



PRESS CONFERENCE

"The Role of Women in the Church: Opening Pathways to Dialogue."

The Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, together with other six institutions, present the "Joint Diploma in Women and the Church."

May 5, 2022 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the **Pontifical Urbanian University**

May 2, 2022 - On **May 5 from 3:30 p.m.** at the **Pontifical Urbanian University**, the **Institute for Higher Studies on Women (ISSD)** of our Athenaeum, is organizing the **Press Conference** for the **Presentation** of the **Book "Women and the Church: a laboratory of ideas"** -result of the 2020-2021 Edition of the Joint Diploma- and the **next Edition** of the **Joint Diploma in Women and the Church**, scheduled from June 18 to July 2, 2022.

For the Press Conference, a **round table** will be organized and moderated by the **journalist Lucia Capuzzi** (Foreign Editorial Office *Avvenire*), our **Media Partner**.

The round table will include **two moments**:

- A **first panel** during which **issues** related to the **institutions** and the **current relevance of the topic** will be explored.

Speakers:

- Prof. Sileo, Magnificent Rector Pontifical Urbanian University;
- Fr. José Enrique Oyarzún, Magnificent Rector Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum;

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- Anita Cadavid, Director ISSD;
- Emilce Cuda, Secretary Pontificia Academia Latin America;
- Sandra Mazzolini, Joint Diploma Lecturer.

- A **second panel** during which the **new edition of the Joint Diploma in Women and the Church** will be presented.

Speakers:

- Marta Rodriguez, Joint Diploma Coordinator;
- S. Grazia Loparco, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Joint Diploma;
- Lorella Congiunti, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Joint Diploma;
- Fr. Mario Llanos, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Joint Diploma;
- Fr. Claudio Caruso (streaming), Student of the 2020-'21 Edition of the Joint Diploma.

As stated by **Marta Rodriguez**, ISSD Academic and Research Area Coordinator, *"We look with great hope at this third edition of the **Joint Diploma**, which demonstrates the consolidation of this journey that began four years ago. Together with the partner universities, we wanted to create a **laboratory of ideas and concrete experiences** that would activate **processes** for a more **synodal Church**, where **men and women, priests and laity work together** to respond to the **challenges and questions** of our time. Enhancing the specific contribution of women is a condition and a path to do so."*

The **Joint Diploma in Women and the Church** is a shared initiative between the **Institute of Higher Studies on Women** of the **Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum**, the **Pontifical Urbaniana University**, the **Pontifical Salesian University**, the **Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas**, the **Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium"**, and the **Claretianum Institute of Theology of Consecrated Life**. It also counts with the sponsorship of the **Conference of Rectors of Roman Pontifical Universities and Institutions (CRUIPRO)** and the **Academia de Lideres Catolicos**.

The Course **explores** the specific contribution of **women** in the life and **mission** of the **Church**, in order to activate **processes** of **mutual collaboration** between **women** and **men** in ecclesial environments. This **reflection** is tied to the question about the **lay faithful**, posed especially by the Second Vatican Council and of particular relevance in this synodal journey. Alongside the many examples of **fruitful collaboration** between men and women in the life and mission of the Church,

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there are also **cultural** and other **barriers** that overshadow their **reciprocity** and **effective** cooperation.

ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

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press.vatican.va/accreditamenti

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The **Pontifical Ateneo Regina Apostolorum** (APRA) is an ecclesiastical university institution, canonically erected by the Congregation for Catholic Education and directed by the Religious Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ. It is part of the Network of Universities of the Legion of Christ and the Regnum Christi Movement (RIU).

An international academic community, in full harmony with the Holy Father and the Magisterium of the Church, it is committed to developing a Catholic thought and culture capable of pervading the **Christian spirit in today's society**, allowing for a unique experience aimed at evangelizing culture.

For more than 25 years it has been forming **apostles, Christian leaders - clerics and laity - in the service of the Church and society**. Through integral formation, characterized by interdisciplinary and intercultural areas of research, innovative programs, and the development of transversal skills, it fosters the co-responsibility and human growth of the entire community.

With the different educational programs of the **3 Faculties (Theology, Philosophy and Bioethics) and the 5 Institutes (Higher Institute for Religious Sciences, Faith and Science Institute, Sacerdos, Institute of Bioethics and Human Rights, and Institute for Higher Studies on Women)** it offers a deepening and further specialization in some interdisciplinary areas.

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