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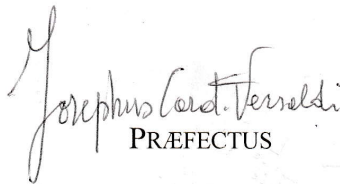
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## PREAMBLE

The *Paurastya Vidyāpīṭham* (PVP) otherwise known as the Pontifical Oriental Institute of Religious Studies, is an autonomous Faculty of Ecclesiastical Sciences, erected at the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Kottayam.

These Statutes affect only the PVP unless it is expressly stated otherwise in its relation with the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary or any other Institute affiliated, aggregated or incorporated to it. All the matters of mutual collaboration between the PVP and the Seminary that are not specified in these Statutes are to be regulated according to the byelaws.

The present Statutes is a revised form of the Statutes approved in 2010. The revision is made taking into account the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Francis *Veritatis Gaudium* of 8 December 2017 and its complementary norms, which are issued by the Congregation for Catholic Education on 27 December 2017. The Congregation for Catholic Education (at present Dicastery for Culture and Education) approved the renewed Statutes on 14 September 2020. The Dicastery for Culture and Education has approved the revised Statutes of PVP updated with data pertaining to the Autonomous Institute of Cycle I of Philosophy on 12 December 2022. All contrary rules, regulations and customs are abrogated.

These Statutes are drawn up paying due attention to the requirements of Universities, Faculties and Seminaries of Ecclesiastical Studies gathered from the Documents of Vatican II, especially those related to priestly formation and ecclesiastical studies as well as Eastern Catholic Churches and ecumenism. Other documents referred are:

- 1) ‘Programme of Priestly Formation for India’ approved by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India in January 1970 and approved by the Apostolic See in May 1970.
- 2) *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis* published in 1970 and revised in 1985 and 2016.
- 3) The Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (1990).
- 4) The Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Pastores Dabo Vobis* of Pope John Paul II (1992).
- 5) *Normae de institute theologici aggregatione* of 23 June 1993 by Congregation for Catholic Education to Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome.
- 6) ‘General Norms Following the Apostolic Visitation in Ecclesiastical Faculties and Seminaries in India,’ published jointly by the Congregations

for Catholic Education, Eastern Churches and Evangelization of Peoples (2001).

- 7) The Charter for Priestly Formation in the Syro-Malabar Church (2007).
- 8) Apostolic Constitution, *Veritatis Gaudium* on ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties, 27 December 2017.
- 9) Circular letter n.1 of the Congregation for Catholic Education, 8 December 2018.
- 10) Norms on Affiliation, Aggregation and Incorporation, 8 December 2020.
- 11) Circular letter Prot. N. 198/2012, sent to the Chancellor of PVP on 25 June 2013.
- 12) Circular letter Prot. N. 819/2019; 912/2020, sent to the Chancellor of PVP on 30 March 2021.

## HISTORY

The Apostolic See erected the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary on 26 April 1962 (Letter of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, Prot. No. 260/59 dated 26 April 1962). It was intended for the formation of the seminarians of the St. Thomas Christians of the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara eparchies. The Seminary is also open to the students of other Churches *sui iuris*.

The Theology department of the Seminary was affiliated to the Faculty of Oriental Ecclesiastical Sciences at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome on 21 February 1972 (Letter of the Congregation for Catholic Education, Prot. No. 674/72/13 dated 21 February 1972). After an experimental period of four years, the affiliation was renewed on 10 April 1977. On 20 April 1979, the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Conference submitted a petition to the Congregation for Catholic Education for the erection of an autonomous Faculty of Theology at the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary. The Faculty of Theology, with the name Paurastya Vidyāpīṭham also known as Pontifical Oriental Institute of Religious Studies was erected on 3 July 1982 '...with the intention of instituting this house of higher studies as a bright torch of Oriental Christianity' (Decree of the Congregation for Catholic Education, Prot. No. 679/75/78 dated 3 July 1982).

Until 1992 the PVP was under the authority of the Syro Malabar Bishops' Conference. Now it is under the authority of the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church and the Synod of Bishops. They exercise the authority through a Synodal Commission without prejudice to the authority of the Apostolic See (The Synodal Commission is the same for the PVP and the Seminary).

There is a distinction concerning the personnel and the properties of the PVP and the Seminary. The President of the PVP attends to the academic discipline. The academic direction and formation in the PVP is distinct from that of the Seminary and is the competence of the President. However, regarding all matters of discipline that affect the inmates of the Seminary, the President consults with the Rector of the Seminary before making a decision. The PVP while drawing up its academic calendar, pays attention to the programs and calendar of the Seminary, like ordinations, and seasonal and occasional holidays. The Rector of the Seminary looks after the spiritual formation in general, and liturgical and pastoral formation in particular of the inmates of the Seminary. The teaching staff of the PVP who reside in the Seminary co-operate with the Rector in the spiritual, pastoral and liturgical life of the Seminarians as far as their academic duties permit. Academic exercises in these disciplines are within the competence of the authorities of the PVP. Though distinct in administration, a close collaboration between the PVP and the Seminary is maintained, taking into consideration the fact that the purpose of both the institutions is to serve the Church of Christ.

In case of disputes between the authorities of the PVP and that of the Seminary, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the Vice-Chancellor. His decision will be final without prejudice to the right of the affected parties for appeals in accordance with the common law.

### **CLARIFICATION OF TERMS**

1. "Assistant Professor" means a teacher permanently attached to a faculty, who is equivalent to the Extraordinary Professor of VG Norms of Application, Art. 18 § 1.
2. "Basic Course Student" means a student who is not aspiring for an academic degree but admitted for Courses according to Art. 27. 3 of the PVP Statutes (VG Norms of Application, Art. 27).
3. "Degree" means valid degree with Ecclesiastical approbation.
4. "Degree Course Student" means a student of the PVP who is studying for an academic degree (VG Norms of Application, Art. 27)
5. "Faculty" means the Faculty of Theology and Faculty of any other Sacred Science if erected in future at PVP.
6. "Faculty Council" means a body of the Faculty of the PVP for presenting proposals to the President in matters pertaining to the Faculty.
7. "Institute" means a unit of PVP established by the Apostolic See either as an Autonomous unit of Ecclesiastical Higher Education (cf. Circular letter Prot. N.

819/2019; 912/2020, sent to the Chancellor of PVP on 30 March 2021 and the Decree of erecting the Autonomous Institute of Cycle I of Philosophy on 12 December 2022 Prot. N. 912/2020) or as an entity being aggregated to another Ecclesiastical University or Faculty (Decree erecting the Institute of Eastern Canon Law on 12 December 2016 Prot. N. 1026/2015).

8. “Institute Council” means the Council of the *ex-officio* and elected members of the Institutes as per the Statutes of the respective Institutes.
9. “President” means the President of the PVP.
10. “Professor” means teacher equivalent to Ordinary Professors of VG Norms of Application, Art. 18 § 1.
11. PVP means *Paurastya Vidyāpīṭham*, otherwise known as the Pontifical Oriental Institute of Religious Studies.
12. “Rector” means the Rector of the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary.
13. “Seminary” means St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam.
14. “Senate” means the Senate of the PVP, which is a consultative body in determining the general policies of the PVP.
15. “Staff Council” means the Staff Council of the PVP consisting of the Professors and Assistant Professors.
16. “Syndicate” means the Syndicate of the PVP, which is the body to take decisions for the ordinary administration of the PVP.
17. “Synod” means the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church. In the cases in which the Permanent Synod is understood, this will always be stated explicitly.
18. “Synodal Commission” means the Commission elected by the Synod from among its members consisting of a chairman and two members, and appointed by the Major Archbishop to govern the PVP and the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary.
19. “VG” means the *Veritatis Gaudium*, the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Francis on Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties (2017).
20. “VG Norms of Application” means the Norms of Application of the Congregation for the Catholic Education for the Correct Implementation of the Apostolic Constitution, *Veritatis Gaudium*.
21. Apostolic See: The Supreme Pontiff or the Dicastries of the Roman Curia, particularly Congregation for Eastern Churches and Dicastery for Culture and Education (CCEO c. 48).



## CHAPTER ONE

### NAME, NATURE AND PURPOSE

#### Article 1. Name

*Paurastya Vidyāpīṭham* is the Indian name of the *Pontifical Oriental Institute of Religious Studies* erected by the Congregation for Catholic Education (Prot. N. 679/75/78) for Eastern Religious studies at the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam, Kerala, India. It comprises of the Faculty of Theology, the Institute of Eastern Canon Law and the Institute of Philosophy together with all other Faculties/Institutes that may be erected at it in the future.

