#### **Specific areas**

- Lay and women's ministry
- Priestly and consecrated life vocations
- Preaching and catechesis (including preaching exercises)
- Liturgy and devotion
- Evangelisation, mission and dialogue
- Protection of minors and vulnerable adults
- Formation
- Social justice, social action, and health care
- Church doctrine and modern life



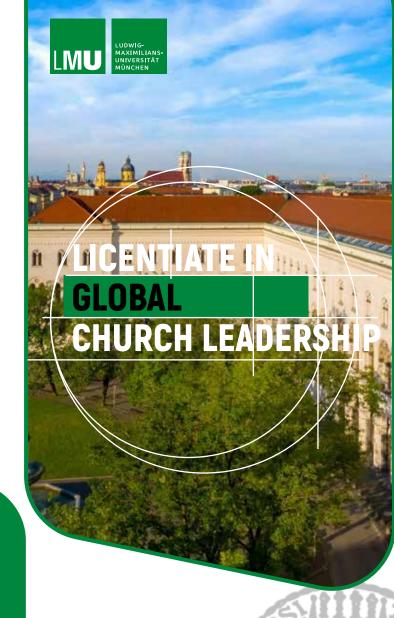
#### **Annual Academy of Global Church Leadership**

- The Annual Academy is an intensive seminar (2-3 days) on a particularly relevant theme.
- It may or may not be linked to a current event in the Church.
- The chosen theme is studied from different perspectives in an interdisciplinary way.
- To obtain a seminar certificate, students must submit a seminar paper.



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# INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP: A THINK TANK FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Nature and specifics of the Licentiate

- Lic. theol. with canonical status.
- Study of global Church life at an advanced level with international experts.
- Professors and experts from different parts of the world teach the courses.
- Cutting-edge international research with insights from canon law, pastoral theology, social sciences, and statistics.
- Digital academic program, with a short period of sponsored residency in Munich, if possible.
- Possibility of extending the licentiate to a doctorate.
- Advanced study at a renowned German university.
- No admission fees.

#### Aim

- ▶ To enable students to become acquainted with issues relevant to Church leadership.
- The provision of up-to-date knowledge and skills for better leadership at all levels of Church life.

#### Structure

- Approximately two years of study, depending on each student's progress and available time.
- ▶ Each year, a special online seminar is offered that focuses on a current issue in the Church, analyzing, discussing, and offering possible solutions.
- German-speaking students have the possibility to attend regular courses at the Faculty of Catholic Theology – LMU.
- Main requirements:
  - A research paper (approximately 100-150 pages).
  - A final examination on subjects chosen from the three specific subject areas.
  - Participation in at least three seminars (online or in person) and the Annual Academy, including a seminar paper.

#### Enrollment procedure and academic qualification

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Completion of a full course of study in Catholic theology.
- A similar certificate program is offered to those who do not hold a degree in theology.

#### Participants:

- Catholic theologians from all over the world (seminarians, clerics, religious, and lay people) interested in pursuing their studies in the "second cycle".
- Individual solutions are available for all interested applicants with non-theological degrees.

#### Language:

- English.
- After consultation with the examiners, the research paper and examinations can also be conducted in another "common language" (German, French, Italian, Spanish, or Portuguese).



## Three subject areas for the final examination, with 8-10 subjects to choose from

#### **Fundamental questions**

- Leadership and Management
- Methodology, tools, and analysis of the Global Church from the perspectives of canon law, pastoral theology, social sciences, etc.
- The Church in a changing world: challenges facing Catholic institutions and plausible ways out
- The mediating role of the Church in social and political crises
- Pastoral approaches and strategies
- Practical introduction to statistical work with church data

### Legislative processes and functioning of ecclesiastical structures

- Canonical requirements
- Financing of the Church
- Persons and institutions (the Vatican, local churches, groupings of local churches, religious orders, instances of participation, etc.).
- Social forms: dioceses, parishes, religious orders, base communities, and networks (prayer groups, associations, etc.).