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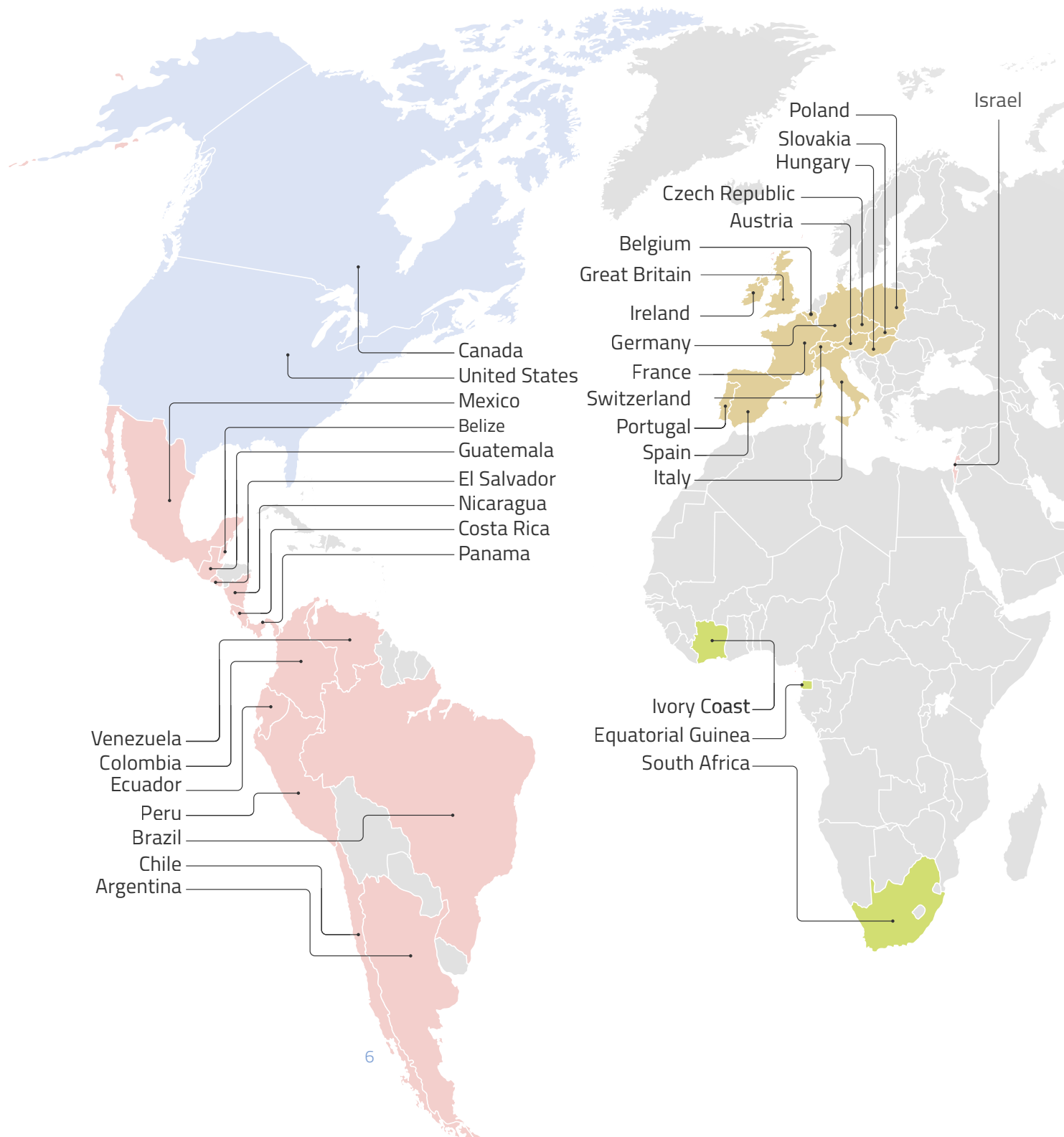
# PONTIFICAL ATHENAEUM REGINA APOSTOLORUM

Our mission and core values express the specific contribution which the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum offers to the Church's evangelization mission in contemporary society.

The Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum is an ecclesiastical institution of higher education promoted by the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ, canonically erected by the Congregation for Catholic Education of the Holy See; it is part of the international network of universities of the Legion of Christ and Regnum Christi, actively collaborating according to their common charism and mission of evangelization.

