



## Press Release

### *Back on campus and with significant news the "Course on the Exorcism Minister and the Liberation Prayer".*

**XVI Edition - 16-21 May 2022**

#### **Accreditation Modalities**

Rome, April 27, 2022. On **May 16** will begin, again on campus, the **XVI Edition of the Course on the Exorcism Minister and the Liberation Prayer** organized by the **Sacerdos Institute** (Institute of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum/APRA) and the **GRIS of Bologna** (Group for Research and Socio-religious Information).

The **Course**, the **first and unique in the world for scientific-interdisciplinary approach**, proposes a **careful and multidisciplinary academic research**, on the **ministry of exorcism and prayer of liberation**; the actual program, extended and high-level professionals, presents and analyzes this current issue, often still little known or not well identified. presents and analyzes this current issue, often still poorly known or not well identified.

Interesting **new elements** have been introduced in the **2022 Edition**, such as:

- **Presentation of the Updated Data of the only Scientific Research on Exorcism** existing to date (available and certifiable sources), carried out by the Sacerdos Institute in collaboration with GRIS and the University of Bologna.  
This initiative is **a response to a real need** for clarity, after the incorrect message that over the years has been disseminated by various media with the publication of cases of exorcism indicated without a foundation and scientific source.  
**To the data** collected by the **Research** is added the **interpretation** of Prof. Thomas J. Csordas, **world-famous anthropologist**, expert in incorporation and cultural phenomenology.

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- **Round Table** among exorcists of different **Christian faiths**;
- **Participation of an expert in demonology**, in the **Sunni Muslim** context.

**Participants** from other **Christian faiths** are already among those enrolled.

The **Course** will be in **Italian** with simultaneous translation into **English** and **Spanish**.

This year, **only accredited Press** will be able to receive the **Abstract** of the **Research** and participate in the following moments:

**Monday, May 16**

**4.30pm Roundtable reserved to the Media** in the presence of a member of the Scientific Committee and the Coordinator of the Institute.

**5.00 - 6.00pm** Presentation of the research APRA - DiSCi (UniBo) - GRIS - on exorcism Prof.ssa Francesca Sbardella, Giuseppe Frau, Thomas Csordas, Luis Santamaria.

#### **Extension Dates for Accreditation:**

- **No later than May 10: Send accreditation request** to [comunicazione@upra.org](mailto:comunicazione@upra.org), including Name, Surname, e-mail, phone number and Publication of the journalist requesting accreditation, possibly the names of the accompanying Team;
- **By May 13: Response** on the outcome of accreditation from the University Press Office;
- **May 16; Access to the Athenaeum** and collection of material at the Press Desk (open from 8 am to 11:30 am on May 16) **exclusively to those receiving accreditation**;
- **Participation in activities** reserved for the Media, only for those who are accredited.

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