#### Article 2. Nature

##### 2.1. Juridical Status

- 2.1.1. The PVP is an autonomous institute having the right to confer academic degrees by the authority of the Apostolic See (VG, Art. 2) in various subjects which have canonical validity. Its functioning is ordered in accordance with the norms of the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* (cc. 646-650), the directives laid down in *Veritatis gaudium* and the *Norms of Application* of the same Apostolic Constitution, and taking into account the varying local conditions and university systems in the region.
  - 2.1.2. The PVP is an educational institution.
  - 2.1.3. In academic matters the directives of the Dicastery for Culture and Education issued from time to time must be followed.
  - 2.1.4. PVP is a juridical person.
  - 2.1.5. As a juridical person, the PVP has the right to acquire, possess, administer or alienate its property, movable or immovable, for the pursuit of its aims and objectives as per norms (CCEO c.1009 § 1).
  - 2.1.6. In case of dissolution of the PVP, its assets and liabilities will devolve to the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod.
  - 2.1.7. The President represents the PVP in all juridical matters pertaining to it and all legal documents shall be drawn in his name. The same is valid also in case of litigations in which the PVP becomes a party.
- 2.2. The PVP is governed by and subject to the Syro-Malabar Major Archbishop and the Synod without prejudice to the right of the Roman Pontiff to intervene in any

particular case. Nevertheless, in matters, either of a routine nature as that of appointments of teachers, officials and other staff, admission of students, starting new courses or of contentious nature as disputes regarding the above or others the proper procedure prescribed in these Statutes as well as in the Byelaws to these Statutes must be followed. In such matters, the decision of the Synod is final without prejudice to the right of the affected parties to have recourse to the Apostolic See.

### **Article 3. Purpose**

The aims of the PVP are the following:

- 3.1. To cultivate and promote through scientific research, the patrimony of Christian wisdom with particular reference to India and the heritage of the Church of the St. Thomas Christians.
- 3.2. To enunciate systematically the truths contained in the Christian Revelation and particularly in the Biblical, Patristic, Liturgical and Spiritual traditions of the Eastern and Western Ecclesiastical heritage with particular emphasis on the East Syriac tradition and to present them to the people of the present day, in a manner adapted to the local cultural context (cf. VG, Art. 3 §§ 1.2)
- 3.3. To train students to a higher level of qualification in Sacred Sciences and allied subjects according to the Catholic doctrine, to prepare them properly for various apostolate or ministries and to promote the continuing education of the ministers of the Church (CCEO, c. 647 § 2; cf. VG, Art. 70 § 1).
- 3.4. To collaborate intensely in close communion with the Hierarchy and the Local and Universal Church, in the work of evangelization.
- 3.5. To prepare earnestly for missionary undertaking (VG Norms of Application, Art. 4).
- 3.6. To promote harmonious co-existence and co-operation of the different Churches *sui iuris* giving the students the opportunity to study the traditions of the Churches other than that of the Syro-Malabar Church.
- 3.7. To promote ecumenical studies and to investigate the traditions of the various Christian Churches, Eastern and Western, Catholic and non-Catholic, with particular reference to the actual situation in India.
- 3.8. To foster inter-religious dialogue particularly with the religions of India.

## CHAPTER TWO

### GOVERNMENT

#### SECTION I: GOVERNING AUTHORITY

##### **Article 4. Major Archbishop and the Synodal Commission**

- 4.1. The PVP is under the authority of the Syro-Malabar Major Archbishop and the Synod (CCEO, c. 649; c. 642; §§ 1-2; VG Norms of Application, Art. 10).
- 4.2. There shall be a Synodal Commission of three Bishops elected by the Synod for a term of five years for the government of the PVP. One of them is to be elected Chairman by the Synod. The Chairman will be the Vice-Chancellor of the PVP. (VG Art. 13 § 2.)
- 4.3. All matters concerning the PVP that are to be referred to the Apostolic See, the Synod of Bishops or the Chancellor shall be referred first to the Vice-Chancellor. This is valid for the academic authorities, officials, teachers and students.
- 4.4. If the Vice-Chancellor is impeded from exercising his responsibility, the Major Archbishop with the consent of the permanent Synod is to provide for it until the meeting of the next Bishops' Synod.

##### **Article 5. Chancellor**

- 5.1. The Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church is the Chancellor of the PVP (cf. VG Norms of Application, Art. 10).
- 5.2. The Chancellor represents the PVP before the Apostolic See and vice-versa (VG, Art. 12).
- 5.3. The Chancellor is the Hierarchy on whom the PVP depends on *de iure* (VG, Art. 13 § 1). The PVP, together with all its possessions of land and buildings, is under the authority of the Chancellor.
- 5.4. The Chancellor shall ensure that (VG Norms of Application, Art. 9 § 1):
  - 5.4.1. the PVP progresses steadily, and it promotes scientific works;
  - 5.4.2. the PVP safeguards Catholic doctrines in its integrity;
  - 5.4.3. the Statutes and the directives of the Apostolic See are faithfully implemented;
  - 5.4.4. the Oriental character of the PVP is preserved and promoted.

It is in his competence:

- 5.4.5. to appoint the President of the PVP on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor with the consent of the Synod, subject to the confirmation of the Apostolic See (VG, Art. 18; VG Norms of Application, Art. 9 § 3),
  - 5.4.6. to receive the profession of faith of the President (VG Norms of Application, Art. 9 § 4),
  - 5.4.7. to appoint the Directors of the Institutes of Eastern Canon Law and Philosophy according to the norms of VG, Art. 18 as specified in the Statutes of PVP, Arts. 9.3 and 9.4;
  - 5.4.8. to appoint the Vice-President, the Registrar, the Dean of the Faculty, the Controller of Examinations, the Finance Officer and the Librarian in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor (VG, Art. 19 § 1; VG Norms of Application, Art. 13),
  - 5.4.9. to appoint all Permanent Teachers and to accept their resignation in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, (VG, Art. 19 § 1; VG Norms of Application, Art. 13),
  - 5.4.10. to promote Assistant Professors to the grade of Professors after receiving the *nihil obstat* from the Apostolic See (VG, Art. 27 § 2.),
  - 5.4.11. to give or to revoke the *mission canonica* or the authorization to teach observing the Statutes (VG, Art. 27 §1; VG Norms of Application, Art. 9 n. 5),
  - 5.4.12. to request the *nihil obstat* of the Dicastery for Culture and Education for the conferral of honorary doctorates (VG, Norms of Application, Art. 9, n. 6),
  - 5.4.13. to inform the Apostolic See about matters of major importance and to send a detailed report every five years on the academic, moral, and economic state of the Institute (VG Norms of Application, Art. 9 n. 7),
  - 5.4.14. to nominate the members to the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor who will prepare a list of names in consultation with the President and the Syndicate in conformity with Art. 10.1.1.2 of these Statutes,
  - 5.4.15. to take disciplinary measures against the President if and when necessary, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor who shall consult the Syndicate before recommending to the Chancellor,
  - 5.4.16. to take disciplinary measures against the Vice-President, the Registrar, the Dean of Faculty, the Directors of the Institute, the Controller of Examinations, the Finance Officer and the Librarian if and when necessary, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor who shall consult the President and the Syndicate before recommending to the Chancellor.
- 5.5. If the Chancellor is impeded from exercising his authority, the Vice-Chancellor acts

in his place and shall immediately inform the members of the permanent Synod of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church.

### **Article 6. Vice-Chancellor**

- 6.1. The Chairman of the Synodal Commission is the Vice-Chancellor of the PVP (VG, Art. 13 § 2).
- 6.2. Unless otherwise expressly stated, he shall exercise his authority always in consultation with the members of the Synodal Commission.
- 6.3. It is within the competence of the Vice-Chancellor:
  - 6.3.1. to begin a new Department and to appoint its Head on recommendation of the President who shall do so in consultation with the Staff Council and with the consent of the Syndicate;
  - 6.3.2. to appoint all non-Permanent Teachers in consultation with the President and the Syndicate;
  - 6.3.3. to nominate two members to the library Council, in consultation with the President and the Rector, from among the Permanent Teachers;
  - 6.3.4. to appoint an assistant librarian in consultation with the President and the Rector;
  - 6.3.5. to accept the resignation of the Teachers on Probation.

