



ISTITUTO DI STUDI SUPERIORI SULLA DONNA

JOINT DIPLOMA IN WOMEN AND CHURCH

VI EDITION

“Women and Men
in a Synodal Community”

In collaboration with



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PRESENTATION

The Joint Diploma in "Women and the Church" is an academic program promoted by several Pontifical institutions to enhance the role of women in the mission of the Church, fostering collaboration and synodality, overcoming cultural barriers, and promoting the contribution of women in decision-making processes within the Church and beyond.

AUDIENCE

The course is aimed at priests, religious men and women, and laypeople (men and women) involved in ecclesial settings at curial, diocesan, academic levels, or in formative roles in various forms of consecrated or associative life.

PROGRAM

The course is structured around three dynamics:

Listening to understand the challenges of the female condition in the Church.

Discerning to identify their causes and guide action.

Acting to promote the conversion and renewal of the Church, inspired by the Second Vatican Council. The program is divided into three thematic modules: **Socio-Historical**, **Anthropological** and **Ecclesiological**.

STRUCTURE

Mode: Online

Methodology: Handouts and video lectures, interactive lessons, practical exercises and workshops, discussion moments, roundtables, and a final exam.

Coordinator: Anita Cadavid

Thanks to the inclusion of numerous Pontifical Universities, advanced teaching materials, and international professors and experts, students can deepen and assimilate the value of collaboration between men and women, both fundamental to the development of societies and the mission of the Church. Additionally, they receive applicable and transferable knowledge for their projects and daily apostolate, both in work and in teaching.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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DATES: November, 6th 2025 - April, 16th 2026



TIMETABLE: Synchronous lesson times: every Thursday, from 18:00 to 20:00 (Rome timetable). All materials will be recorded, so that they can be retrieved asynchronously.



CREDITS: 10 ECTS



COST: 500 euro (450 euro for the students enrolled in Universities participating in the Joint Diploma)

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