Our mission has a twofold purpose: to form apostles, Christian leaders both clerics and laity, at the service of the Church in order to witness to the mystery of Christ and in full communion with the Magisterium of the Church, to create currents of thought which answer man's theoretical and existential questions, permeating society with an evangelical spirit.







## LEGION OF CHRIST AND REGNUM CHRISTI

The Legion of Christ forms part of Regnum Christi, an international spiritual family, including consecrated lay men and women, as well as diocesan priests and lay Catholics present in over eighty countries. Our common mission is to form apostles, to make Christ present as he meets every person, he reveals the love of his Heart and forms them, sends and accompanies them so that they may cooperate in establishing His Kingdom.



# INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

I cordially greet you on behalf of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, an academic community that seeks to contribute to the evangelization of culture through the integral formation of apostles, Christian leaders, and the promotion of schools of thought rooted in the faith of Christ.

I write you these lines at the end of the academic year 2020-2021, a year that has been marked by special circumstances arising from the health crisis caused by the pandemic. It has been a period that has caused us to face many challenges and various needs in different areas of institutional life: teaching, management, finances, etc. We thank God for sustaining us as an academic community and allowing us to continue to offer our academic programs aimed at forming evangelizers for this “changing era” of which Pope Francis speaks.

As a Pontifical institution, we are motivated by the desire “to make present the mystery of Christ in society, imbuing a Christian mark in today’s culture, starting from the specificity of a pontifical academic institution promoted by the Legionaries of Christ”. This sense of mission urges us to continue striving to seek new horizons and to face the challenges presented by the concrete circumstances in which we live. We are convinced that Jesus Christ is capable of responding to the deepest questions of the men and women of our time, and we wish to bear witness to this.

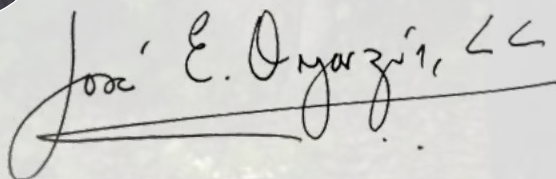
We know that we are not alone in this effort, since, in addition to counting on God’s grace, there are many of you who support us with your prayers and diversified support. To all of you I express my most sincere thanks, especially to those who will collaborate with the projects contained in this Wishbook, which are a concrete effort to make the Kingdom of Christ present in our culture.

May Mary, Queen of the Apostles, intercede for all of us and accompany us in our common mission.

Cordial greetings,



**Fr. José Enrique Oyarzún, LC**  
*President*  
*Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "José E. Oyarzún, LC", with a horizontal line underneath.

ATENEO PONTIFICIO  
REGINA APOSTOLORUM



Dear patrons and friends,

I am wholeheartedly indebted to each of you who have made a sacrifice for the sustenance of our students and mission, whether in prayer, time or material support. On behalf of our Regina Apostolorum Foundations in the East and West, I assure you of sincere prayers of gratitude.

Many of you dear patrons helped fulfill some of our dreams from the last edition of our Wishbook. Among projects that were adopted I would like to highlight substantial initial support and pledges toward the Pontifical Endowment Fund; support of the Regina Apostolorum Scholarship Fund; different projects of the Institute of Higher Studies on Women as for the Women and Church International Conferences, and the International Research Group affronting themes of collaboration between women and men in the post-pandemic economy; innovative distance learning in Science and Faith, bringing online programs to both the English and Spanish speaking world; the Hopes and Dreams Scholarships for needy religious sisters; Catholic Worldview Fellowship Scholarships; and last but not least, the important Catholicism and Investment Ethics PhD Scholarship. Continual impact is still experienced from projects of our first edition of the Wishbook, as the Verbum Biblical Software for theology professors and students, Biblical commentaries, distance learning, technology, multimedia classrooms, and scholarship support. Without you patrons, these dreams would never have come true!

This new edition of the Wishbook is centered on two strategic goals intimately tied to our evangelizing mission: the Pontifical Endowment which assures responsible stewardship and investment of our talents for students and faculty of tomorrow guaranteeing our academic perpetuity and sustainability, as well as numerous Scholarship Funds which are called to support students of today. Regina Apostolorum's dream remains stable each year: that generations of students and faculty are assured of all the means necessary to form servant leaders and evangelize culture.

