

"SAINT JOHN DE MATHA" CHAIR ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
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~English Description~ ([ITALIANO](#))

- The St. John de Matha Chair on Religious Freedom was established in Rome, at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (*Angelicum*). The institutions promoting the Chair are: the **Faculty of Theology & the Mater Ecclesiae Institute of Advanced Religious Studies** of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (PUST) and the **Trinitarian International Solidarity** (SIT), an organisation of the **Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives (Trinitarian Order)** based in their General Curia in Rome.

- Purpose of the Chair:

- Theological study of issues related to Religious Freedom.
- Knowledge of the historical development of the topic of religious freedom.
- Manage information and statistics on religious persecution.
- Train experts in the topic of religious freedom.
- Publish studies and surveys on this topic.

- Chair Activities:

- Reading the main documents of the Church's Magisterium on religious freedom.
- Conferences and Congresses on religious freedom and the consequences of its absence.
- Studies and analysis of religious freedom in different parts of the world.
- Meetings and seminars with people engaged in this field.
- Organizing prayer times and cultural events in favor of religious freedom.

- Governance of the Chair

The Chair's Council includes:

- Rector - Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas
- The Minister General of the Order of the Holy Trinity.
- The Pro-Tempore Dean of the PUST's Faculty of Theology.
- The Pro-Tempore Dean of the PUST's Mater Ecclesiae Institute.
- The Director of the Chair who is the President pro-tempore of the Trinitarian International Solidarity.

The first course (ITALIAN) February - May 2021, (online and in-person instruction) focuses on: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, ISSUES CHALLENGES & PERSPECTIVES. Classes will be taught on Thursdays, 14:30 - 16:15.

The inaugural lecture, February 18, 2021, will be given by Prof. Andrea Riccardi.

Lecture Themes: Religious Liberty in the Old and New Testaments, Religious Freedom in the History of the Church, Magisterial and Political Aspects, Religious Freedom in the Trinitarian Order, Testimonies and Experiences.

Cost of Participation: (all lectures will be in Italian)

Auditor (participation only in the lectures : € 125.00

Guest (participation in the lectures + certificate of attendance): € 320.00

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