

**STATUTE**  
for Religious Priests and/or Brothers  
hosted at the General Curia  
for Study Purposes



Rome – 2025

## **Chapter 1 Preamble**

- 1 This *Statute* finds its foundation and inspiration in the following documents and decisions:
  - a) no. 17 of the *Programmatic Document of the 80th General Chapter*, which encourages “*the religious to take care of personal updating in the different areas of interest of the Order: courses for formators, spirituality, Theology, pastoral work, Philosophy, psychology, economics, etc. (including online courses)*”;
  - b) the meeting of the Board of Directors of the International College Fra Luigi Chmel on September 24, 2024, in which the possibility of hosting Religious Priests and/or Brothers at the General Curia for study purposes was raised;
  - c) the meeting of September 25, 2024 between the Prior General and the Priors Provincial, with the participation of the General Definitors, in which the decision was made to draft a specific *Statute* for Religious Students.
- 2 This *Statute* was approved in the Extraordinary General Definitory (Prot. Reg. V; fol. 254/04; June 4-5, 2025), after taking into account suggestions and observations from the Priors Provincial and their Councils; any future amendments to the *Statute* must be submitted for approval to the General Definitory.

## **Chapter 2 Objective**

- 3 This *Statute* aims to regulate the reception of Religious Priests and/or Brothers of the Order, sent by their respective Provinces, in order to continue their studies and deepen their academic formation.

## **Chapter 3 Admission Procedure for Religious**

- 4 The following procedure must be carefully followed:
  - a) The starting point is always the personal initiative of the Religious, who, wishing to undertake studies in Rome, must submit a formal written request to his Prior Provincial.
  - b) The Prior Provincial, with the previous opinion of his Council, may forward the Religious’ request to the Prior General along with a personal letter of recommendation, indicating the academic path already taken and what the Religious intends to study in Rome.
  - c) The Prior General will request the opinion of the Definitory for possible approval.

## Chapter 4 Stay at the House

- 5 The Religious hosted at the Madonna di Consolazione House, the seat of the General Curia, for study purposes, retains active and passive voice in his Province of origin and remains a member of a House of the same Province.
- 6 The direct person responsible for Religious students is the General Director for Studies and Formation.

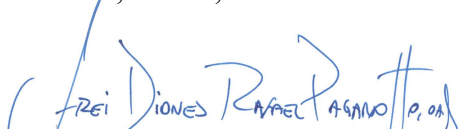
## Chapter 5 Obligations of Religious Students

- 7 The Religious Student commits to fully accept and respect this *Statute*, actively contributing to the smooth functioning of the community life of the Madonna di Consolazione House.
- 8 The Religious must harmonize his academic commitments with the House's schedule and the demands of community life.
- 9 At the beginning of each academic semester, the Religious must present to the General Director for Studies and Formation his studies plan, including both regular and extraordinary academic commitments.
- 10 At the end of each academic semester, the Religious must draft and present a written report to the Prior General and his own Prior Provincial regarding the progress of his studies and his integration into community life.
- 11 At the end of each academic year, the Prior General, with the opinion of the General Definitory, will evaluate community life and academic progress, reserving the right to confirm or revoke the Religious' stay for the following year.

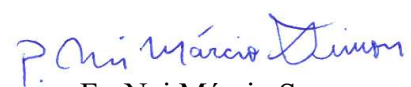
## Chapter 6 Financial Aspects

- 12 The Province is responsible for contributing to the upkeep of each of its Religious hosted at the Madonna di Consolazione House, according to the following criteria:
  - a) by paying a monthly collaboration established in the "Table of Extraordinary Administration" as a contribution to household expenses;
  - b) by reimbursing any extraordinary expenses, as well as those related to academic, health, and travel costs.

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