### **Article 7. The Local Hierarchy**

The Metropolitan of Changanacherry, the local hierarchy, who has the pastoral responsibility for his eparchy, is, whenever something in the PVP is known to be contrary to doctrine, morals or ecclesiastical discipline, to take the matter to the Chancellor so that the latter may take action. In case, the Chancellor does nothing, the hierarchy may have recourse to the Apostolic See without prejudice to his obligation to provide personally for action in those cases which are more serious or urgent and which carry danger for his eparchy (VG Norms of Application, Art. 11).

## **SECTION II: THE ACADEMIC AUTHORITIES**

### **Article 8. The Academic Authorities**

The Academic Authorities of the PVP are personal and collegial (VG, Art. 15). There should be a close collaboration between the personal and the collegial authorities (VG, Art. 19 § 1).

### **Article 9. Personal Authorities**

#### **9.1. President**

- 9.1.1. The President is the personal academic authority, who presides over the PVP (VG Norms of Application, Art. 15 § 1). He is appointed by the Chancellor with the consent of the Synod after getting the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor before recommending the names for the office shall do so in consultation with the Staff Council and the Syndicate. The appointment shall be published only after getting the confirmation from the Holy See.
- 9.1.2. He should be known for his integrity and faithfulness to the Catholic doctrine as well as for his administrative efficiency.
- 9.1.3. He should be qualified to be a Permanent Teacher at PVP.
- 9.1.4. The President of the PVP and the Rector of the Seminary shall not be the same person.
- 9.1.5. His appointment shall be for a term of three years, which may be renewed after having fulfilled the formalities for the appointment. The same person shall not be appointed for more than two terms consecutively (VG Norms of Application, Art. 15 § 2).
- 9.1.6. His duties are (VG Norms of Application, Art. 16):
  - 9.1.6.1. to direct, promote and co-ordinate the entire range of activities of the academic community, both the Staff and the Students;
  - 9.1.6.2. to convene the collegial bodies of the academic authorities and to preside over their meetings in accordance with the Statutes;
  - 9.1.6.3. to refer to the Vice-Chancellor matters of major importance;
  - 9.1.6.4. to present the annual statistical report of PVP to the Synod of Syro-Malabar Bishops. He shall also help the Chancellor to prepare the quinquennial report to be sent to the Holy See.
  - 9.1.6.5. to ensure the faithful implementation of the instructions of the governing authority and the Statutes;

- 9.1.6.6. to present to the Chancellor the names of the persons to be appointed as Vice-President, Dean of the Faculty, Directors of the Institutes, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Librarian and Finance Officer. He shall prepare the list of the names from among the Permanent Teachers, more than one in each category, in consultation with the Staff Council and the Syndicate; in case of the Directors of the Institutes he prepares the list of the names in consultation with the Institute Council and the Syndicate;
- 9.1.6.7. to advise the Chancellor in the appointment of the Librarian and the Finance Officer;
- 9.1.6.8. to ensure that the teachers follow in their courses the approved Norms and Programme of Studies;
- 9.1.6.9. to keep the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor, as the case may be, informed of the activities and the needs of PVP and to give suggestions to realize them;
- 9.1.6.10. to preside at the examinations;
- 9.1.6.11. to sign and issue all the official documents in his competence;
- 9.1.6.12. to watch over the administration of the temporalities of PVP;
- 9.1.6.13. to ensure that, every year, the institution's data in the database of the Dicastery for Culture and Education be updated electronically (VG Norms of Application, Art. 16).

## **9.2. Vice-President**

- 9.2.1. The Vice-President shall be appointed from among the Professors or Assistant Professors of PVP by the Chancellor, preferably from the list of names proposed by the President who shall do so with the consent of the Vice-Chancellor and in consultation with the Staff Council and the Syndicate.
- 9.2.2. His appointment shall be for a term of three years, which is renewable only once in succession.
- 9.2.3. The Vice-President shall assist the President in all matters, and he shall discharge the duties of the President in his absence
- 9.2.4. The Vice-President is the *ex-officio* member of all the Councils of PVP

### **9.3. Dean of the Faculty of Theology**

- 9.3.1. The Faculty of Theology at the PVP shall have a Dean who will be one of the Permanent Teachers of the Faculty appointed by the Chancellor from the list of names presented by the President who shall do so with the consent of the Vice-Chancellor and in consultation with the Syndicate and the Staff Council (VG Norms of Application, Art. 15 § 1).
- 9.3.2. The appointment of the Dean of the Faculty and its renewal requires confirmation from the Dicastery for Culture and Education (VG, Art. 18).
- 9.3.3. The Dean of the Faculty shall take care of the overall well-being of the Faculty in collaboration with the President.
- 9.3.4. He shall preside over all the meetings of the Faculty Council.
- 9.3.5. His duties are:
  - 9.3.5.1. to promote and to co-ordinate all the activities of the Faculty and to ensure faithful implementation of the decisions of the Faculty Council;
  - 9.3.5.2. to deal with matters concerning the students; such as leave of absence, change of course, exemptions from courses according to the provisions of the byelaws, and similar ones of academic nature;
  - 9.3.5.3. to communicate to the President the activities and proposals of the Faculty Council;
  - 9.3.5.4. to see that the instructions of higher authorities are carried out;
  - 9.3.5.5. to organize extension lectures and seminars on specific relevant topics for the students of his Faculty;
  - 9.3.5.6. to admit and exclude students in the name of the President according to the norms of the PVP Statutes;
  - 9.3.5.7. to update electronically, at least once a year, the institution's data in the data base of the Dicastery for Culture and Education (VG Norms of Application, Art. 17).
- 9.3.6. The Dean shall hold office for a term of three years which may be renewed only once in succession.

### **9.4. Director of the Institute of Eastern Canon Law**

- 9.4.1. The Chancellor appoints the Director of the Institute of Eastern Canon Law from the names proposed by the Vice-Chancellor (IECL Statutes, Art. 7.1). The President of PVP who is the Moderator of IECL (IECL Statutes, Art. 6.1), having



consulted the Syndicate of PVP and the Institute Council in a joint session, presents the names of more than one candidate to the Vice-Chancellor. The appointment of the Director and its renewal requires confirmation from the Dicastery for Culture and Education (VG, Art. 18; Norms on Aggregation, Art. 8 § 2; IECL Statutes 7.2).

- 9.4.2. The Director is appointed for a term of three years, which is renewable only once in succession. (For complete provisions see the Statutes of the Institute of Eastern Canon Law Art. 7).}

### **9.5. Director of the Institute of Philosophy**

- 9.5.1. The Chancellor appoints the Director of the Institute of Philosophy from the names proposed by the Vice-Chancellor. The President presents the names of more than one candidate to the Vice-Chancellor after consulting the Syndicate of PVP and the Institute Council in a joint session. The appointment of the Director and its renewal requires confirmation from the Dicastery for Culture and Education (VG, Art. 18).
- 9.5.2. The Director is appointed for a term of three years, which is renewable only once in succession. (For complete provisions see the Statutes of the Institute of Philosophy, Art. 6).
- 9.5.3. The Director shall have a doctorate in Philosophy and be qualified to be a Permanent Teacher at PVP.
- 9.5.4. He shall see that the members of the teaching staff follow in their courses the approved Norms and Programme of Studies.
- 9.5.5. He shall authenticate certificate of studies and diplomas issued by the Institute together with the President of the PVP.
- 9.5.6. He shall, through the President of PVP, maintain relations with the Vice-Chancellor keeping the latter informed duly of significant events or developments.
- 9.5.7. In case of an emergency which in his opinion requires immediate action, he shall take the necessary steps with the consent of the President, and in his absence with the consent of the Vice-President. The Director shall report to the President, as soon as possible, regarding the action taken.
- 9.5.8. When the Director is absent or impeded, the most senior member of the resident staff of the Institute shall act in his place.
- 9.5.9. The Director admits students to the Institute and is available for their academic guidance.

- 9.5.10. The Director keeps office at the stated hours.
- 9.5.11. The Director convokes and presides over the Institute Councils.
- 9.5.12. The Director represents the Institute in all legal matters (VG Norms of Application, Art. 15 § 1).
- 9.5.13. The Director shall be an ex-officio member of all collegial bodies of the PVP, except the Faculty Council and the Councils of other Institutes.

