



Faculty of Theology

1. FACULTY AUTHORITIES

**Archbishop Dr. Stanisław GADECKI,
Metropolitan of Poznań
Grand Chancellor**

Pursuant to the Law on Higher Education relevant Church authorities supervise faculties of theology at state colleges and universities with regard to the teaching of Catholic theology. The Faculty of Theology at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań supervised by the current Archbishop of Poznań who acts in his capacity as the Grand Chancellor of the Faculty. The Grand Chancellor represents the Apostolic See at the Faculty and the Faculty at the Apostolic See, particularly seeing to it that the programme of Catholic theology taught at the Faculty confirms to the requirements of the Apostolic See. Furthermore, the Grand Chancellor confers canonical mission, i.e. the right to teach in the name of the Catholic Church, on persons who teach Catholic theology courses.

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2. HISTORY

The Papal Faculty of Theology in Poznań was founded on 2 June 1974 by the Decree of the Congregation for Catholic Education *Posnaniensis urbs*. Due to the political situation in Poland at that time, it was impossible to found a faculty of theology at a state-owned university.

In a document dated 26 June 1998 (N 124/98) the Congregation of Catholic Education gave its formal consent to the establishment of the Faculty of Theology at Adam Mickiewicz University. It also declared that the activity of the existing Papal Faculty of Theology in Poznań as well as the rights, privileges and honours enjoyed by theological faculties founded by the Apostolic See and the patronage of St. Adalbert (but not the title "Papal") were to be transferred onto the Faculty of Theology of Adam Mickiewicz University.

On 29 June 1998 the Senate of Adam Mickiewicz University decided to found the Faculty of Theology. The Concordat between the Apostolic See and the Republic of Poland, in force since 25 April 1998, in Article 15(2) provides that "*The legal status (...) of faculties of Catholic theology at state universities is regulated by agreements between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Conference of the Episcopate of Poland authorized by the Apostolic See*". Such an agreement

was signed on 30 November 1998 by the Chair of the Conference of the Episcopate of Poland and the Archbishop of Poznań representing the Apostolic See and the Minister of National Education with the participation of the Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań representing the Government of the Republic of Poland.

3. DEPARTMENTS AND CENTRES

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4. COURSE STRUCTURE

The Faculty of Theology offers three types of full-time M.A. programmes: Catholic Priesthood (six years), Catechetical and Pastoral major (two courses: five or six years), and Social Dialogue (five years). The following programmes: Priesthood, the five-year Catechetical and Pastoral major, and Social Dialogue are taught on weekdays from Monday to Friday whereas the five-year Catechetical and Pastoral course is taught on Friday afternoons and Saturdays.

Full-time M.A. theology programmes in three majors:

- Catholic priesthood (6-year course)
- Catechetical-pastoral major (5-year course)

Part-time M.A. programme in the catechetical-pastoral major.

Full-time doctoral studies (4-year course)

Postgraduate studies:

- Postgraduate Studies in Theology (4-year course) (ad licentiam and ad Lauream)
- Postgraduate Family Studies (2-year course)
- Postgraduate Studies in Ethics
- Postgraduate Studies for Teachers of Ethics

Dialogue and Social Mediation

The Faculty offers full time BA program of specialization in "Dialogue and Social Mediation". This new specialization is effect of former researches of the Faculty connected with Christian philosophy and theology, sociology and family studies and pastoral psychology. It is realized in two directions:

- Social mediation and activation of human potential (3 years course)
- Family studies (3 years course)

5. PUBLICATIONS:

The Faculty publishes the following books and journals:

a) Publishing series

"Catechesis. Family, Parish and School", "The Church in Hispanic America", "Colloquia Disputationes", "Dogmatic Theology", "Education. Theology and the Dialogue", "The Law and the Church", "Library of Christian Philosophy", "Maneat Quaestio", "Patristic Theology", "Studia Theologiae Fundamentalis", "Studies and Texts".

