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INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP



Licentiate

An ideal academic offer for effective leadership of the Church *ad intra* and *ad extra*

Interdisciplinarity

Aligned with its mission to serve as a think tank for the 'leadership' of the Catholic Church in today's context, both *ad intra* and *ad extra*, the Institute of Global Church Leadership at LMU, within the Faculty of Catholic Theology, adopts an interdisciplinary approach. This approach is rooted in church law and draws from pastoral theology, liturgy, education, fundamental theology, Christian social ethics, and other social and cultural sciences. The Licentiate demonstrates genuine collaboration between theological and non-theological disciplines and perspectives.

This interdisciplinary approach joins two sides:

- The sense of the given structure and identity of the Catholic Church and its range of possible innovations (canon law and ecclesiology);
- The precise description of the Church's challenges in an ever-changing world (practical theology, social sciences).

Aims and Duration of the Licentiate

The Licentiate in Global Church Leadership focuses on questions relevant to ecclesiastical leadership, strategy, administration, management, and other specific issues important in the life of the universal Church, particular Churches, groupings of particular Churches, and religious orders. The programme has two aims: to familiarise students with relevant issues and to convey up-to-date knowledge and skills for better leadership at all levels of Church life.

This digital academic programme, which includes a short period of sponsored residency in Munich if possible, is expected to take approximately two years to complete, depending on each student's progress and available time. The programme is designed to balance work and study for candidates who are fully engaged in active life. The same flexibility applies to the start of the Licentiate programme. The requirements for completing the Licentiate programme are set out in the flyer.

Also, as students and professors are located in different countries and continents, it is impossible or at least difficult for everyone to attend lectures simultaneously due to time differences between various regions of the world. To this end, all lectures will be made available on the Institute of Global Church Leadership's YouTube channel with the necessary access codes. This also allows for flexibility in the programme to meet individual needs and schedules, although dedication is required to complete it successfully and on time.

Enrolment procedures

To enrol in the Licentiate programme or any subsequent Doctorate programme, please contact the Director of the Institute of Global Church Leadership.

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