## **9.6. Cessation of Office**

- 9.6.1. The term of office of the President, the Vice-President, the Dean of the Faculty, the Directors of the Institutes, and other Academic Authorities and Officials of the PVP expires:
  - 9.6.1.1. on the lapse of the period of appointment;
  - 9.6.1.2. on the holder's resignation and acceptance of it by the competent authorities;
  - 9.6.1.3. on removal from the office, for an adequate reason, such as incompetence and lack of integrity in doctrine or morals. In all such cases, the legitimate rights of the person concerned must be respected.
- 9.6.2. The President shall inform the respective appointing authority in writing about the expiry of the term of office three months in advance, and a copy of the same shall be given to the occupant of the office. In the case of the President, he himself shall inform the Chancellor of the same six months in advance.

## **Article 10. Collegial Authorities**

The following are the collegial authorities of the PVP: the Senate, the Syndicate, the Staff Council, the Faculty Council, the Institute Council of IECL, and the Institute Council of Philosophy.

### **10.1. The Senate**

#### 10.1.1. Members:

- 10.1.1.1. *Ex-officio*: The President, the Rector of St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, the Vice-President, the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Directors of the Institutes, the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, the Librarian, the Finance Officers of the PVP and St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, the Members of the Staff Council, the Rectors of Study Houses sending students to the PVP and the Heads of the Affiliated Institutions are ex-officio members of the Senate.
- 10.1.1.2. Nominated: The Chancellor nominates as members to the Senate (PVP

Statutes, Art. 5.4.14), a legal adviser, a lay educationist, Principal of a Catholic College and a Priest engaged in parish ministry on the recommendation by the Vice-Chancellor who shall present a panel of names of at least three from each category in consultation with the President and the Syndicate. The tenure of office of the nominated members will be three years.

10.1.1.3. Elected: The elected members of the Senate are:

10.1.1.1.1. One representative each from the First, the Second and the Third Cycles of Theology, one representative from the Institute of Philosophy and one from the Institute of Eastern Canon Law. They are elected by the students of the respective Cycles or Institutes, as the case may be, from among themselves for a period of one year.

10.1.1.1.2. Two members from the Rectors of the Minor Seminaries sending students to the PVP, elected from among themselves for a period of two years. Even if they cease to hold office as Rectors, they will continue to be members of the Senate until the expiry of their term.

10.1.1.1.3. The Vice-Chancellor may be present at any meeting of the Senate, take part in the deliberations, and preside over the meetings at which he is present; however, he does not participate in voting. Whenever there is a meeting of the Senate, an invitation letter is to be sent to the Vice-Chancellor.

10.1.2. Meetings:

10.1.2.1. The Senate is to meet at least once a year, and whenever the President judges it opportune or one-third of the members request it in writing.

10.1.2.2. Half of the total members constitute the quorum of a meeting of the Senate, and an absolute majority of the votes of those present and voting is required for the validity of its acts.

10.1.3. Functions:

10.1.3.1. To study and discuss questions of academic importance that concern the PVP, such as the general outline of the order of studies, the annual programme of academic activities, and the erection of new Departments and to present Senate's proposals regarding these questions to the Vice-Chancellor.

10.1.3.2. To appoint committees and to delegate to them such functions of the Senate as it may deem fit. This, however, requires the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

## 10.2. The Syndicate

### 10.2.1. Members

- 10.2.1.1. *Ex-officio*: The *ex-officio* members of the Syndicate are the President, the Rector of St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, the Vice-President, the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, the Directors of the Institutes, the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, the Finance Officers of the PVP and the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, and the Librarian.
- 10.2.1.2. Elected: The following are the elected members of the Syndicate: one member each elected from the Faculty Council, the Institute Council of Eastern Canon Law and the Institute Council of Philosophy with an absolute majority for a period of three years. The same persons shall not be elected consecutively.
- 10.2.1.3. The Vice-Chancellor may be present at any meeting of the Syndicate, takes part in the deliberations, and presides over the meetings at which he is present; however, he does not participate in the voting. Whenever there is a meeting of the Syndicate, an invitational letter is to be sent to the Vice-Chancellor.

### 10.2.2. Functions of the Syndicate: The Syndicate functions as the competent body to make decisions for the ordinary administration of the PVP. Its duties are:

- 10.2.2.1. to assess the need for new courses or teachers, and to present it to the Vice-Chancellor through the President;
- 10.2.2.2. to propose the names of the visiting teachers to the President according to the need of the PVP;
- 10.2.2.3. to give an opinion to the authority concerned about persons to be appointed as the Vice-President, the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Directors of the Institutes, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Finance Officer and Librarian;
- 10.2.2.4. to approve courses offered by other Academic Centers and diplomas and titles issued by them for recognition by PVP;
- 10.2.2.5. to make necessary decisions regarding admission of students, various courses and examinations;
- 10.2.2.6. to specify the studies to be carried out by the students coming from other Faculties or Academic Institutions;
- 10.2.2.7. to fix and regulate fees to be charged from students;
- 10.2.2.8. to decide in all matters regarding the distribution and co-ordination of studies and academic exercises, approval of the topics for a dissertation for Doctoral degree, and approval of teachers guiding the thesis and research work in the

### Third Cycle;

- 10.2.2.9. to give consent to start diploma courses and approve its content;
  - 10.2.2.10. to give an opinion on the conferral of Doctorate *Honoris Causa*;
  - 10.2.2.11. to present to the Synod through the Vice-Chancellor any revision of the byelaws.
- 10.2.3. Decisions of the Syndicate regarding major changes in the plan of studies require the prior review of the Staff Council, the consent of the Chancellor and approval of the Dicastery for Culture and Education (VG, Art. 89 § 2).
- 10.2.4. Meetings: The Syndicate shall meet every two months; it shall also meet whenever the President deems it necessary, or when one third of the members requests in writing for a meeting. The Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor may ask for a meeting of the Syndicate to be convened with an agenda specified by them.
- 10.2.5. Two third of the total number of members constitutes the quorum of a meeting of the Syndicate, and an absolute majority of the votes of those present and voting is required for the validity of its acts.

### **10.3. Staff Council**

- 10.3.1. All the Permanent Teachers of PVP form the Staff Council
- 10.3.2. The President shall convene the meeting of the Staff Council periodically, but at least once in a semester or when the President judges it opportune or when at least one third of the members request in writing.
- 10.3.3. The functions of the Staff Council are:
- 10.3.3.1. to propose to the authorities concerned, the names of the persons to be appointed as President;
  - 10.3.3.2. to propose to the concerned authorities, names of persons to be appointed as Vice-President, Dean, Registrar, Librarian and Controller of Examinations;
  - 10.3.3.3. to make periodic academic evaluations and give to the authorities concerned suggestions for better academic efficiency.

### **10.4. Faculty Council**

- 10.4.1. Members:
- 10.4.1.1. All Permanent Teachers of the Faculty.
  - 10.4.1.2. One non-Permanent Teacher from the Faculty elected by the teachers on probation with an absolute majority for a period of one year;

- 10.4.1.3. Two students elected from the Faculty with an absolute majority for a period of one year.
- 10.4.2. The Faculty Council can present proposals to the President in matters of the Faculty, such as details of courses of study and academic exercises, teaching methods and examinations.
- 10.4.3. The Faculty Council shall meet at least twice a year.

### **10.5. Institutes' Councils**

Each Institute shall have an Institute Council to guide proper, effective and orderly functioning and development of the academic activities.

#### 10.5.1. Institute Council of IECL

The Institute Council of IECL functions as per the norms prescribed in the Statutes of the Institute (Statutes of IECL, Art. 8).

#### 10.5.2. Institute Council of Philosophy

Institute Council of Philosophy functions as per the norms prescribed in the Statutes of the Institute (Statutes of the Institute of Philosophy, Art. 7).}

- 10.5.3. A member shall be elected with an absolute majority of the members present for a period of three years to the Syndicate of PVP (PVP Statutes, Art. 10.2.1.2.).

