the Church.

For this reason, Valore Mamma sponsors two innovative and successful initiatives: The “Mom’s Week” and the magazine Mom’s Value.

We are working on the 4th edition of The Mom’s Week, offering mothers exclusive appointments and services, and strengthening them through a community of mothers, associations, businesses and institutions. Benefactors can reinforce such an innovative project helping its growth and development. Supporting the forthcoming edition, they can promote motherhood, establishing a privileged dialogue with economic agents and social institutions.

Their philanthropic commitment can also embrace our magazine created with great enthusiasm and dedication by a team of women, aimed to create a scientific-cultural information service to support the well-being of mothers, to promote the social value of motherhood and of women’s contribution to culture.

The ambitious challenge of Valore Mamma is to carry out an authentic change in society, through the development of a new awareness in recognizing the precious role that mothers play every day.

**Total cost:** € 37,000

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**VALUE @ WORK**

The economic and demographic crisis that today’s society is facing, shows us that the mere logic of profit doesn’t suffice, because there is an uttermost need for a long-term systemic vision. Bringing the centrality of the person as a paradigm shift within the workplace, we believe, is not only socially sustainable but also ethical.

Our challenging project hopes to create and strengthen bridges between academia and the job market. For this reason, Value @ Work wants to open new horizons for enterprises and individuals, in order to enhance the job placement of young people and women. Value @ Work, indeed, seeks to propose a new organizational model – based on survey research and a pilot project.

The survey will involve companies and young people’s expectations regarding work, life and family, to combine skills necessary for the innovation and competitiveness of companies, within the organizational culture which puts the person, his development, his well-being and his quality of life as the main paradigm.

The innovative training experience, which wisely combines education with internship, is aimed to reintegrate
into the job market women who have been victims of violence and trafficking, offering them effective tools for strengthening their skills and competences. Benefactors can support the transformative impact of Value @ Work, financing the survey and also helping with ten scholarships to the training activities.

The innovation of Value @ Work lies in the rethinking of the organization of work at the center of cultural debate, in activating effective projects for the reintegra-

tion of groups (such as young people, mothers, female victims of violence and trafficking, immigrants).

Total cost: € 109,200
- Summit: € 22,000
- Survey: € 28,750
- Training program for women who have been victims of violence: €58,450, of which € 48,000 for ten scholarships
Every year, we welcome hundreds of priests from the dioceses around the world to our formation programs. At Sacerdos Institute, we seek to foster a spirit of communion, of dialogue and debate, of spiritual renewal, and of service to the Universal Church.

By embracing the national and ethnic specificities of our students, we strive to give concrete expression to the multicultural church, encouraging the development of relationships and the exchange of experiences, among these protagonists of the New Evangelization.

That is why we want to continue our work at the service of the Universal Church so to answer to the ever-changing needs and urgent pastoral needs of today’s society.

Ours is an ambitious mission that requires great commitment. Your support can make a difference!
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HOLY LAND PRIESTLY RENEWAL

A priest’s life can be very demanding, whether it be celebrating the Sacraments or administrating a parish. However, each priest must strive to keep his experience of Christ’s love in his life fresh since this is the source of his vocation. A great way to renew your experience of Christ and your priesthood is by walking in his footsteps with the Holy Land Priestly Renewal. Our Institute offers two renewals each year, one in January and one in July, so to allow parishes and dioceses to schedule their training needs.

Offering priests this opportunity, especially to those priests 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 work. Such a training experience is so determinant for parish and dioceses 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 benefactors to join our efforts and support our course, so as to establish full scholarships that cover registration, room and board, and course materials, for up to 30 priests over a two-year period.

Total cost for 30 full Scholarships is: € 96,000
(€ 3,200 each)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEMINARY FORMATOR’S 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.

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 philanthropists and benefactors 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 over a two-year period.

Total cost for 30 full Scholarships: € 84,000
(€ 2,800 each)
TRAINING ON EXORCISM AND PRAYER OF LIBERATION

In collaboration with the Group for Social and Religious Research and Information (GRIS) 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.
We want to engage benefactors in supporting the internationalization of our course. For doing so it is important to facilitate the participation of attendants from areas such as the Philippines, African countries—where phenomena are becoming more frequent—and, at the same time, to increase the number of keynote speakers from outside of Europe. For this reason, we count on the generous support for establishing 30 scholarships.

**Total cost** for 30 Scholarships: € 31,500 (€1,050 each)
The Science and Faith Institute is inspired by Pope John Paul II’s thinking as expressed in the encyclical Fides et Ratio. It conceives science and faith not as opposites, but rather as two different instances united by a common thread: the search for truth.

We conduct research on the relationship between faith and science in order to answer the compelling ethical and anthropological questions at the cutting-edge of scientific development, raised by the advent of new technologies among other things.

Through our teaching and research activities, conferences and conventions, we offer a shared platform for dialogue and a common pursuit of truth.
AUDIOVISUAL AND DIGITAL MATERIALS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH FOR OUR SCIENCE & FAITH POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

An increasing number of professionals from all over the world contact us because they want to access our innovative programs and materials on the relationship between science and faith. This is why we decided to undertake an ambitious project: launching a distance learning for our Science and Faith Postgraduate Diploma program.

Thanks to technologies now available, we want to make our courses, seminars and workshops accessible everywhere. We ask for the support of philanthropists so to enable us to strengthen the international nature of our two-year Science and Faith Postgraduate Diploma.

This initiative has already started, thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of some of our dear benefactors. At the same time, we ask for your support to complete the second year of this two-year project. Providing individuals and institutions around the world with access to our courses, lectures and conferences is a great opportunity for expanding the impact of our efforts.