Behind every project, whether those adopted in the past or those presented here today, are human persons, with a first and last name, faces and hand, minds and hearts eager to share the truth and love they experience with the whole world in our daunting task of evangelization of culture. These human persons are our students who study thanks to our patrons, our faculty who can continue their research, and so many friends who now due to technology are able to pursue online formation. These human persons are also each of you. Together, our transcendent mission can be fulfilled, as each of us invest the talents God has offered us.

Patrons, thank you for being a part of the Pontifical community, partners in our challenging mission, helping assure an eternal impact. For those of you who are meeting us for the first time, I invite you to prayerfully consider joining the community of Pontifical Patrons committed to the evangelization of culture, through both prayer and financial support, or as God leads you. May God repay you abundantly!

Please be assured of my prayers and I look forward to seeing you here in Rome,



**Fr. Thomas Montanaro, LC**

*Founder, Board of Directors, Regina Apostolorum Foundation*

*Board of Directors, Regina Apostolorum Foundation HK*



## HOW DO YOUR GIFTS CHANGE LIVES?

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



## WHY DONATE TO THE PONTIFICAL ATHENAEUM REGINA APOSTOLORUM?



Sr. Annalisa is a cloistered nun since 1988 and has sought permanent formation to accompany her own discernment and vocation. When she started to study it was at a distance because her community observed the papal cloister, one of the most ancient forms of contemplative life.

"My adventure with the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum began in 2012 with formation in Religious Sciences, ...where I found not only the competence of the professors but also kindness and respect. In this university, I was not a number, but I found a family. I received the Bachelor's Degree in Religious Sciences in 2013, the Master's Degree in Spiritual Theology in 2015, I received the Academic Excellence Award on October 3, 2016 and the same year I achieved the Bachelor's Degree in Theology. The financial aid granted by the Regina Apostolorum allowed me to obtain my Master's in Dogmatic Theology in 2020 and I hope to continue my educational background with a Doctorate in Theology".

The study of theology helped me to answer the questions of meaning with which, sooner or later, every man and therefore also every religious must face. At a certain point, I felt that the heart was no longer enough and that even the head, the intelligence, played an important role in faith and prayer. So, first of all, there are personal motivations, then also community ones because almost in the same period in which I started my studies I was elected abbess of my community and the formation helped me to broaden the horizon of my views and therefore to tackle this task with greater awareness, responsibility, and maternity. I also believe that today even a cloistered nun must be prepared to be able to answer the questions posed by the many people who frequent the monastery".

Bernadette (Cheng Yuk Kai) is a Catholic laywoman born in Hong Kong and was recently selected for one of our prestigious PhD Scholarships on Catholicism and Investment Ethics thanks to the generous support of donors.

"I was lucky enough to be awarded a scholarship for a PhD at the Regina Apostolorum on Catholic Social Thought and Investment Ethics. I obtained my Theological License Degree in February 2021 and, with great sensitivity and enthusiasm, I wish to introduce social ethics regarding investment in families and marriage according to the teaching of the Church in order to serve the people of God".