## SECTION III: OFFICIALS AND AUXILIARY STAFF

### Article 11. Registrar

- 11.1. PVP shall have a Registrar, appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor from the list of names prepared by the President from among the Permanent Teachers, who shall do so in consultation with the Staff Council and the Syndicate.
- 11.2. He is the *ex-officio* secretary of the Senate, the Syndicate, the Staff Council, and the Institute Councils of IECL and Philosophy.
- 11.3. His duties are:
  - 11.3.1. to keep the records of PVP in order and to take care of its archives;
  - 11.3.2. to see that the decisions made by the competent authorities are executed;
  - 11.3.3. to draw up the academic calendar;
  - 11.3.4. to prepare the items in accordance with the President's instructions to be discussed by the Senate and the Syndicate;
  - 11.3.5. to prepare the documents related to the admission or dismissal of students, the marks obtained in examinations, and their certificates and diplomas;
  - 11.3.6. to officially authenticate the certificates issued by the President.
- 11.4. He shall carry out his duties in consultation with the President.
- 11.5. He shall hold office for a term of three years, which may be renewed only once in succession.

### Article 12. Controller of Examinations

- 12.1. PVP shall have a Controller of Examinations appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation by the Vice-Chancellor from the list of names of the Permanent Teachers, presented by the President who shall do so in consultation with the Staff Council and the Syndicate.
- 12.2. His duties are:
  - 12.2.1. to conduct the examinations and other academic evaluations;
  - 12.2.2. to collect and publish the results of examinations and evaluations and entrust their documents to the office of Registrar;
  - 12.2.3. to prepare and publish the rank and grade lists.
- 12.3. He shall carry out his duties in consultation with the President.
- 12.4. He shall hold office for a term of three years, which may be renewed only once in

succession.

### **Article 13. Librarian**

- 13.1. There shall be a qualified Librarian appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the President and the Rector, for a term of three years which may be renewed (VG General Norms, Art. 55). For details refer to the byelaws.
- 13.2. There shall be an Assistant Librarian to assist the Librarian and to discharge the duties of the Librarian in his absence. The Assistant Librarian is the *ex-officio* secretary of the Library Council (cf. PVP Statutes, Art. 6.3.4).
- 13.3. The Librarian, in consultation with the Library Council, shall frame rules for the use of the library.
- 13.4. The Library Council shall be convened, after consulting the President, or at his request, and presided over by the Librarian. It shall meet occasionally to help the Librarian equip the Library to serve the mission of PVP and the Seminary in the best way possible.

### **Article 14. Finance Officer**

- 14.1. PVP shall have a Finance Officer appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the President and the Syndicate.
- 14.2. He shall carry out his responsibility in the spirit of the canons 1022 to 1033 of the CCEO and in accordance with the Statutes of PVP, Arts. 50-51.
- 14.3. He shall hold office for a term of three years, which may be renewed only once in succession.

### **Article 15. Officials of the Institutes**

The officials, namely, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Librarian, and Finance Officer of the PVP, shall be the same for the Institutes, and they shall function according to the norms of the Statutes of the PVP, Arts. 11, 12, 13, 14, the Statutes of IECL, Art. 9, and the Statutes of the Institute of Philosophy, Art. 8.

### **Article 16. Auxiliary Staff**

There shall be sufficient number of Auxiliary Staff appointed by the President in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty, Directors of the Institutes with the approval of the Finance Council.



## CHAPTER THREE

### TEACHERS

#### Article 17. General Norms

- 17.1. PVP shall have the minimum number of twelve Permanent Teachers in the Faculty of Theology and five each in the Institute of Eastern Canon Law and the Institute of Philosophy (VG, Art. 22; VG, Norms of Application, Arts. 18 § 2; 67 § 1).
- 17.2. Membership of the teaching staff is open to all who fulfill the requirements laid down in these Statutes in the judgment of the competent authorities (VG, Art. 27 § 1).
- 17.3. All teachers who teach disciplines concerning faith or morals must receive after making their profession of faith, the *missio canonica* from the Chancellor or his delegate before they assume their office. An appointment from the Chancellor includes also the authorization to teach at PVP (VG, Art. 27). The other teachers must receive permission to teach from the Chancellor or his delegate (VG, Art. 27 §1).
- 17.4. Teachers belonging to Churches other than Catholic and Ecclesial Communities may be co-opted to teach with the permission of the Chancellor. They cannot teach doctrinal courses in the First Cycle, but can teach other disciplines. In the Second Cycle they can be called upon as Invited Teachers (VG, Norms of Application Art. 20 §§ 1,2).
- 17.5. All teachers of every rank must be marked by an upright life, integrity of doctrine, and devotion to duty so that they can effectively contribute to the proper goals of PVP (VG, Art. 26 § 1).

#### Article 18. Categories and Qualifications

- 18.1. According to the measure of preparation, insertion into the Faculty, permanence and responsibility to the Faculty, the teachers are categorized into permanent and non-permanent.
- 18.2. Permanent Teachers are classified into Professors and Assistant Professors of PVP (VG, Art. 23).
  - 18.2.1. Professors: Those who have the qualifications required for a Permanent Teacher in PVP, having at least eight years of teaching experience, including the years of probation and promoted to this grade by the competent authority (PVP Statutes, Art. 5.4.10.).
  - 18.2.2. Assistant Professors: Those who have the required qualifications to be a Permanent Teacher in PVP, having at least three years of distinguished teaching experience and promoted to this grade after the required period of probation (PVP

Statutes, Art. 5.4.10.).

- 18.3. Non-Permanent Teachers are teachers on probation, visiting teachers and tutors.
  - 18.3.1. Teachers on Probation: Those having the required qualification and appointed as teachers of PVP on a temporary basis in view of their prospective promotion.
  - 18.3.2. Visiting Teachers: Those who are invited occasionally to give a course or lecture or to direct some particular work for a limited period.
  - 18.3.3. Tutors: Those who are appointed to aid the teachers in conducting study groups or giving individual guidance to the students or are given some other specific academic tasks.
- 18.4. To be legitimately appointed as a Permanent Teacher at PVP, a teacher must (VG, Art. 25):
  - 18.4.1. be distinguished by a wealth of knowledge, witness of life, and a sense of responsibility;
  - 18.4.2. have a suitable doctorate or equivalent title or exceptional and singular scientific accomplishment;
  - 18.4.3. show documentary proof of suitability for doing research, especially by a published dissertation;
  - 18.4.4. demonstrate teaching ability.
- 18.5. The requirements for taking on Permanent Teachers must also be applied in proportionate measure for hiring non-Permanent Teachers (VG, Art. 25 § 2).
- 18.6. If a teacher who already possesses a particular title joins the teaching staff of PVP from another similar educational institution, he retains his title.
- 18.7. Professors and Assistant Professors are prohibited from having responsibilities alien to their teaching career (VG, Art. 29). Professors and Assistant Professors “must be free from other employment which cannot be reconciled with their duty to do research and to instruct” (VG, Art. 29).
- 18.8. One cannot be at the same time a Permanent Teacher in more than one educational institution.
- 18.9. Non-Permanent Teachers shall not hold any office even temporarily in PVP.

## **Article 19. Appointment, Promotion and Cessation of Office of Teachers**

### **19.1. Appointment**

- 19.1.1. All Permanent Teachers are appointed by the Chancellor, while the Vice-Chancellor appoints the Teachers on probation in consultation with the other members of the Commission. It is recommended that the Hierarchs of the Syro-Malabar Eparchies as well as the Syndicate and the Staff Council be asked by the Vice-Chancellor for a list of prospective candidates for appointment and the appointment be made preferably from this list, attentive to the requirements listed in Art. 18.4.1-4 of PVP Statutes as well as the need for teachers truly qualified in the areas of specialization in Oriental disciplines of PVP.
- 19.1.1.1. The teachers of the Institute of Eastern Canon Law and the Institute of Philosophy are appointed as per the norms of the Statutes of the respective Institutes (Statutes of IECL chapter Three, Statutes of the Institute of Philosophy chapter Three).
- 19.1.2. All new appointments in the first instance shall be probationary with the duration of not less than three years without prejudice to Art. 18.6 of PVP Statutes.
- 19.1.3. The appointment order should state clearly the nature of the appointment, i.e., permanent or non-permanent, and the grade, i.e., professor, assistant professor, teacher on probation and the Faculty/Institute to which the appointment is made and the period of appointment in the cases of Teachers on Probation.

### **19.2. Promotion**

- 19.2.1. To be promoted as Assistant Professor, one should have besides the qualifications required to be a Permanent Teacher, teaching experience at an approved Ecclesiastical Faculty for at least three years as a teacher on probation, adequate teaching skills and aptitude for scientific work.
- 19.2.2. To be promoted as Professor, one should have, besides the qualifications required to be a Permanent Teacher, teaching experience at an approved Ecclesiastical Faculty for at least eight years, including the years on probation and adequate teaching skill, research accomplished, publication of scientific works, spirit of co-operation and commitment to PVP (VG Norms of Application, Art. 21 § 1). Before being promoted as a professor, a declaration of *nihil obstat* of the Apostolic See is to be received (VG, Art. 27 § 2).
- 19.2.3. In case of Teachers, who are not eligible for promotion owing to their lack of the required academic qualifications, they can become eligible if they acquire those qualifications during their tenure in PVP.

