

THE GLOBAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP PROFESSORSHIP: A THINK TANK FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Jun.-Professorship of Global Church Leadership aims to address issues relevant to the leadership of each local church within its specific context, as well as to the universal Church.

The leadership role of the Church extends beyond rethinking its organic constitution and the various forms of participation. The family is rightly considered the foundation of both secular and ecclesiastical societies and plays a pivotal role in their life and future. As a mother figure, the Church plays a pastoral role in supporting families and offering a Gospel-inspired vision of family life.

In this context, to mark the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (19 March 2026), the 2026 Academy will focus on the Church and family life.

Lectures, discussions, and open panels will be given by experts from Europe, Africa and America (in English).

There are two attendance options: in person at LMU or online, and participants can join individual events.

LOCATION

LMU München, Hauptgebäude,
Senatssaal
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
D-80539 München

DIRECTIONS

U-Bahn: U3 / U6 Universität
By Car: A99 → Kreuz München Nord → A9
München or from the south: A8 → Mittlerer Ring
→ Ungerer Straße → Leopoldstraße

REGISTRATION

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Registration until May 21st.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

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Theme:

The Church and Family Life

*“The Church has always held it part
of her mission to promote marriage
and the family and to defend them
against those who attack them”
Amoris Laetitia 44.*

May 28th – 29th 2026

Munich



Programme

Thursday, 28th May

9.45 Short Welcome and Information

Word from the Dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology

Prof. Dr. Klaus Unterburger

10.00 What did *Amoris Laetitia* change in the Catholic approach to marriage and the family?

Mons. Philippe Bordeyne (Prof. Dr.),
Rector, John Paul II Pontifical
Theological Institute for Marriage
and Family Sciences, Vatican City
State

11.15 Coffee break

11.45 The Role of Family Pastoral Accompaniment in Addressing Contemporary Challenges: An Assessment Ten Years after *Amoris Laetitia*

Prof. Dr. Montserrat Gas Aixendri,
Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

13.00 Break

14.00 Catholic Families' Challenges in Education

Dr. Jean Gabriel Bela,
Pontifical University Gregoriana, Rome

15.15 Coffee break

15.45 The Protection of Minors in Canonical Marriage Law: Canonical Regulations and Pastoral Responsibility

Prof. Dr. Sabine Konrad,
University of Innsbruck

Friday, 29th May

10.00 Pastoral care for couples in 'irregular unions'. The context of Hungary

Prof. Dr. Lóránd Ujházi,
Ludovika University of Public Service,
Budapest

11.15 Coffee break

11.45 Polygamy: a regular irregularity in some societies. The context of Africa

Dr. Damien Noma Eloundou,
University of Yaoundé I

13.00 Break

14.30 Canonical Marriage and the Antinomies of Contemporary Commitment. Capacity, Consent, and the Formation of Young Christian Couples

Prof. Dr. Michael Nobel,
Saint Paul University, Ottawa

15.45 Panel discussion: keynote speakers and participants engagement

17.00 Closing remarks

Prof. Dr. Jean Olivier Nke Ongono,
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