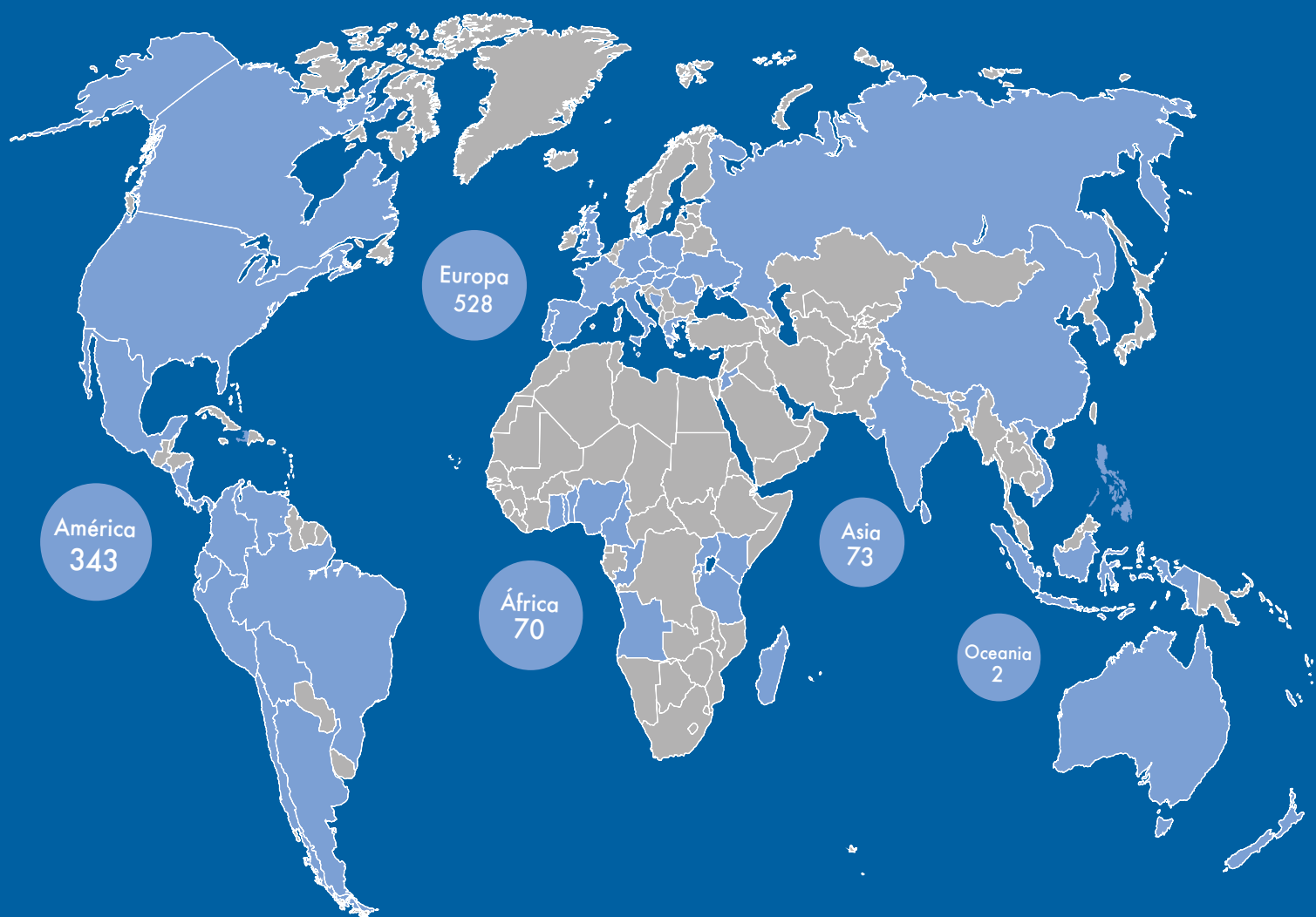
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Fr. Michael Baggot is a priest and religious of the Legion of Christ, and a recent PhD graduate in Bioethics. He received a PhD scholarship thanks to the generosity of the Farrell Family Foundation, and was supported in his earlier formation through the generosity of many donors.

"At Regina Apostolorum, I was immersed in the thought of rigorous Christian scholars like Augustine, Aquinas, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI and was equipped to engage constructively with thinkers at times hostile to the faith. In addition to these meticulous studies, my university experience brought me in contact with cultures and traditions foreign to my more limited experience as an agnostic.

Years of studies in an international student body enabled me to chat with, study with, play sports with, and pray with classmates from Brazil, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Spain, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, and other nations. My horizons were constantly expanded through conversations, regional festivities like the Advent posadas, and liturgical celebrations like ordinations in the Syro-Malabar rite. Thus, Regina Apostolorum has exposed me to a depth of intellectual life and a breath of cultural diversity in the Catholic tradition that exceed anything I knew as a secular humanist.

These years of formation at Regina Apostolorum rich in intellectual, spiritual, and cultural growth would not be possible without the generous support of our benefactors around the world. While I may not have the pleasure of meeting all of the them in person, I can ensure them of my constant prayers. May God reward their contributions to my priestly formation and ministry".



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



# 1

## REGINA APOSTOLORUM LEGACY

Every year, we welcome an average of 1,200 students to our Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum. They are talented young men and women who are eager to grow in wisdom, strengthen their spiritual lives and prepare themselves to be servant leaders in contemporary society. With our Pontifical heritage and dedicated professors, we aim to stand in the vanguard of faith and culture and relentlessly promote a Catholic worldview of the human person and culture.

