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Establishing personal contacts fosters the “culture of encounter”, which is so necessary for ecumenism. The unique ecumenical context of Rome offers opportunities for fruitful contacts with both Catholic institutions as well as with other Christian traditions. Once a month the Institute organises guided visits to different churches and ecumenical centres of the Eternal City.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGES AND COLLABORATION

The Institute for Ecumenical Studies is part of an international network of ecumenical institutions from different Churches promoting joint academic research and exchanges, as well as conferences and events.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ECUMENICAL STUDIES

of the *Angelicum* is a specialised institute of the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Inaugurated in 2019 by Cardinal Kurt Koch, it is under the patronage of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.



TWO PURPOSES

- **Teaching:** The Institute offers a university education in ecumenism, providing academic qualifications for clergy, religious and laity preparing to become teachers of ecumenism and ecumenical officers, or requiring ongoing ecumenical formation.
- **Research:** The Institute also promotes theological research in ecumenism through the organization of research seminars and public conferences.

TWO ASSETS

- **A recognized tradition:** The Institute builds upon the legacy of a long tradition of ecumenical studies within the Dominican Order. The Angelicum was attended by pioneers of Christian unity such as Cardinal Jan Willebrands, Yves Congar and Jean-Marie Tillard. Unique in Rome, an Ecumenical Section has existed since 1983 within the Faculty of Theology. The “Tillard Chair” in Ecumenical Studies was founded in 2003.
- **An exceptional context:** The unique ecumenical context of Rome gives the Institute the opportunity of fruitful contacts both with Catholic ecumenical institutions as well as with other Christian traditions.

LICENTIATE AND DOCTORATE IN THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALIZATION IN ECUMENICAL STUDIES

Coordinated by the Institute for Ecumenical Studies, the programme of the Ecumenical Section of the Faculty of Theology offers courses and seminars for:

- **Licentiate in Theology** (2 years) with specialization in Ecumenical Studies.
- **Doctorate in Theology** (3 years) with specialization in Ecumenical Studies.

The program is based on the principles of the Decree *Unitatis redintegratio* of the Second Vatican Council and the Ecumenical Directory of the Catholic Church. It concentrates primarily on ecumenism (ecumenical methodology, Catholic principles, history of the divisions and of the ecumenical movement, main Christian traditions, theological dialogues, spiritual and pastoral ecumenism...), however attention is also given to interreligious studies, especially Judaism and Islam.

UT UNUM SINT DIPLOMA

Launched in 2019, the “Ut Unum Sint” Course provides an ongoing formation in ecumenism. Taught in Italian, the Course is especially addressed to diocesan ecumenical officers. Led by teachers from various Churches, it offers a high-level study program (sixteen thematic modules over two years, one Friday-Saturday per month), at the end of which the successful candidates will receive the “Ut Unum Sint” Diploma in Ecumenical Studies.

TILLARD CHAIR

The “Tillard Chair” in Ecumenical Studies was inaugurated in 2003 at the Angelicum by Cardinal Walter Kasper in honor of the renowned Dominican theologian Jean-Marie Tillard. The Chair offers a monthly public lecture (from October to May: 8 conferences per year) presented by a leader of the ecumenical movement. The lecture is free and usually given on the third Friday of the month.