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**JOINT DIPLOMA  
IN WOMEN AND CHURCH**

*III EDITION*

**“Women and Men in a Synodal Community”**



online



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## OPENING PATHS FOR SERIOUS AND SERENE DIALOGUE ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN WITHIN THE CHURCH IS THE GOAL OF THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT.

### OVERVIEW

The initiative shared with important Pontifical Universities and Catholic Institutes explores the **specific contribution** of women in the life and mission of the Church. It aims to activate **processes of mutual collaboration between women and men in ecclesial spaces**, taking on account the question of the lay faithful raised above all by the Second Vatican Council. What is the role of women in this context? The reflection takes place on the horizon of a Church on the path of conversion and in the light of **synodality**. The Church needs the **contribution of women** both in the decision-making sphere and to fully relive her own vocation through her feminine and maternal face.

### AUDIENCE

Priests, religious and laity (men and women) engaged in the ecclesial sphere at the curial, diocesan, academic level, or in formative roles in the different forms of consecrated or associative life, that want to raise awareness and activate processes in these areas, to promote greater and better collaboration between men and women within the Church.

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Bachelor's degree or be enrolled in a Pontifical Faculty.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

36 hours of **online classes** to provide foundations, principles and criteria that must animate the promotion of women's contribution in the Church and collaboration between men and women in ecclesial spaces.

The general program approach follows the dynamic of **listening, discerning and acting**.

**To listen:** as a missionary disciple to understand the current challenges, lights and shadows of the situation of women within the Church and the collaboration between clerics and laity, enlightened by the gaze of faith and taking into account, the fruitful examples of cooperation between men and women and the difficult recognition of women in different geographical contexts.

**Discern:** understanding the causes of such challenges (cultural, historical, and anthropological factors), the foundations and criteria to be used to guide thought and action.

**Act:** outline ways to go, tools on the identity and mission of women in the Church.

### SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- **Marta Rodriguez**, Joint Diploma Coordinator (APRA)
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## MODULES

1

**Socio-historical:** historical processes, problems and strengths underlying various cultural issues still in progress, including the the inculturation of the Catholic faith in its social dialogue, to suggest possible elements to proceed with a proactive spirit.

2

**Anthropological (philosophical and theological):** deepens the meaning of sexual difference in the human person and the complexity of elements that come into play in the formation of sexual identity, to enlighten how to express collaboration and reciprocity between men and women in ecclesial contexts.

3

**Ecclesiological:** salient points of the conciliar and post-conciliar Magisterium on the laity and on women to open paths of creative, faithful and prophetic application starting from the ecclesiology of communion.

4

**Mariological:** develops what the figure of Mary says about the identity and mission of women in the Church, presents *status quaestionis*, some critical points and ways to go.

5

**Workshops:** a space to explore and enhance aspects of themselves to foster the perception of their masculinity or femininity (listen), interpret the content received (discern), customize a new way of relating and collaborating as a woman or man for-with-in Christ in the Church (acting).

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1

To deepen the alliance between men and women in the ecclesial sphere starting from the recognition of the novelty of the Gospel in the understanding of reciprocity.

2

Assimilate the foundations and guiding criteria of the promotion of women's contribution within the Church.

3

Identify the fundamental reasons for the difficulties faced by women in carrying out their full mission.

4

Understanding some expressions of female subjectivity in the life and mission of the Church in different contexts and grasping historical dynamism as a prerequisite for overcoming anachronistic patterns.

5

Develop the understanding of the Catholic tradition in a hermeneutic of continuity in different eras and cultures.

6

To grasp new and attractive perspectives of the mission of women within the Church starting from a renewed understanding of the baptismal vocation.



**DATES:** June 18<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>



**TIMETABLE:** 16:00 - 20:00 CEST | 10:00 - 14:00 EDT



**CREDITS:** 4 ECTS



**COST:** 300 euro | 250 euro (only for those enrolled in the Pontifical Universities adhering to the Joint Diploma)



**TRANSLATION:** English and Spanish

### REGISTRATION