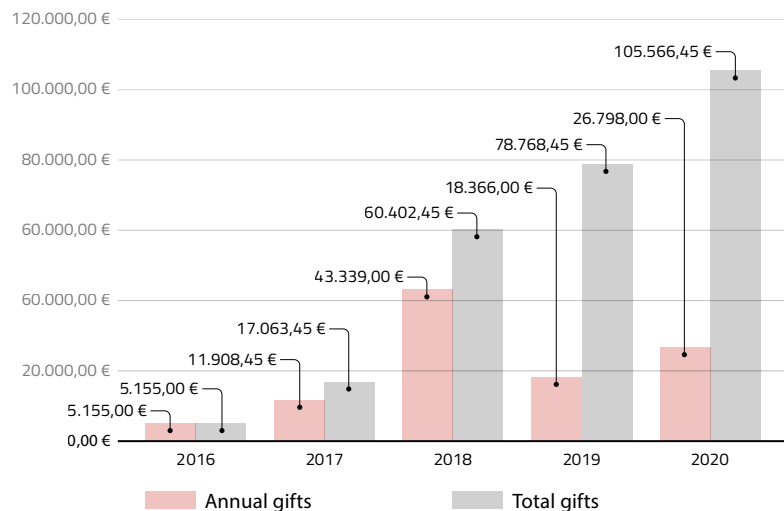


## 1.1 THE PONTIFICAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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

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

As a professional academic institution, we are committed to efficient management, economic diversity and sustainability. As a Pontifical Athenaeum we also have the moral duty, as Pope Francis has highlighted, never to ignore a meritorious student with limited financial resources. In the midst of these ecclesial realities, even without covering stipends of our authorities and professors of the Legion of Christ and consecrated members of *Regnum Christi*, we have substantial yearly operational needs including scholarships and financial aid support that surpass 2M and development opportunities to help fulfill our mission that surpass another 2M. Although we live through faith, we are also called to be responsible stewards and administrators, foreseeing future needs today.



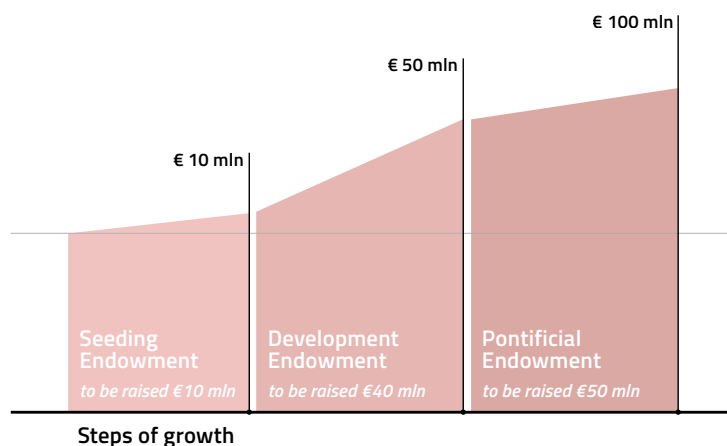


At Regina Apostolorum, because we are committed to forming apostles and evangelizing culture, in this competitive and demanding world of higher education, we are called to develop and perpetuate a sustainable formative model for future generations. Thus, we have undertaken the strategic challenge of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

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

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

Please for more details on legacy gifts please contact us at [fundraising@upra.org](mailto:fundraising@upra.org)





## 1.2 PONTIFICAL SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

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

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

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

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



Pontifical scholarships: € 300,000



### 1.3

## SACRED HEART SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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

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



Sacred heart scholarship: € 200,000



## 1.4 GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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

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



Good samaritan scholarship: € 200,000



# 2

## PH.D. SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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



## 2.1 NEUROBIOETHICS: RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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

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

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

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



**3 years**



**Total cost: € 210,000**

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



## 2.2 CATHOLICISM AND INVESTMENT ETHICS

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 the above questions, the School of Philosophy intends to fund three PhDs on this subject and the publication of the research generated by the 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.

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.

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.

