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Russell Berrie Fellowship in Interreligious Studies at the Angelicum

We would like to inform you about an important academic opportunity in the area of interreligious studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome.

The Russell Berrie Fellowship in Interreligious Studies is a one-year academic fellowship for students pursuing a Licence Degree in Theology, with a specialization in Ecumenism and Dialogue; or a Diploma in Interreligious Studies. The Berrie Fellowship is directed at clergy, religious, and members of the laity. Now entering its twelfth year, the goal of the Berrie Fellowship Program is to build bridges among Christian, Jewish, and other religious traditions by providing the next generation of religious leaders with a comprehensive understanding of, and dedication to, interfaith issues. We hope that you will consider sending your most qualified clergy and lay leaders.

The Berrie Fellowship offers an opportunity to immerse in the study of ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. Russell Berrie Fellows complete a curriculum, approved annually by the Dean of Theology. The curriculum includes courses in Christian anthropology, introductory courses to Judaism and other major world religions, as well as an introduction to principles of ecumenical dialogue and principles of interreligious dialogue. Additionally, the Russell Berrie Fellows are required to participate in academic workshops outside of their formal coursework and an academic seminar in Israel, which is conducted in cooperation with the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Recognizing the importance of receiving a dedicated education in interreligious dialogue, the Berrie Fellowship offers clergy, religious and lay members a special route to enter the STL program in the Faculty of Theology, providing funding for the first year of their studies. This unique opportunity means that their sponsoring organization (diocese, religious community, etc.) needs only to cover the cost of their second year of studies.

Please see the attached brochure for further details of the Fellowship program, including how to apply. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the program administrators at berrie@iie.eu or by visiting iie.eu/berrie. The application deadline is April 25, 2022.

We are also pleased to share with you the 2021-2022 Russell Berrie Fellowship winners, who constitute a highly qualified and diverse group of scholars. The ten fellows come from eight different countries and represent a wide range of interests within interreligious studies. Their educational background, besides theology and religious studies, includes law and economy. For the names and profiles of the fellows, please see the attached biographical briefs.

We hope you will find this opportunity worthy of your attention and recommendation. We all look forward to receiving many outstanding applications.

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