19.2.4. The competent authority to promote teachers is the Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor who shall do so in consultation with the President. The President shall present the report on the teacher to be promoted in consultation with the Faculty Council/ Institute Council and the Syndicate of PVP.

19.2.5. Procedure required for the promotion of a teacher on probation to the status of the permanent teacher, i.e., assistant professor and professor:

The President with the consent of the Faculty Council/Institute Council shall appoint a commission of two teachers of the concerned Faculty/Institute to study carefully *curriculum vitae, studiorum et operum* of the one to be promoted. If he is found eligible, his promotion shall be discussed in the Faculty Council/Institute Council and the Syndicate of PVP. The result of the study and discussions, together with all the relevant documents shall be sent to the Vice-Chancellor of PVP requesting him to recommend his promotion to the Chancellor. The Chancellor of the PVP shall promote him after having obtained the *nihil obstat* of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, if the promotion is to the status of professor (VG, Art. 27 § 2).

### 19.3. Cessation

One ceases to be a teacher in PVP:

19.3.1. on the lapse of the period of appointment;

19.3.2. on reaching the age of retirement which is fixed as seventy (70) completed. If one completes the age of 70 during the academic year, one may continue until the end of that academic year to avoid an interruption in the academic exercises. In the case of professors, outstanding in scholarship and teaching ability, they may be declared *emeriti* by the Chancellor. As a rule, retired teachers shall not be assigned to a teaching post at PVP (VG, Art. 30a);

19.3.3. on becoming unable to teach because of physical or mental ailment; the respective appointing authority in consultation with the President and the Syndicate will decide, after obtaining an expert medical opinion, whether a teacher is unable to teach (VG, Art. 30b);

19.3.4. on the holder's resignation and its acceptance by the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor as the case may be;

19.3.5. on being called back by one's Bishop in case of diocesan clergy and Major Superior in the case of members of Institutes of Consecrated Life. The Bishop or Major Superior may withdraw a teacher in consultation with the Chancellor and with prior notice of six months. He should do so only for proportionately grave reasons. The teacher concerned should explicitly be given the reasons in writing;

- 19.3.6. on being absent from PVP for more than the time specified in the byelaws without the prior permission;
- 19.3.7. on withdrawal of the *missio canonica* by the Chancellor (VG Norms of Application, Art. 9. 5);
- 19.3.7.1. *Missio canonica* can be withdrawn only for grave reasons connected to improper teaching or personal witness to faith and morals.
- 19.3.7.2. In withdrawing the *missio canonica* the procedural norms and the canonical equity must be observed.
- 19.3.8. On the removal or penal sanction: A teacher may be removed from his office for a serious offence or other grave reasons. For the grave reason, like attempted marriage, he may be immediately suspended by the Chancellor or in his absence by the Vice-Chancellor. In other cases, the procedure for removal shall be as follows:
- 19.3.8.1. Mediation: First, the matter should be considered privately between the President and the teacher (VG Norms of Application, Art. 24 § 2.). If it is not settled thus, it should be brought before the Syndicate for examination. If no solution is reached yet, then the matter is to be taken to the Bishop or Major Superior as the case may be, of the person concerned and eventually to the Vice-Chancellor and also to the Chancellor for an extra-judicial decree.
- 19.3.8.2. Suspension: If there is a serious failure concerning the conduct or teaching of the teacher the Chancellor can suspend the teacher with the consent of the Vice-Chancellor if his continued presence in PVP constitutes an immediate danger or a scandal in anyway. The suspension cannot be prolonged for more than three months. In the meantime, the prescribed canonical procedures must be initiated, or the accused must be reinstated. If he is reinstated then he is entitled to the remuneration of the period under suspension.
- 19.3.8.3. The removal order must be given to the teacher concerned in writing and shall carry the signature and seal of the Chancellor. The reason for the removal must be stated clearly in the order.

## **Article 20. Academic Freedom and Sabbatical Year**

- 20.1. Teachers enjoy freedom in academic matters to pursue the path of truth and scientific growth, manifesting at the same time profound sense of joint responsibility. They should ensure the soundness of doctrine maintained in full communion with the authentic Magisterium of the Church, above all, with that of the Roman Pontiff (VG, Art. 26 n. 2).
- 20.2. As a rule, every seventh year will be Sabbatical for the Permanent Teachers of PVP

with the permission of the Chancellor. During this period, it is strongly recommended that they engage themselves in pastoral and missionary activities besides academic engagements according to the directives of the respective Bishops or Major Superiors without prejudice to the time needed for academic research to update and publish.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### STUDENTS

#### **Article 21. Students**

PVP is open to all students who possess valid documents prescribed for admission and whose moral conduct is suited for study in an ecclesiastical institution. Anyone enrolled in PVP for any course is a student of PVP (VG, Art. 31).

#### **Article 22. Classification**

- 22.1. Degree course students: Those students who are enrolled in any one of the Cycles in view of obtaining an academic degree issued by PVP.
- 22.2. Basic course students: Those students not aspiring for an academic degree but follow specified Institutional Courses.
- 22.3. Guest students: Those students not aspiring for an academic degree and who do not require to fulfill any of the academic requirements prescribed for the other two categories of students or are enrolled for some selected courses (VG Norms of Application, Art. 27).

#### **Article 23. Requirements for Admission**

- 23.1. Presentation and Testimonial Letters (VG Norms of Application, Art. 26 § 1.1):
  - 23.1.1. in the case of Diocesan seminarians and members of the Institutes of Consecrated Life residing in the Seminary the presentation letter by the Rector of the Seminary;
  - 23.1.2. in the case of members of the study houses or the Institutes of Consecrated Life not residing in the Seminary, presentation letters by their respective superiors;
  - 23.1.3. in the case of any other Catholic applicant, a testimonial letter of the applicant's Hierarchy;
- 23.2. Academic Qualification of a Catholic Applicant
  - 23.2.1. For admission to the First Cycle of Philosophy, the applicant must (VG, Art. 74 a):
    - 23.2.1.1. hold a Pre-University, Pre-Degree or Plus Two pass Certificate, or have successfully completed studies considered by the Syndicate as equivalent to any one of the courses mentioned above (VG, Art. 32 § 1);
    - 23.2.1.2. have a pass in an entrance examination if judged necessary by the Syndicate (VG, Art. 32 § 2).
  - 23.2.2. For admission to the First Cycle of Theology, the applicant must have a

fundamental philosophical formation of at least two years (VG, Art. 74a).

- 23.2.3. A suitable knowledge of Latin and Syriac languages is required, so that the students can understand and use the sources of sacred sciences as well as the documents of the Church (VG Norms of Application, Art. 26 §§ 3-4).
- 23.2.4. Requirements for admission to the Second Cycle:
- 23.2.4.1. A Canonical *Baccalaureate* degree in Catholic Theology or an equivalent basic formation in Catholic Theology as prescribed by the VG, Norms of Application, Art. 62 § 1.
- 23.2.4.2. An applicant who completed the regular six-year course in philosophy and theology in a Catholic major seminary and has secured high marks in the examinations may, however, be admitted to sit for a qualifying examination and admitted to the Second Cycle considering the merit in each case.
- 23.2.5. For admission to the Third Cycle the applicant must hold a specialized Licentiate Degree in the corresponding discipline.
- 23.3. In the case of Guest Students, no particular academic qualification is required except a letter of recommendation from the respective authorities mentioned in the PVP Statutes, Arts. 23.1.1-22.1.4.1.
- 23.4. Admission for the non-Catholic and non-Christian Students:
- 23.4.1. Requirements:
- 23.4.1.1. in the case of non-Catholics, letters of their Ecclesiastical Authorities.
- 23.4.1.2. A non-Catholic student is admitted to PVP only with the written recommendation of a Catholic Ecclesiastical Authority who gives a guarantee for his moral rectitude and good will toward the Church (*Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*, nos. 87-91; nos. 191-203; *AAS* 85 (1993) 1039-1118).
- 23.4.2. The Syndicate will decide on the admission of non-Christian students according to the merit of each case.
- 23.4.3. Academic Qualifications for the non-Catholic and non-Christian Students:
- 23.4.3.1. PVP may approve courses, partial or complete, conducted in other approved Ecclesiastical Faculties or Centers either directly or by means of an examination as the Syndicate may decide after considering the programme of studies followed, hours employed and examinations and tests passed.
- 23.4.3.2. For enrollment purposes of non-Catholic Students, PVP may approve certain courses taken at non-Catholic faculties, taking into account what is indicated



by the *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism* (nos. 87-91; nos. 191-203).

