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New course of study on consecrated life

The Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life has issued a communiqué in which it states that, given the fundamental importance of continuing formation for consecrated life, it intends to accompany consecrated men and women on their journey by means of an “Interdisciplinary School for Formation in the Ecclesial Magisterium and canon law on consecrated life”.

The Studium, or School of Theology and Law in Consecrated Life, is described as a school of higher formation in Church teaching and in canon law on the forms of consecrated life in the Church. It proposes a two-year course comprising critical, comparative and interdisciplinary reading of the ecclesial Magisterium and canon law on the theme, as an active foundation in the process of identity of an integrated vision of the Church and the vocation to consecrated life. The interdisciplinary focus of the School combines research and practice, at the same time relating the *Traditio* of the Church to the flow of contemporary cultural issues, introducing, with targeted itineraries, the experience of the ecclesiology of communion.

To facilitate learning and the students’ approach to this methodology, the School offers a tutor for each language group (English, French, Spanish and Italian) as a point of reference, and for support and assessment throughout the two years. The Studium, accredited with the universities and the Pontifical academies based in Rome, awards the diploma of “Specialisation in the ecclesial Magisterium and canon law of consecrated life”.

In 2017, a continuing education workshop will also be initiated, in which all students may enrol both students and those who do not attend the Studium.

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