

JUSTICE AND PASTORAL ATTENTION

The School of Canon Law trains jurists to acquire a knowledge of the law of the Church that is both theoretically sound and practically oriented, providing them with a legal training infused with attention to pastoral questions, in order to better discern the concrete requirements of justice in the Church.

IN THE HEART OF ROME

An academic environment:

- **study and academic cooperation** between teachers and students: each student is tutored by a member of Faculty;
- a **university library** well-equipped for Canon Law study;
- catholicity, characterised by closeness to the **See of Peter**;
- openness to the needs of particular Churches across the world, with **students from all continents**.



OPEN TO THE NEEDS OF LOCAL CHURCHES ACROSS THE WORLD

The School contributes to training juridical staff for Local Churches:

- the **Triennial Continuing Education Course** in matrimonial law and canonical procedure, welcomes more than three hundred participants: officials and professionals from ecclesiastical tribunals across the world;
- Several academic series: *Trattati di diritto*, *Testi legislativi* and *Subsidia canonica* are directed towards students and teachers in canon law. These texts assist juridical practice in curial offices, ecclesiastical tribunals and related civil law contexts;
- The *Bibliotecanonica* website gathers documents and scientific contributions on ecclesiastical law, canon law and human rights law.



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FACULTY MEMBERS

The Faculty is composed of

- a **nucleus of twenty permanent faculty members** dedicated to teaching and research;
- **many external teachers** coming from the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia, the Apostolic Tribunals and the Tribunals of the Diocese of Rome;
- **visiting professors** from other universities, offering contributions on specific subjects.

Following a **longstanding tradition of excellence**, Faculty members:

- usually hold **doctorates in Canon Law and in Civil Law**;
- run **research and ongoing training programmes** in their own fields of specialisation;
- take part in study seminars and cooperate with international academic institutions.

DEGREE COURSES

Degree programmes follow the requirements of the *Bologna Accords*, adopting the structure of the *European Higher Education Area* (EHEA) and the *National Qualifications Framework* (NQF):

Licentiate in Canon Law

- For students without prior training in these fields, admission to the Licentiate requires a two-year preparatory programme in Philosophy and Theology.
- The Licentiate in Canon Law is given after **three years** of classes (six semesters) and a comprehensive **final exam**.
- **Fundamental Courses** are given yearly, in order to allow a progressive and complete assimilation of these subjects. The first year of foundational courses serves as the basis upon which are built the second and third years of further study of legal principles and their practical application.

- **Optional Courses** are generally applied as well as practical seminars given by Faculty members, judges from the Roman Rota and other ecclesiastical tribunals, officials from the Roman Curia, and advocates to the Roman Rota. Their goal is to provide practical preparation for future pastoral responsibilities.

Some optional courses offered in recent years:

- Matrimonial Consent
- Jurisprudence of the Roman Rota
- Matrimonial Practice I and II
- Psychiatric Expertise in Cases of Matrimonial Nullity
- Special Matrimonial Procedures
- Penal Procedure
- Causes of the Saints
- Administrative Procedures
- Juridical and Canonical Questions in the Parish
- Human Rights: Foundation, Formulation and Protection
- Statutes of the Associations of the Faithful: Criteria for Composition and Approval
- Procedure and Praxis relating to the Status of the Clergy
- Law and Praxis of the Roman Curia
- Juridical Responsibility of Church Administration and Contentious-administrative Recourse
- Canon Law and State Law: a Comparative Analysis of Legal Systems in the World
- Religious Law in Comparative State Law at the Dawn of the 21st Century
- Questions of Canonical Property Law
- Historical Aspects of Canonical Property Law and Consequences in Ecclesiastical Law
- Natural Law and European Legal Culture
- Canonical Codes of Conduct

Doctorate in Canon Law

- The Doctoral programme is intended for candidates preparing for research work and university teaching. Doctoral students must take part in some courses, and prepare a thesis, under the direction of a member of Faculty.



Faculty members' research is widely destined for publication: in juridical texts published by *Giuffrè*, in collections published by ESC (the University's publishing house), and in the international canon law journal *Ius Ecclesiae*. Texts are also available at the School's annual canon law congress.