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Center for Priestly Formation



Sixth Study Week for Seminary Formation Staff

## «I GIVE YOU A WISE AND DISCERNING HEART»

The Intellectual Dimension of the Formation of Candidates to the Priesthood

ROME, 3-7 FEBRUARY, 2020

In the recent Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis gaudium* on universities and ecclesiastical faculties, Pope Francis says that “today we are not only living in a time of changes but are experiencing a true epochal shift, marked by a wide-ranging ‘anthropological’ and ‘environmental crisis’” (n. 3). Thus the training of candidates to the priesthood requires of the Church today a pedagogy fully open to the integration of different aspects of formation. In the 2016 *Ratio fundamentalis* on priestly formation we read that “John Paul II’s *Pastores Dabo Vobis...* explicitly sets out an integrated vision of the formation of future clerics, taking equal account of all four dimensions that involve the person of the seminarian: human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral” (*Introduction*, n. 1).

Every aspect of formation has an intellectual side to it, and this is essential in knowing God and others, in understanding oneself as well as the practical outworkings of the Church’s mission. It is

difficult to transmit to future generations what has not been consciously lived and assimilated. When the intellectual dimension of formation is fully integrated with the rest, the future priest will have “a wise and discerning heart” (1 Kg 3:12).

The **SIXTH STUDY WEEK** is addressed to formation staff involved in training candidates to the priesthood, especially the “coordinators of intellectual dimension” of formation (*Ratio fundamentalis*, n. 141) and those involved in teaching. The objective is to provide them with the skills necessary to integrate the intellectual dimension of formation with other aspects of formation of candidates to the priesthood.

In addition to the morning discussions led by experts of proven competence, participants will be able to take part in the afternoon workshops which deal with practical issues involved in formation.

The sessions will be held in Italian, with simultaneous translation into English and Spanish will be available.

### PROGRAM

#### Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February Training Evangelizers

- 8.45 Reception of participants
- 9.15 Rector’s greeting and presentation of the Study Week
- 9.45 *La formazione intellettuale al servizio della evangelizzazione / Intellectual formation in the service of evangelization*  
S.Em.R. Card. Beniamino Stella, *Prefect, Congregation for the Clergy*
- 11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.30 *L’integrazione della formazione intellettuale con la vita spirituale del candidato al sacerdozio / Integrating intellectual formation with the spiritual life of the candidate to priesthood*  
Rev. Prof. Paul O’Callaghan, *Director, Center for Priestly Formation*
- 12.45 *Lunch*
- 15.30 *Workshop I*  
*La formazione culturale nei seminari / Cultural formation in seminaries*  
Rev. Prof. Florian Erlenmeyer, *Professor of Fundamental Theology at the Redemptoris Mater seminary in Berlin*

#### Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February Institutional Studies

- 9.00 *Daytime Prayer*
- 9.15 *Gli studi filosofici e la loro integrazione con la tappa discepolare / The study of philosophy and its integration into the discipleship stage*  
Prof. Msgr. Luis Romera, *Professor of Metaphysics, School of Philosophy of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross*
- 10.45 *Coffee break*
- 11.15 *Gli studi teologici e la loro armonizzazione con la configurazione a Cristo Buon Pastore / Harmonizing theological studies with configuration to Christ the good Shepherd*  
Msgr. Philippe Curbelié, *Head of Department, Office for Universities, Congregation for Catholic Education*
- 12.30 *End of Morning Session*
- 15.30 *Workshop II*  
*Aspetti pedagogici della formazione / Pedagogical aspects of priestly formation*  
Prof. Marisa Musaio, *Professor of General and Social Pedagogy, School of Education Sciences, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan*

#### Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February

*Free day*  
*Possibility of partaking in the general audience with the Holy Father in St Peter’s Square*

#### Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February Reaching intellectual maturity?

- 9.00 *Daytime Prayer*
- 9.15 *Percorsi di integrazione tra «sapere» e «sentire» in seminario / Integrating experience and knowledge in the Seminary*  
Rev. Prof. Miguel de Salis, *Assistant Director, Center for Priestly Formation*
- 10.45 *Coffee break*
- 11.15 *Verità e libertà: «La verità vi renderà liberi» (Gv 8, 32) / Truth and Freedom: “Truth will make you free” (Jn 8:32)*  
Mons. Mariano Fazio, *Vice Grand Chancellor, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross*
- 12.30 *End of morning session*
- 15.30 *Workshop III*  
*Lo studio in seminario de la formazione permanente / Study in the seminary and permanent formation*  
Rev. Prof. Vito Reale, *Formator and Librarian, Sedes Sapientiae International Ecclesiastical College*

#### Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February Formation in faith in the Seminary today

- 9.00 *Daytime prayer*
- 9.15 *Comunicare la fede nel secolo XXI / Communicating faith in the XXI century*  
Msgr. Lucio Adrián Ruiz, *Secretary, Dicastery for Communications*
- 10.45 *Coffee break*
- 11.15 *Maestri di cuore saggio e prudente / Educating a wise and discerning heart*  
S.E.R. Mons. Stefano Manetti,  
*Bishop of Mantepulciano-Chiusi-Pienza. Delegate of the Italian Episcopal Conference for Seminaries in Italy*
- 12.30 *Lunch*
- 16.00 *Guided visit to the Vatican Museums*

### INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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The **registration fee** for the Study Week is € 350, € 190 for former students of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.

The fee does not include food or lodging.

Registration for the Study Week requires making a **pre-registration** request through the website of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. This in turn requires applicants to set up an account.

Applicants are requested to specify in the “Notes” box the center of formation they are involved in. Once the application has been accepted it will be possible to register for the course.

Registration should be done by **January 20, 2020**.

At the conclusion of the course a certificate of participation will be sent by e-mail.

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The **Center for Priestly Formation** of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross aims to contribute to the ongoing formation of priests, helping them to deepen the various aspects of their life and mission.

To this end, it organizes interdisciplinary courses, which are especially oriented to priests involved in the formation of candidates to the priesthood. The formation offered is predominantly practical in character.

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