b) Journals:

"Annales Missiologici Posnanienses", "Christian Philosophy", "Ecclesia. Studies in the History of Wielkopolska", "Poznan Theological Studies", "Practical Theology", "Theology and Morality"

6. RESEARCH:

Department of Biblical Studies:

Research:

Religion Israel's biblical period and early Judaism; hermeneutics and interpretations of the Old Testament; researches on the text of the Book of Jeremiah in the context of the problem of idolatry; studies on 1 Maccabees; researches on the temple in Jerusalem; Biblical Mariology; Studies on the message of thinking about the Kingdom of God; research on the synoptic and Johannine tradition, the Kashubian Bible translation studies; reinterpretation of the Letter to the Hebrews; editorial work of "Polish Biblical Bibliography"..

Department of Christian Philosophy

Research:

Ethics, philosophy, mysticism, philosophical anthropology, personalism, contemporary philosophical thought

Department of Patristic Theology and History of the Church

Research:

Marriage and family in ancient non-Christian literature and writings of the Fathers of the Church; the philosophy of early Christian authors; exegesis of Scripture in patristic perspective; teaching of the Church Fathers on the Holy Spirit; social doctrine of the Western Fathers of the Church; Jesus Christ and His mission in the homilies of the Church Fathers; the pastoral ministry of the priest according to the Fathers of the Church;

History of the Church in the eighteenth century; History of the Catholic missions; History of papal diplomacy; The clergy of the diocese of Poznan in the eighteenth century; History of the Order of Discalced Carmelites in Poland; Christian communities in Central and Eastern Europe in the years 1940-1990

Department of Catechetical Education and Christian Pedagogy

Research:

Fundamental catechetics; catechetical teaching; selected aspects of catechetics; place and role of religious education in the reformed educational scholar system; elaboration of the religious education programs and preparation of manuals; history of catechesis; elaboration of foundations of pedagogy inspired by Christian thought opened to dialogue with contemporary thought; analysis of the Christian educational systems; researches on religiosity of the adults, teenagers and children; psychology of religion.

Department of Moral Theology, Spirituality and Catholic Social Teaching

Research:

Bioethics; moral aspects of personal and social life; morality and spirituality of marriage and familiar life, dynamics of the Christian spiritual life, spirituality of Christian associations; spirituality of Saints; Christian mysticism, methodology of Catholic social teaching; sociology of religion; ethics of economy; the social teaching of John Paul II.

Department of Liturgy and Homiletics

Research:

The Word of God in the liturgy, the Eucharist and the other sacraments, sacramentals, the Easter Triduum, selected aspects of the liturgical year, the symbolism of the liturgical texts, theater and the word of God, theories of the media's effects and preaching; telecommunications and salvific mediation of the Church; history of the transmission of Mass celebrations; history of activities of the Catholic Press Agency, elements of the sacred music and the liturgical chant.

Department of Pastoral Theology and Canon Law

Research:

Pastoral theology:

Methodology of practical theology with emphasis on interdisciplinary research, theological foundations of pastoral activity of the Church in Poland basis from pastoral perspective, researches on pastoral care in universities, pastoral care of families; preparation for the sacrament of marriage; theology of the laity and apostolate, religious school education and the pastoral care of children and young people, studies on musical manuscripts from the period of Jesuit's missions in Bolivia; researches on Renaissance and Baroque music performed in cathedrals and churches of America. Canon Law:

General norms, Canon law marriage substantive and procedural, canonical norms concerning the sacraments, religious law and religious concordat, administrative law; process of canonization according to canon law.

Department of Dogmatic, Fundamental and Ecumenical Theology

Research:

Dogmatic theology:

Contemporary theological reflection on Jesus of Nazareth; function of language in the speaking on God, theological anthropology and eschatology.

Fundamental and ecumenical theology:

Rationality of faith, Catholic-Orthodox dialogue, Eastern interpretations of the mystery of the Church, the Orthodox anthropology

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