We hope to engage benefactors in a fruitful partnership, allowing this Institute to complete our unique and comprehensive program, forming people all over the globe.

Total cost: € 70,000

AUDIOVISUAL AND DIGITAL MATERIALS IN SPANISH FOR THE POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE SHROUD STUDIES

Through the Postgraduate Certificate in Shroud Studies we spread the knowledge of the most iconic Christological witness in the world by strengthening the dialogue with researchers, scientists, institutions and opinion leaders to bring the Shroud’s message of salvation.

The Spanish edition of the postgraduate certificate seeks to offer the whole Hispanic world access to excellent teaching involving the experts of the most important centers of Sindonology.

Supporting this project is a way to enhance the New Evangelization of modern society, spreading the truth that constantly embraces science and faith.

Total cost: € 17,000
EXHIBITION ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN

In 2006, the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum created the Permanent Exhibition on the Shroud of Turin in order to foster dialogue between science and faith for everyone who feels the Shroud’s spiritual call and wants to delve deeper into its values, authenticity, meaning and messages.

The Exhibition aims to spread the spirituality of Christ’s Passion through the bronze statue, as well as the three-dimensional projection of The Man of the Shroud, the reconstruction and exhibition of objects from Christ’s Passion (such as the Cross’ nails, the crown of thorns, the whips), and the model of the Holy Sepulcher at Jesus’ day.

Benefactors can support our efforts for the New Evangelization creating Exhibitions on the Shroud of Turin in their own diocesis.

**Average cost:** € 58,000 each exposition. Depending on the material costs, an exhibition can cost between € 40,100 and € 75,100.
For twenty-five years, Regina Apostolorum has grown thanks to significant support from alumni, parents, and friends. Their help has contributed to building campus facilities, and sustaining a comprehensive range of academic services. Our campus boasts modern facilities with a welcoming environment designed to inspire our students towards academic and personal excellence.

We are committed to delivering a continuous and exceptional educational experience for all our community and with your help we hope to establish the Campus Enhancement Fund. Thus we can sustain our commitment to offering the best for our students, professors and personnel, in an ever increasing technological and professional world and coherent with our vision and growth. Thank you for considering to support the enhancement of our campus, especially our facilities, technology, Library, and Chapel.
At the *Regina Apostolorum*, we form people to go out into the world and proclaim the truth of our faith in charity. Similar to our mission, “The Last Supper” by Leonardo da Vinci tells the story of one apostoles’ last experiences with our Lord, before they were definitively sent into the world to proclaim the gospel.

Since 1993 our Pontifical Athenaeum has welcomed students from around the world. Their spiritual and intellectual development has always been a top priority for our international community, at the service of our mission.

Today our alumni are dynamic leaders and apostles who are transforming culture with Christian values. Our alumni best express *Regina Apostolorum’s* impact, so we offer the last word to them. Let us turn our ear to them and listen to their experiences. Thank you for helping us realize our common dreams.
Melicia Antonio

I’m proud to be a part of Regina Apostolorum academic community -a community on the vanguard of the New Evangelization.

Six years ago, I was living in Mexico working as a theology professor for the Anahuac University. Having seen the fruits of what a solid intellectual formation can do for a person, I began looking for place to do a doctorate in theology and thus improve what I could give to my students. At Regina Apostolorum, I found an institution that stood out for its spirit of innovation and orthodoxy, welcoming community, and beautiful, green campus on the outskirts of Rome.

A university becomes a true “second home” for a student, who absorbs his worldview not just from his professors but from everything he sees and hears in his environment. Hundreds of fascinating people pass through Regina Apostolorum every year, from the exorcists who gather each spring for their annual convention, to the medical professionals and scientists who fly in from all over the world to attend intensive bioethics courses. Through the academic activities of the three schools and six institutes, it’s easy for me to listen in on the great cultural debates on topics such as gender, euthanasia, and immigration, and observe how the timeless tradition of the Church rises to challenge the secular world’s assumptions.

The Athenaeum also shows me that ideas are never the end of the conversation: as I contemplate our statue of the Man of the Shroud of Turin, hear a professor speak of the greatness of Therese of Lisieux, or join my American compatriots for Christmas caroling cheer during class breaks, I am reminded that the Christian spirit of giving and receiving is a lesson learned not just from books but from life.

This year, I will be finishing my studies for a license in moral theology, and God willing, begin a doctorate in the fall of 2018. I’m filled with gratitude for the benefactors who have my path possible. Certainly, there are many good things we do that we will never see the fruits of, but I hope that in this case their generosity bears evident spiritual fruit a “hundred-fold” in their own lives and in the lives of all us here at Regina Apostolorum.

Fr. Gabriel von Wendt, L.C.

During my Licentiate studies in Philosophy at the Regina Apostolorum, the beauty of the truth and the wholesomeness of the human being, as they are taught here, have deeply touched me and helped me to comprehend the intellectual implications of the Church’s task to evangelize. Committed priestly ministry and academic excellence enrich each other! The Athenaeum is a “cultural laboratory”, investing more and more in education, research and dissemination. As a student, you always feel that you are at the center of that academic vision and perceive that you are a goal, not a means.

What I value most about my personal experience here is the shared passion to form students who are not afraid of tomorrow; young men and women who see not only the challenges but also the potential within the changes our world is going through. The Christian leaders of tomorrow will have to shoulder the responsibility to transmit the unchangeable message of Christ, for this reason we are taught with new language and innovative formats of the emerging culture.

My dream as APRA Alumnus and Assistant Professor of Philosophy is to contribute by providing transformative learning experiences for students, so as to lead and inspire people to spread the light and word of Christ. Experiencing a Catholic worldview, a true way of life, is the Regina Apostolorum’s commitment and I am proud to be a part of it.
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