- 23.4.3.3. At the time of enrollment of the non -Catholic students in the Second and Third Cycles, the student may undergo a course on basic formation in Catholic Theology.
- 23.4.3.4. Non-Catholics and non-Christian students may be admitted only to enroll in Programmes that lead to the awarding of the non-Canonical degrees, namely, Baccalaureate in Christian Theological Studies, Licentiate in Christian Theological Studies and Doctorate in Christian Theological Studies.
- 23.4.4. The degrees awarded to the non-Catholic students shall be issued in the name of the Chancellor of PVP. Their certificates will not bear the name of the Roman Pontiff.

#### **Article 24. Attendance at Lectures (VG, Art. 33)**

- 24.1. All, except the Guest students, must attend all lectures and carry out all prescribed academic assignments and exercises.
- 24.2. One who is absent from lectures and academic exercises for more than a third of the year, even for a legitimate reason, is liable to repeat the year.
- 24.3. Guest students, though they are not required to fulfill the academic exercises, should attend, as far as possible all the classes in such a way that they contribute to the academic discipline of PVP.

#### **Article 25. Discipline**

- 25.1. Students must faithfully observe the rules and regulations of PVP as regards study and other matters. Serious failure in fulfilling the prescribed requirements may lead to debarring from examinations or being suspended or deprived of certain academic rights, or even expulsion from PVP in case of serious and proved misbehavior or dishonesty.
- 25.2. Competent Authority in Academic Discipline
  - 25.2.1. The President with the consent of the Syndicate decides on suspension, dismissal or deprivation of certain rights of the students without prejudice to what is described in the Preamble of PVP Statutes.
  - 25.2.2. In any of the above cases the Superior with whose presentation letter the student was admitted shall be informed in due time.
  - 25.2.3. Every year, the President shall send a progress report on each student of PVP about each one's overall performance to the superiors concerned. In the case of

the inmates of the Seminary, the report is to be sent to the Rector.

## **Article 26. Cessation of Enrollment as Students**

26.1. The enrollment of a Student in PVP ceases to exist:

- 26.1.1. at the end of the course to which the student was enrolled;
- 26.1.2. at the registration into another educational institution without the sanction from PVP;
- 26.1.3. on voluntary withdrawal;
- 26.1.4. on the withdrawal of the presentation by the Rector or the Superior, in the case of diocesan seminarians or members of the Institutes of Consecrated Life admitted based on presentation letter by the Rector or the Superior;
- 26.1.5. on withdrawal of the presentation letter of their superiors with whose presentation letter they were admitted in the case of non-Catholics and non-Christians;
- 26.1.6. on dismissal: a student dismissed from PVP stands dismissed from the Seminary;
- 26.1.7. on expulsion: in case of a non-Catholic student, after having been admitted to PVP, falls short of the behavior expected of the students or promotes initiatives contrary to the nature of PVP, judged by the authorities of PVP, this student shall be expelled.
- 26.1.8. Students whose enrollment ceased to exist because of the reasons mentioned in nos. 4-6 above cannot be readmitted but with the consent of the Vice-Chancellor.
- 26.1.9. The procedure for the dismissal of a student is as follows:
  - 26.1.9.1. For very grave offences which require immediate action, the President may take appropriate measures according to his prudent judgment. In cases in which inmates of the seminary are involved, the President shall act having consulted with the Rector of the Seminary.
  - 26.1.9.2. In other cases:
    - 26.1.9.2.1. The President shall warn the student of his/her failure at least twice.
    - 26.1.9.2.2. If he/she fails to improve himself/herself, the President shall give him/her a show cause notice in writing with ten days of available time to respond and inform the matter to the Rector or the Superior as the case may be.
    - 26.1.9.2.3. If the reply is unsatisfactory to the President or if the accused fails to respond within the permitted time, he/she shall be summoned for a hearing in person before the Syndicate where he/she will be given a chance to defend himself/herself.

- 26.1.9.2.4. If the explanation is unsatisfactory in the judgment of the Syndicate, or if he/she fails to appear before it and if it is morally certain that the student accused is guilty, the Syndicate shall recommend the case to the President for dismissal. He will issue an order of dismissal in writing stating the reasons for the dismissal and shall communicate it to the student and the authority concerned.
- 26.1.9.2.5. Once the process is initiated, the student accused stands suspended from PVP, unless otherwise stated and shall not be allowed to stay in the PVP or any of the residences under its possession.
- 26.1.9.2.6. The dismissed has an available time of fifteen days to appeal to the Vice-Chancellor whose verdict shall be final without prejudice to the norms of Common Law regarding appeals (CCEO c. 1311).
- 26.1.9.2.7. In all cases, the student's right to defend himself/herself is to be safeguarded (VG Norms of Application, Art. 29).

## CHAPTER FIVE

### PROGRAMME OF STUDIES

#### SECTION I: DIVISION

##### **Article 27. Division of Courses**

PVP offers courses in three Cycles leading to corresponding degrees, namely, Baccalaureate, Licentiate and Doctorate. The First Cycle is called Institutional Course, the Second Cycle, Specialization Course and the Third Cycle, Higher Research Course.

##### **Article 28. First Cycle**

- 28.1. In the First Cycles of Philosophy and Theology the students will receive an initiation in fundamental subjects and will be introduced into various scientific study methods.
- 28.2. The First Cycle of Philosophy is for three years or six semesters for the non-graduates and two years or four semesters for the graduates and post-graduates (cfr. Circular letter Prot. N. 198/2012, sent to the Chancellor of PVP on 25 June 2013). The First Cycle of Theology is for three years or six semesters.
- 28.3. Basic Course students who desire to become priests will have an equal number of years of studies as the degree course students attending the Institutional Course.

##### **Article 29. Second and Third Cycles**

- 29.1. The Second Cycle will be for two years or four semesters without prejudice to the Statutes of the IECL or Institutes or Faculties, that will be established in the future.
- 29.2. The courses in the Second Cycle consist of a more profound study of certain aspects of selected subjects, especially in Oriental disciplines, with special emphasis on the Syriac tradition.
- 29.3. During the Third Cycle, the students will complete their academic studies, and carry out research in a particular topic that will contribute to the scientific progress of Sacred Sciences and allied disciplines, especially of the tradition for the Syriac Churches and other Eastern Churches.

##### **Article 30. Academic Year**

The academic year consists of two semesters.

## SECTION II: PRESENTATION

### Article 31. General Principles

- 31.1. The programme of studies should co-ordinate the fields of Philosophy, Theology, Biblical studies, Canon Law and Eastern Christian studies in such a way as to present the Mystery of Christ harmoniously to the students.
- 31.2. The philosophical subjects should be presented in such a way that the student is given a harmonious view embracing man, the world and God. Though the teaching should be based on the valid perennial patrimony of Christian philosophy, the insights of modern philosophy, the progress of natural and human sciences, and the idea and problems offered by the traditional Indian thought should be taken into account.
- 31.3. The theological subjects should be taught according to the proper scientific method in the light of faith and with fidelity to the Church's Magisterium (VG, Art. 73). The students must be enabled to discern Christian doctrine in Revelation, to penetrate the theological insights that are offered by speculative theology for the intimate knowledge of the mysteries of faith, and thus to live, to defend and to propagate the Christian way of life.
- 31.4. Since theology rests upon the written Word of God together with the living Tradition as its perpetual foundation, special effort should be made to give an exegetical and hermeneutical interpretation of the Scripture and the sources of the living Tradition of the Church in general and the Eastern Churches in particular. Studies in subjects related to the Eastern Churches should concentrate primarily on the ancient Syriac heritage of the Church in India.
- 31.5. The teachers should pay particular attention in their lectures and investigations to those theological questions that affect the evangelization activities of the Church, and the life and doctrine of Christians who are not in the Catholic communion and to the cultural and religious treasures of non-Christian religions and philosophies (VG, Art. 72).
- 31.6. The pastoral aims of priestly formation demand that the programme and method help the students of the priesthood to have an adequate communication of the truth of Christ to the people of India today (VG, Art. 70 § 2).
- 31.7. The academic nature of the studies demands that the students acquire a knowledge of the subjects taught. They should be introduced to scientific methods of research, so that they may be able, under the guidance of the teachers, to possess and use their knowledge in a personal way and contribute gradually to scientific progress (VG Norms of Application, Art. 53).

