

THE FACULTY OF BIBLICAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

The Biblical and Archeological Sciences is a Pontifical faculty that offers courses leading to both the licentiate (S.T.L.) and the doctoral (S.T.D.) degrees in Biblical Studies and Archaeology. The program of studies leading to the licentiate includes two semesters of introductory studies and five regular semesters. The program of studies leading to the doctoral degree requires four additional semesters and the writing of a dissertation.

Other programs of studies lead to diplomas in Oriental Biblical Studies and Archaeology and in Biblical Formation. Each involves two semesters of studies. Also offered is a program of continuing education for those who serve as guides to pilgrims. The Faculty offers the student the unique opportunity for a direct, personal, and extended study of the Bible in its cultural context.

The Faculty offers courses in biblical and oriental languages, methodology, history and geography, archaeology, as well as a range of courses in exegesis and biblical theology. Integral to the program of studies are field trips to historical and archaeological sites in Israel, Sinai, Jordan, Egypt and other biblical lands. The usual language of instruction for the courses is Italian, but for written essays and dissertations other languages are accepted. At the time of registration students are expected to show a sufficient knowledge of Italian to be verified by a specific certificate or by an oral conversation.

The Faculty is open to all -men and women, clerical and lay- with adequate preparation to begin the academic study of the Bible on the graduate level. Students fall into three categories: *ordinary*, students in a program leading to an academic degree or a diploma; *extraordinary*, students taking courses for credit without being enrolled in a degree or diploma program; auditors, students who take courses but not for academic credit. It is also possible for students to participate in the excavation projects of the Faculty.

The Faculty's tuition and fees are relatively modest. Accommodations at the Monastery of the Flagellation are available to "ordinary students" who are Roman Catholic priests by arrangement with the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.