

## Renewal Program for Missionaries

The varied contexts in which the Church serves today raise numerous challenges to mission. How are the followers of Christ to respond to religious and cultural pluralism, secularism and unbelief, consumer and digital cultures, the ecological crisis, migration, the world of young people, poverty and inequality, fundamentalism and intolerance, among others? How is the Gospel to be brought to people of today and all these "strata of humanity" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 18) in a transformative way?

Those who have been participating in the mission of the Church through various ministries often feel the need for theological and missiological updating, so as to respond more effectively to these challenges.

The Faculty of Missiology seeks to respond to this need through the Renewal Program for Missionaries, a one-semester program in English for experienced missionaries and pastoral ministers seeking updating and renewal.

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Arcabas, *L'issue* (the outcome), polyptych of the Pilgrims of Emmaus (Torre de' Roveri, Bergamo. Italy). With the kind permission of the rights holders.

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Arcabas, *Il leur ouvert les Ecritures* (He opened the Scriptures to them), polyptych of the Pilgrims of Emmaus (Torre de' Roveri, Bergamo. Italy). With the kind permission of the rights holders.

"The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast".

(*Evangelii Gaudium* 24)

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## ELIGIBILITY

- For lay people, religious, or priests who have had some apostolic experience.
- Participants should have a mastery of English, and must hold at least a Bachelor's degree in any discipline.

## GOALS

- To provide theological and missiological updating
- To offer experiences of historical sites and encounters with people engaged in mission in Rome and the Vatican.
- To promote personal integration of past apostolic experience and new learnings
- To facilitate an experience of inter-cultural community among fellow participants

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

### 1. Paradigmatic courses that provide a general understanding of mission:

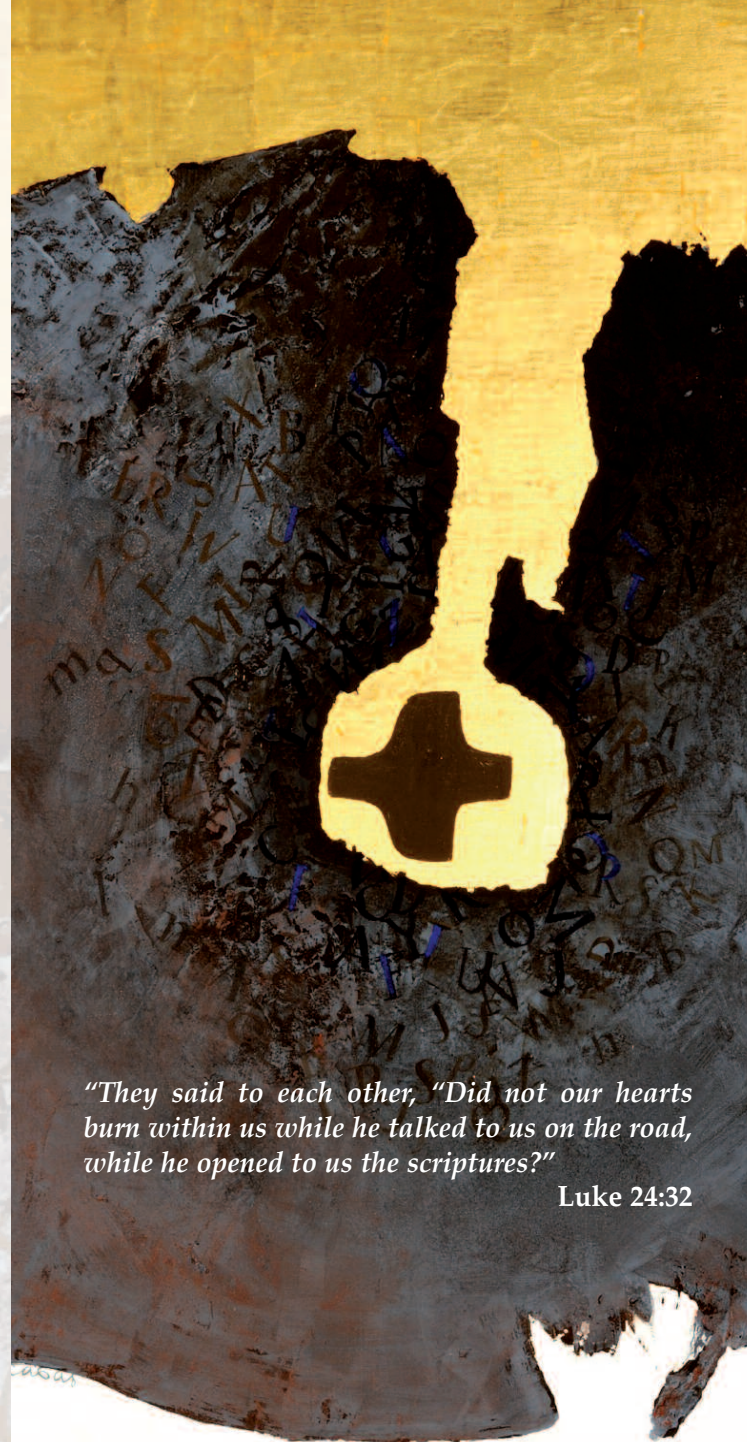
- Theology of Mission and of Religions
- Mission Documents of the Church
- Historical shifts in Mission
- Spirituality of Mission

### 2. Programmatic courses that deal with responses to contextual challenges:

- Theory and practice of inter-religious dialogue
- Evangelization in and of contemporary cultures
- The social and ecological mission of the Church
- Introduction to Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism

### 3. Seminars that involve visits, encounters, dialogue and shared reflection:

- Seminar 1: Series of talks on selected issues related to mission (such as migration; safeguarding; women in the Church; contextual theology; the digital world; etc.)
- Seminar 2: Guided visits to historical sites, Vatican dicasteries, centers of mission
- Seminar 3: Weekly shared reflection in sub-groups



*"They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"*

Luke 24:32

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

A Certificate in Missiology will be granted to those who attain 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). This involves fulfilling the requirements (class attendance and participation, papers, final exams) for the following.

1. Three paradigmatic courses.  
(3 ECTS per course: 9 ECTS total).
2. Three programmatic courses  
(3 ECTS per course: 9 ECTS total).
3. Three seminars (3 ECTS per seminar: 9 ECTS total).
4. Final integration paper (3 ECTS).

## ADMISSION PROCESS

- The requirements for enrollment can be found in the Ordo Anni Academici (2023-24) of the Pontifical Gregorian University or online at: <https://www.unigre.it/en/students/admission/enrollment/>.
- For documents required for registration, see: <https://www.unigre.it/en/students/admission/documentation/>. Points 4 & 6 are not applicable for this program.
- For any clarification regarding matriculation, please contact the Secretary of the Faculty of Missiology: [missio@unigre.it](mailto:missio@unigre.it)
- New students can do online registration from 19 December 2023. Online registration forms are available on the University website (<https://www.unigre.it/en/students/admission/enrollment/>). These completed forms must be submitted, with the authorization of the Moderator, to the office of the General Secretary between 19 December 2023 and 29 January 2024.

## DATES

Classes begin on 19 February 2024 and end on 31 May 2024. Final exams will be held in June 2024.

## PROGRAM FEES

- € 1.130: classes, lecture notes and certificate.