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CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline: December 20, 2021

Pastoral Practices, Life Experience, and Moral Theology: *Amoris Laetitia* Between New Opportunities and New Paths.

International Conference of Moral Theology

Rome, 11-14 May 2022

The target of the conference is to celebrate the five-year anniversary of *Amoris Laetitia* (AL), in response to the invitation of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. Believing that this papal teaching has continuing significance both for the theology of marriage and the family and for moral theology in general, the conference aims to explore the critical issues, the provocations, and the ideas that emerged from the Apostolic Exhortation, seeking to understand them in greater depth and to further explore applications towards articulating an evolving theological-moral reflection on, and its pastoral implications.

Structure of the conference:

Three main presentations each day, with a Discussant after each Presentation.

Every afternoon an hour Call for papers in parallel sessions with 2-3 papers: each single presentation should not exceed 15-20 minutes. The session must provide enough space for a discussion. The sessions will be moderated by a member designated from the board of the conference.

The conference languages will be English, French, Italian and Spanish. **Simultaneous translation is not provided in parallel sessions.**

Email your paper to: convegnoal-tm@unigre.it by December 20, 2021

Paper proposals should contain no more than 2000 signs (excluding bibliography), and clearly present a question or argument related to the selected thematic area.

After the scientific committee has examined the proposals received, the individual proposers will be notified of the outcome of the admission of their paper.

At the end of the conference, the scientific committee reserves the right to choose some papers that will be included in the final publication of the conference.



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Themes for Papers:

The function of the call for papers is to provide a space for in-depth discussion of the topics of the conference. For this reason, the areas of proposal for the parallel sessions are the same as for the single days of the conference. We invite papers in the following areas with reference to the wider articulations:

A – Epochal changes, Church, and society

- ✓ social context and family change
- ✓ crisis of the family (couple and children)
- ✓ new forms of family aggregations, cohabitation and affective relationships
- ✓ influence of socio-economic conditions on the family
- ✓ ethical relevance of family policies

B – The Church, the sacrament of marriage, pastoral challenges

- ✓ lived faith, sacramentality, and the mission of the church
- ✓ relational understanding of the sacrament of marriage
- ✓ *sensus fidelium*, vocation to holiness and awareness of frailties
- ✓ pastoral accompaniment and discernment of family situations
- ✓ pastoral practice at different levels (parish, diocesan, national) inspired by chap. VIII of AL

C – Marriage and the family as *kairós* for moral theology

- ✓ the experiential turn in moral theology
- ✓ conscience and law – juridical sphere and ethical sphere
- ✓ nature and culture in understanding personal identity and relational dimension
- ✓ the value and limits of ethical ideals
- ✓ the relationship between moral theology, pastoral theology and canon law

You are welcome to add a theme that might not be expressed in this list

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