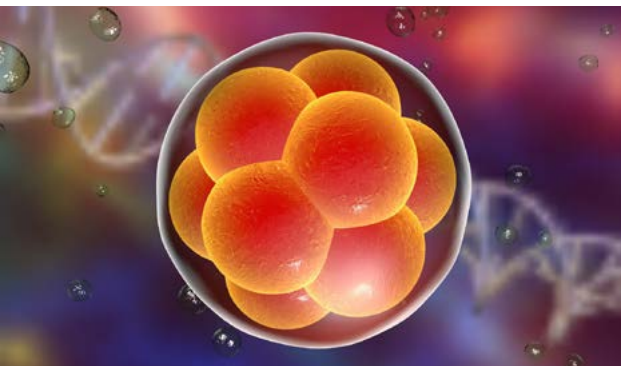


**3 years**



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## 2.3

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

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

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

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



**3 years**



**Total cost: € 350,000**

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



## 2.4

### RATZINGER STUDIES

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

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

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

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

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



**3 years**



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## 2.5 FAITH, RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

Today's pluralistic world, despite widespread secularization, finds itself with ongoing and sometimes polarizing interest towards faith, religion, and spirituality.

At the Regina Apostolorum, we are passionate about fostering dialogue between the Church and contemporary currents of thought. We pursue to properly understand and interpret the religious phenomenon, from a Christian philosophical and interdisciplinary framework, to aid in the fields of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, ecumenism, and the New Evangelization.

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

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

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

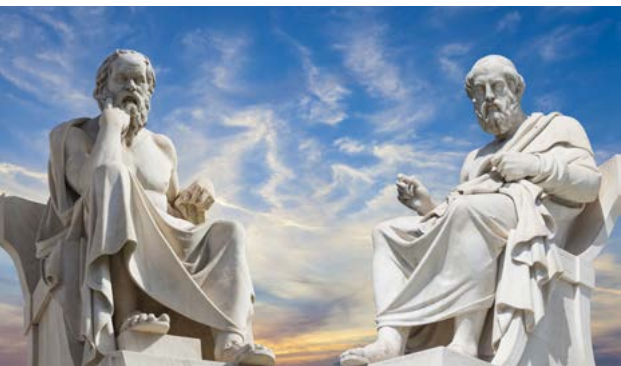


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## 2.6

### STUDIES IN CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL THOUGHT OF THE 20TH CENTURY

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

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

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



**3 years**



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## 2.7

# METAPHYSICAL WISDOM IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

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

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

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

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



**3 years**



**Total cost: € 210,000**

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



The School of Athens, Raffaello Sanzio, 1511  
Stanza della Segnatura, Vatican Museums, Rome

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## GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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



### 3.1

## CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

This summer course pursues 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 and by projecting the responses to future challenges, they apply such knowledge to today's world.

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



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



## 3.2

# WOMEN AND WORK IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC: TRAINING COURSE FOR REINTEGRATING INTO THE LABOR MARKET

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented economic crisis, putting the already problematic job market at risk. Over half a million jobs have been lost in one year, penalizing particularly the female employment.

There is a great request today for institutions supporting women's return to the world of work after the pandemic crisis. The tailored program is targeted to offer the fundamental tools so women can be able to reinvent themselves professionally, re-enter the job market or create their own businesses.

Working is an important human experience and a fundamental right. The purpose of this initiative is to make women's work a real factor of social development. The aim of the course is therefore to facilitate and guide women in the search for work through a well-defined methodology so that women's talents and skills can be fully valued and spent in any professional and working context.

Through this course, the Institute of Higher Studies on Women wants to give concrete support to women by offering guidance, tools, and a networking environment for their professional flourish.

The program has a duration of total 100 hours in the Italian language. In addition to the classes (80 hours) the program will also have a practical and operational focus, by offering individual counseling sessions, practical exercise workshops, meetings with recruiting companies and with testimonials such as professional and entrepreneurs.

The expected results of the program are a reduction of the female unemployment rate and improvement of women's performance and self-esteem.

The scholarships are designed for women who want to reinvent themselves professionally, after they lost their jobs and want to re-enter the job market, make their talents flourish, look for new opportunities and start new businesses.

The criteria for selecting scholarship applicants are as follows:

- women of all nationalities aged 30-50 years old
- women who have lost their jobs in 2020-2022
- with high educational qualifications
- with strong personal motivation to take part in the program.



