



Pontificio Istituto Teologico

Giovanni Paolo II

Matrimonio e Famiglia

 Sede Centrale

THEOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY



LICENTIATE – DOCTORATE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

THEOLOGY

OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

The Institute has been entrusted with the mission of **practicing theology in dialogue with other sciences** in order to enable local Churches to accompany families more effectively, especially those who suffer, while valuing the resources of their cultures, renewed by the light of the Gospel.

The **Licentiate** (canonical) and **Doctorate** (canonical) programs in **Theology of Marriage and the Family** are designed to provide those who have already obtained a Bachelor's Degree or a Licentiate in Theology with **specialized formation** on the reality of the family, in accordance with the **Magisterium of the Church** and attentive to the questions raised by contemporary society. The goal is to prepare **future leaders in pastoral, missionary, and academic fields**, at the service of local Churches.

Students will acquire **specific competencies for accompanying families** through the various stages of life, including marriage preparation, welcoming and educating children, the transmission of the faith, and the care of vulnerable persons. They will also receive **formation in contextual and interdisciplinary theology**.

The **Social Doctrine of the Family**, the **synodal method**, and **simultaneous attention to both global and local contexts** are the principal characteristics of this program, making it unique in its kind.

The Doctorate is structured as a **Doctoral School**, bringing together doctoral candidates in Theology and the Sciences and fostering an **international research community**.



The Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute
is the only pontifical academic institution entirely
specialized in the field of marriage and family.



LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY - YEAR I

Duration: 2 academic years
Admission Requirement: Bachelor's Degree in Theology (*Baccalaureate*),
at least *cum laude*

FIRST SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
How to Do Family Theology in Light of <i>Summa familiae cura</i> (3 ECTS)	Ph. Bordeyne
The Cultural and Normative Status of Parenthood (6 ECTS)	C. Leal
Family and Church: The Use of Family Metaphors for the Church (3 ECTS)	S. Segoloni
Love for the Poor in Luke–Acts: Fidelity to the Deuteronomic Covenant and Its Reinterpretation in Luke's Writings (3 ECTS)	L. Pedroli - B. Ulloa
Family Pastoral Projects in Light of <i>Amoris laetitia</i> : International Overview, Evaluation, and Implementation (3 ECTS)	A. Diriart - F. Pesce
Family and the Social Teaching of the Church: From Leo XIII to Leo XIV (3 ECTS)	P.D. Guenzi
Studying at the John Paul II Institute: Orientation and Tutoring Seminar (3 ECTS)	G. Cignarale - C. Leal



SECOND SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
Theological Anthropology of Family Relationships (6 ECTS)	F. Pesce
The Theology of the Sacrament of Marriage (3 ECTS)	N. Reali
Work and Family Life in Family Studies (3 ECTS)	V. Rosito
The Second Vatican Council for Today's Churches (3 ECTS)	S. Segoloni et al.
Studying at the John Paul II Institute: Orientation and Tutoring Seminar (3 ECTS)	G. Cignarale - C. Leal

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (3 ECTS) Students must choose 2	PROFESSORS
Poverty, Continental Magisterium, and the Social Doctrine of the Family	S. George - C. Leal
Social History of the Family	A. Giovagnoli
Love and Sexuality in the Magisterium of Pope Francis	Ph. Bordeyne
Family Law and Migration	S. Kampowski - M. Volpe
Intercultural Models of Family Education: Educating Adolescents Today	M. Santerini
Learning and Synodality: Family and Church	R. Prandini - V. Rosito
Family and Marriage in the Ecumenical Dimension	F. Pesce
Marriage Liturgies	H. Bricout

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (4 ECTS) Students must choose 1	PROFESSORS
Psychological, Canonical, and Spiritual Accompaniment in Marriage Nullity Processes: Practical Cases	A. Diriart - O. Grazioli
Family Stories in the Bible: Canonical Reading and Pastoral Insights	A. Pompili
The Impact of John Paul II's Social Thought on Family Theology	J. Merecki J.J. Pérez-Soba
WORKSHOP: Theology and Family Pastoral Ministry: The Challenge of <i>Disability studies</i>	A. Diriart - P.D. Guenzi
WORKSHOP: Children's Rights: Protection and Promotion of Migrant Children and Their Families	C. Fernández - O. Grazioli
WORKSHOP: Conducting Theological and Social Research in the Field of Contextual Theology	S. George - A. Molè



LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY

YEAR II

FIRST SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
Theological Ethics of Life (3 ECTS)	M. Chiodi
Philosophical Anthropology of Kinship Relations (3 ECTS)	S. Kampowski
Canon Law of Marriage (6 ECTS)	O. Grazioli
Family Pastoral Projects in Light of <i>Amoris laetitia</i> : International Overview, Evaluation, and Implementation (3 ECTS)	A. Diriar F. Pesce

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (3 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 2</i>	PROFESSORS
Love for the Poor in Luke–Acts: Fidelity to the Deuteronomic Covenant and Its Reinterpretation in Luke's Writings	L. Pedrolí - B. Ulloa
Families in Poverty: Intersections of Theology and Psychology	P. Santos
Christology in Light of the Care of Wounded Families	L. Paris
The Family at Table: Conviviality, Family Practices, and the Communication of Faith	A. Ciucci - V. Rosito
Love and Justice in Medieval Theology	S. Kampowski J.J. Pérez-Soba
Psychology of Family Dynamics from a Systemic Perspective	C. Fernández
Popular Piety, Faith, and Adolescence: An Interdisciplinary Approach	G. Salmeri
Church, Marriage, and Family Between History and Theology	G. Marengo
The Fathers of the Church Read the Song of Songs: Bernard of Clairvaux	J.- L. Marion
Being a Leader in a Synodal Church: A Workshop on Ecclesial Discernment for Mission	F. Pesce et al.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (4 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
The Legacy of <i>Pacem in Terris</i> for the Social Doctrine of the Family and the Question of Women	S. Segoloni
Nuptiality in Medieval and Contemporary Theological Anthropology	L. Pedrolí J.J. Pérez-Soba
WORKSHOP: Sociology of Pastoral Agents and Forms of Ministry	A. Casavecchia
WORKSHOP: Digital Technology and Family Theology	S. Kampowski
WORKSHOP: Families Together: The World of International Family Associations as a Resource for Pastoral Ministry	G. Gambino M. Rizzoli

SECOND SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
The Contribution of Twentieth-Century Communitarian Personalism to the Social Doctrine of the Family (3 ECTS)	J.J. Pérez-Soba
Nuptiality in Family Spirituality (3 ECTS)	A. Diriar
Love and Sexuality in the Magisterium of Pope Francis (3 ECTS)	Ph. Bordeyne
The Second Vatican Council for Today's Churches (3 ECTS)	S. Segoloni et al.

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*We must look,
with the intellect of love and with wise realism,
at the reality of the family today
in all its complexity,
with its lights and its shadows.*

Summa familiae cura



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DOCTORAL CORE COURSES	PROFESSORS
Seminar on Learning Methodology and Scientific Research (4 ECTS)	P.D. Guenzi - C. Leal F. Pesce - V. Rosito
African Theologies in Context (3 ECTS)	P.D. Guenzi - S. C. Ilo

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (3 ECTS) <i>Students choose 1 during the academic year.</i>	PROFESSORS
Doing Family Theology in Light of <i>Summa familiae cura</i>	Ph. Bordeyne
Love for the Poor in Luke–Acts: Fidelity to the Deuteronomic Covenant and Its Reinterpretation in Luke’s Writings	L. Pedrolí - B. Ulloa
Families in Poverty: Intersections of Theology and Psychology	P. Santos
Christology in Light of Care for Wounded Families	L. Paris
The Family at Table: Conviviality, Family Practices, and the Communication of Faith	A. Ciucci - V. Rosito
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The Fathers of the Church Read the Song of Songs: Bernard of Clairvaux	J.- L. Marion
Being a Leader in a Synodal Church: A Workshop in Ecclesial Discernment for Mission	F. Pesce et al.

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Seminar on Doctoral Research Supervision and Development (4 ECTS)	Ph. Bordeyne - O. Grazio J.J Pérez-Soba
Marriage Liturgies (3 ECTS)	H. Bricout
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The Family is a Primary Social Good

Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, no. 165



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