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Faculty of Theology
Specialization in Missiology

Renewal Program for Missionaries

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Many experienced missionaries and pastoral ministers feel the need for theological and missiological updating, so as to be able to respond more effectively to the many challenges and possibilities of mission in today's complex world.

The Renewal Program for Missionaries is a one- semester program in English, offered by the Specialization in Missiology of the Faculty of Theology, in order to respond to this need.

“Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love.”

(Pope Leo XIV)



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ELIGIBILITY

- The program is open to lay persons, members of religious institutes, and priests who possess prior apostolic experience (pastoral or missionary).
- Applicants are expected to demonstrate proficiency in English and must hold at least a bachelor's degree in any discipline.

GOALS

- Deepen theological and missiological understanding
- Experience Rome and the Vatican through visits to historical sites and meetings with people actively involved in mission.
- Integrate past apostolic experiences with fresh learnings
- Grow in an enriching intercultural community with fellow participants from around the world.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

1. Core Foundations of Mission: Discover key perspectives that shape the Church's missionary identity:

- Theology of Mission and of Religions
- Mission Documents of the Church
- Historical Developments in Mission
- Spirituality of Mission

2. Mission in Today's World: Engage with the Church's response to current global and cultural challenges:

- Interreligious Dialogue: Theory and Practice
- Evangelizing Contemporary Cultures
- The Church's Social and Ecological Mission

3. Experiential Seminars: Learn through encounters, reflection, and immersion experiences:

- Seminar 1: Talks on contemporary mission issues — migration, safeguarding, lay people and women in the Church, the digital world, synodality, and more
- Seminar 2: Guided visits to historic sites, Vatican Dicasteries, and Centers of Mission
- Seminar 3: Bi-monthly small-group reflections and dialogue

CERTIFICATE IN MISSIOLOGY

Participants who successfully complete the program requirements will receive a **Certificate in Missiology** equivalent to **30 ECTS** (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System).

To earn the certificate, participants will engage fully in classes, discussions, written work, and evaluations covering the following components:

1. Six courses - 3 ECTS each (total: 18 ECTS)
2. Three Experiential Seminars-- 3 ECTS each (total: 9 ECTS)
3. Final Integration Paper-- 3 ECTS

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Those who decide not to take the final examinations will receive a Certificate of Participation in the program, provided that they attend all courses and seminars included in the curriculum.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

• Documents

After notifying the Program Delegate of your intention to participate in the RPM, the following initial documents (as listed on this page) should be prepared and sent to him at the following email address: andrewg.recepcion@gmail.com.

- Valid passport
- Academic certificates or transcripts of previous studies
- Endorsement or recommendation letter from ecclesiastical authorities or religious superiors (for priests and religious)

• Enrollment

1. Enrollment requirements and procedures are detailed in the Ordo Anni Academici 2025–2026, available online at:

<https://www.unigre.it/en/students/admission/enrollment/>

2. For documentation required for registration, please refer to:

<https://www.unigre.it/en/students/admission/documentation/>

Note: Points 4 and 6 on that page do not apply to this program.

3. For any clarification regarding enrollment, please contact the Program Delegate.

4. **Online Registration Period:**

○ **From: 17 December 2025**

○ **Until: 22 January 2026**

New students must complete the online registration form available on the [University website](#)

Program Fee: € 1.200,00 (classes, visits, lecture notes, and certificate).

“I dream of a ‘missionary option’, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.”

(Pope Francis)

For further information:

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