**Total cost: € 31,500**  
to support 50 scholarships (€ 630 each)



### 3.3

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN WOMEN AND CHURCH

This Postgraduate Diploma, organized by the Institute of Higher Studies on Women with the collaboration of five Pontifical Universities, aims to find and deepen the fundamental concepts that should guide the presence and role of women within the Church. The Postgraduate Certificate considers the necessary diversity of cultures and geographical areas. It will take place once a year as a two-week intensive course.

The criteria for granting scholarships are:

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



**Total cost: € 40,000**

to support 40 scholarships (€ 1,000 each)



### 3.4

## HOPES AND DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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



**Total cost: € 144,000 for 30 scholarships:**

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



### 3.5

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

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

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

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

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



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



### 3.6

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEMINARY FORMATORS COURSE

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

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

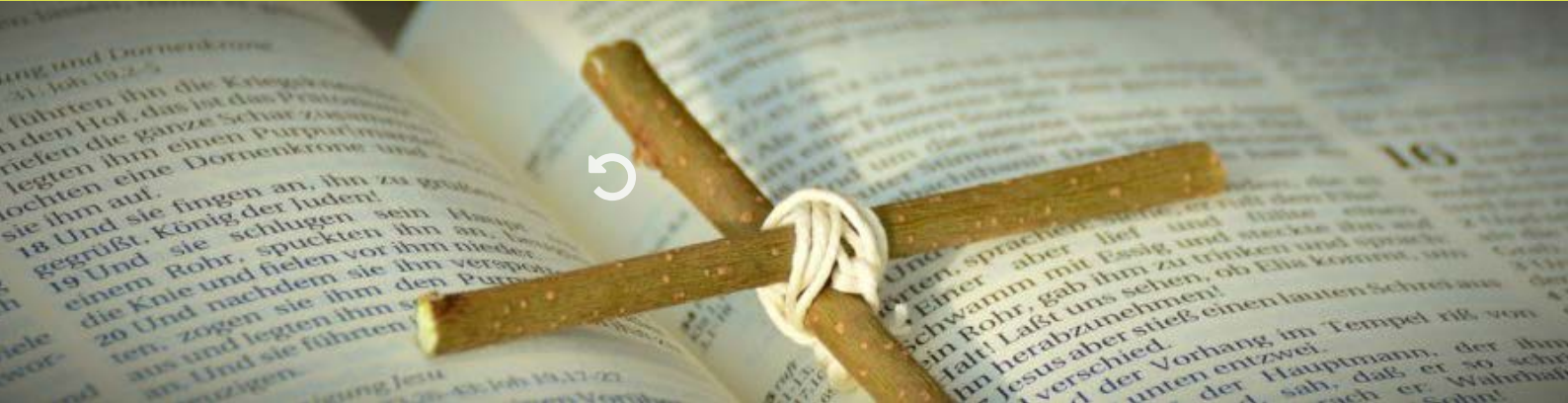
The course is meant to help diocesan bishops in the preparation and ongoing formation of those who are dedicated to the formation of future priests. It provides priests from various countries the opportunity to apply the faith to current events as well as offer a forum for exchanging ideas. Such an experience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

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

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



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



### 3.7

## EXORCISM COURSE

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

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



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



### 3.8

## POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HOLY SHROUD STUDIES

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

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



**Total cost: € 25,000**

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



3.9

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE & FAITH

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

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



**Total cost: € 34,000**  
to support 10 scholarships (€ 3,400 each)



### 3.10

## CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW FELLOWSHIP

As committed to the comprehensive training of future Christian leaders, we want to offer the most gifted and promising students the opportunity of attending the Catholic Worldview Fellowship traditionally held in both 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, between theory and life.

The scholarships will be reserved for the most deserving students, who want to permeate contemporary society with the Catholic worldview and, through these scholarships, our Athenaeum will continue its commitment to the integral formation of future Christian leaders and empowering talented students to evangelize the culture. It is our hope that these students will become "servants of communion and of the culture of encounter" (Pope Francis, July 27, 2013).

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 networking with young Christian leaders. We pursue to create an interdisciplinary, Catholic mainstream of thought in the context of emerging global culture by forming the leaders of the future.



**Total cost: € 105,000**

to support 15 scholarships (€ 7,000 each)



## FOUNDATIONS

We are honored to announce the recent birth of two charitable Foundations, both in the East and West, which bear the name of Regina Apostolorum and share the mission of developing the integral formation of servant leaders and the evangelization of culture, in consonance with the values of our Pontifical Athenaeum.

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