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1. FACULTY AUTHORITIES:

Archbishop Dr. Stanisław GADECKI,
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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 is 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 conforms 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:

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.

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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 (so-called PP group), whereas the six-year Catechetical and Pastoral course is taught on Friday afternoons and Saturdays (so-called PS group).
Full-time M.A. theology programmes in three majors:
• Catholic priesthood (6-year course)
• Catechetical-pastoral major (5-year course)
• Social dialogue (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 Pedagogical Studies for Theologians (3-term course)
• Postgraduate Studies in Basic Concepts of Christianity (1-year course)
• Postgraduate Studies in Ethics
• Postgraduate Studies for Teachers of Ethics in Poznań

5. PUBLICATIONS:
The Faculty publishing series, journals and lots of other books and documents.

6. RESEARCH:
Department of Old and New Testament Exegesis Research:
• The Septuagint – the Polish text of the New Testament
• Ecumenical interpretation of the Bible
• Slavic translations of the Bible
• The Hebrew Bible in the context of the literature of the ancient Near East. Selected issues

Department of Christian Philosophy Research:
• Transcendence of the human person – man’s spiritual and material dimension
• The dignity of the human person
• The role of evangelical values in the self-realization of the human person
• Testimony as a philosophical category

Department of Church History Research:
• History of the Poznań Archdiocese
• The pastoral care of Polish emigrants

Department of Catechetic Education Research:
• Organization of the scientific-research base for the religious education teacher
• The sources and contents of catechesis
• Conditions of effective catechetical proclamation
• The didactic shape of catechetical proclamation
• Personality and qualifications of the religious education teacher and catechist
• Textbooks and other catechetical aids

Department of Catholic Social Teaching Research:
• Polish Catholicism at the turn of centuries
• The Europe of the spirit – the Pope’s vision of a united Europe
• The phenomenon of exclusion in Polish society in comparison with countries of Central-Eastern Europe

Department of Liturgics and Homiletics Research:
• Perception of the postconciliar liturgical reform in Poland
• Studies of medieval liturgical sources – the 12th century manuscript Graduals from Paradyż
• Editorial processes of postconciliar liturgical books

Department of Christian Pedagogy and Dialogue Research:
• Mercy: assistance in pastoral care and counselling
• A pedagogy inspired by „the imagination of Mercy”
• Transformations of personality in the process of religious conversion
• A textbook of pedagogy inspired by the category of mercy

Department of Canon Law Research:
• Material and procedural aspects of canon law regulations
• Personality disorders and invalidity of matrimonial consent

Department of Biblical Theology Research:
• The impact of the Book of Wisdom on the New Testament
• The image of God in biblical wisdom literature

Department of Dogmatic Theology Research:
• Gender
• The ecclesiology of the encyclical letter Spe Salvi of Benedict XVI
• Priesthood and the laity in the Church
• Around the Petrine ministry
• Baptism as a sacrament of the Holy Spirit according to the Greek Fathers of the Church and contemporary sacramentology
• The staurolitical revelation of God; a comparative analysis of the teaching of John Paul II
• The incarnational dimension of culture. A theological study based on the documents of Paul VI and John Paul II
• The mysteries of the life of Jesus Christ – the Trinitarian aspect
• The eschatic versus temporal aspect of faith according to Card. J. Ratzinger in the perspective of liberation theology
• Theological foundations of the Catholic Action
• Faith in the teaching of J. Ratzinger

Department of Fundamental and Ecumenical Theology Research:
• Relation “I - Community” as a place of cognition of the truth about man, the world and transcendence
• Extra-ecclesial experience as a theological place and its significance for the self-consciousness of the Church understood as a community, in the light of the life and thought of Simone Weil
• Interdisciplinary verification and reconstruction of the paradigms of fundamental theology in the perspective of the relation I – COMMUNITY
• Toward a new foundation of theological anthropology
• The rhetorical structure of the Torah and the theology of Judaism
• The problem of credibility of the Revelation according to Salvador Pie y Ninot; a project of fundamental theology
• Relations between religion and politics in the Czech Republic
• The rationality of God and creation

Department of Moral Theology and Spirituality Research:
• Directions of the development of missionary spirituality in the 19th and 20th centuries
• Human life in the prenatal phase in the documents of the Council of Europe
• Gender issues

Department of Pastoral Theology Research:
• Methodology of practical theology with the consideration of interdisciplinary research
• Practical theology

Department of Patristic Theology Research:
• Julius the African, Instituta regularia divinae legis
• Exegesis of the Church Fathers
• Theological issues in the pastoral teaching of St. John Chrysostom
• The reality of the Holy Spirit reflected in the history of the dogmas and theology
• Marriage and the family in the teaching of St. Augustine
• Idolatry as a pastoral problem in the Church of the 6th and 7th centuries in the light of patristic accounts and synodal recommendations
• Eschatology of the Church Fathers