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Pontificia Facoltà Teologica
Pontificio Istituto di Spiritualità

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Regarding the academic year 2020-2021

Dear Professors and Students,
Dear Colleagues,
Dear Superiors,
Dear Friends,

Along with the other Pontifical Faculties in Rome, the “Teresianum” Pontifical Theological Faculty has been working on the question of how the next academic year might unfold, in the light of the challenge and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. I am therefore pleased to inform you that the Teresianum will run the whole programme for 2020-2021 as established at the Faculty Council meeting last 24th February.

On-site teaching, which is our standard method, (cf. *Ordinationes* to the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis gaudium*, Art. 33.2), will be the norm also in this next academic year, while observing the hygiene and safety policies of the Italian Government. This does not exclude the possibility of online or distance teaching, in the case of students who have to postpone their arrival in Rome on account of current difficulties in travelling or in entering the country. Discernment and flexibility will guide us in this.

Furthermore, during the three month summer period, the language school *Training*, with which we collaborate, will offer an intensive course in Italian, via video-conferencing, for students who are not Italian and who wish to sign up for one of our academic programmes 2020-2021. Our Faculty will require of them a proof of participation in such a course of not less than three months duration, provided by the language school which they attend.

You will receive further information about the organisation of next year’s study in due course.



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Our intention, therefore, is to accompany our students in their academic journey, and in the difficulties which they may encounter. I would like to add that the experience of study in Rome, in particular at our Carmelite Faculty with its two principal fields of study - namely, Spiritual Theology, and Theological Anthropology - is of unquestionable value on ecclesial, intercultural, theological and spiritual levels. This richness is directly linked to the fact that at our Faculty students find a place of dialogue and of communion in a deepening encounter with the truth of the faith.

With this letter, I wish to express my gratitude to each of the members of the academic community for their engagement with the mission of the Faculty in the service of the Church.

We join in prayer for each other and for our world, with trust in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and in the prayer of St Teresa of Jesus.

With every best wish, and in communion,



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