**Article 32. Different Methods**

- 32.1. Considering the nature of the subject, the number, capacity and inclination of the students, the following methods are chiefly employed:
  - 32.1.1. lectures in which the fundamental principle of the subject's bibliographical guidance and appropriate procedure for further study are communicated;
  - 32.1.2. seminars and written dissertations under the direction of the Teaching Staff;
  - 32.1.3. reading and evaluation of the pertinent basic literature on the subject under the direction of the Teaching Staff;
  - 32.1.4. personal work and study groups of the students themselves or directed by the Teaching Staff;
  - 32.1.5. tests of various kinds.
- 32.2. In determining the number and content of the subjects to be taught, and methods to be followed, care shall be taken of both scientific and pastoral requirements. The number of lectures may be reduced in the Second Cycle, given the ability of the students for personal work without prejudice to the student's getting the proper instruction and formation through an adequate number of specialized courses.

### SECTION III: COURSES

#### Article 33. Directives for Syllabus

33.1. As regards the First Cycle, the following are the directives:

- 33.1.1. the need for the students to arrive through reflection upon man's total experience, well-reasoned convictions concerning the reality and meaning of the world, the nature and dignity of man and his confrontation with values, the existence and nature of God, and man's relation with God;
- 33.1.2. the necessity to help the students to acquire, in the light of faith and under the guidance of the Church, a deep understanding of Catholic doctrine drawn from Divine Revelation, to live, propose and defend it;
- 33.1.3. the need for the Church in India to reflect on the problems in the context of religious pluralism in which she has to proclaim the Gospel;
- 33.1.4. the need for developing the Eastern Christian Theology and Spirituality systematically so that the Church may enter into fruitful dialogue with the sister Churches and with the various other religions and cultures of India.

33.2. As regards the Second Cycle, the following are the directives:

- 33.2.1. the necessity to help the students to acquire a comprehensive and contemporary synthesis of theological disciplines with the possibility of specialization in one of the areas of those theological disciplines, especially in oriental theological subjects;
- 33.2.2. the need to provide the students with appropriate facilities for specialization in the areas of the theological, spiritual, liturgical and canonical heritage of the Eastern Churches.

33.3. As regards the Third Cycle, the following are the directives:

- 33.3.1. the need to cultivate and promote through scientific research the religious heritage of the Christians of the East;
- 33.3.2. the necessity to contribute to the growth of the Oriental theological studies in an Indian religious and cultural context.

## SECTION IV: TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

### Article 34. Examination Sessions

- 34.1. An examination or equivalent test will be held in every subject (VG, Art. 43). The first examination session for the semester assignments will be held at the end of the respective semester, and for special courses at the end of the courses. There will be a second session of examination for the same courses, if necessary, at the beginning of the semester that follows immediately.
- 34.2. At the end of the Institutional Course of Philosophy and Theology, comprehensive examinations valid for the degree of Baccalaureate will be held (VG, Art. 43).
- 34.3. The Basic Course students of the First Cycle should also appear for a comprehensive written examination at the end of each Institutional Course.
- 34.4. At the end of the Second Cycle, comprehensive examinations will be held in order to assess the depth of knowledge of the student on the subject chosen for specialization. This is part of the requirement to obtain Licentiate degree.

### Article 35. Method of Examination

- 35.1. Examinations may be conducted in written or oral form.
- 35.2. The comprehensive examination for the degree of Baccalaureate in Philosophy at the end of the First Cycle of Philosophy will be both oral and written. The written examination will be on selected theses (VG Norms of Application, Art. 58).
- 35.3. The comprehensive examination for Basic course students will be written as per the byelaws on selected theses.
- 35.4. The comprehensive examination for the degree of Baccalaureate in Theology at the end of the First Cycle of Theology will be both oral and written and shall be conducted as per norms given in the byelaws to the Statutes of PVP (VG Norms of Application, Art. 58).
- 35.5. The comprehensive final examination for the Basic course students in Theology shall be written.
- 35.6. The comprehensive examination for Licentiate degree is composed of two tests, written and oral. They will be conducted as per norms in the byelaws and without prejudice to the Statutes of IECL (VG Norms of Application, Art. 58).
- 35.7. The students of the Third Cycle must attend the courses prescribed, pass the examinations conducted and submit and defend a dissertation as per norms given in the byelaws.



- 35.7.1. At least a part of the thesis defended and corrected according to the instructions, must be published and copies must be presented as per norms in the byelaws for obtaining the degree of Doctorate.
- 35.7.2. Registration for the Third Cycle is valid for five years after which it should be renewed as per norms of the byelaws.

### **Article 36. Admission to Examination**

For admission to an examination the candidates must have fulfilled the academic requirements prescribed by PVP. For admission to the comprehensive final examination, candidates must have previously completed successfully all the academic requirements and tests prescribed by PVP. The Licentiate students of the Faculty of Theology shall submit the dissertation to the office of PVP before the final examinations. In case of a grave reason the President of PVP may permit a student to submit the dissertation after the said examinations.

### **Article 37. Evaluation**

- 37.1. In the final evaluation of a student, teachers shall consider not only the performance in the final examination but also the various academic exercises completed during the course.
- 37.2. The comprehensive evaluation at the end of each Cycle will consider all the marks obtained in the assignments required for final approbation.
- 37.3. In the first examination sessions, marks may be given taking into consideration the general performance as specified in the byelaws; in the comprehensive examinations at the end of First Cycles of Philosophy and Theology the grading will, however, be on the basis of an overall evaluation of the specified topics. A similar overall evaluation shall be adopted also in the examinations repeated at the second or third sessions.

### **Article 38. Grading System**

The grading method will be as specified in the byelaws.

### **Article 39. Repetition of Examination**

- 39.1. Degree examinations may be repeated only once.
- 39.2. A second re-examination may take place only with the permission of the Syndicate.
- 39.3. Except by special permission of the Syndicate, re-examinations will be conducted only at the official sessions.

**Article 40. Promotion**

- 40.1. During the Institutional Course, no student will be promoted to the following year without fulfilling all the requirements of the previous one.
- 40.2. Students of the Second Cycle may proceed to the following year even if they do not satisfy the requirements of the previous year. In such cases, they will not, however, be permitted to appear for the final examinations before fulfilling the past year's requirements.
- 40.3. Students failing twice for any of the obligatory subjects in the First Cycle loses the right to proceed to a degree. According to the marks awarded, the Syndicate will decide whether he/she may pursue his/her studies as a Basic course student or even as a Guest student.

## SECTION V: DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

### Article 41. Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

The following academic degrees may be conferred by PVP:

- 41.1. Candidates who successfully complete the First Cycle of Philosophy, after the written exercises have been submitted and approved and the final comprehensive examinations have been passed, will be awarded the degree of *Baccalaureate* in Philosophy (B. Ph).
- 41.2. Candidates who successfully complete the First Cycle of Theology, after the written exercises have been submitted and approved and the final comprehensive examinations have been passed, will be awarded the degree of *Baccalaureate* in Theology (B.Th.).
- 41.3. Licentiate in Theology (L.Th.) is awarded after two years of specialization in theology and after the completion of the prescribed requirements and submission and approval of a dissertation.
- 41.4. Doctorate in Theology (D.Th.) is conferred on the completion of the academic requirements and teaching work prescribed by PVP and after submission, approval, defense and the publication of at least a part of the doctoral dissertation as per byelaws.
- 41.5. Basic course students may receive diplomas and Guest students may receive certificates of attendance as per norms of these Statutes and the prescription in the byelaws.
- 41.6. An Honorary Doctorate can be conferred for special scientific or cultural merit in promoting the ecclesiastical sciences, having obtained the *nihil obstat* of the Apostolic See (VG, Art. 51; VG Norms of Application, Art. 40) and with due regard for Art. 5 .4 .12 and Art. 10. 2 .2. 10 of this Statutes.
- 41.7. Licentiate in Eastern Canon Law is awarded to the students of IECL at PVP by the Faculty of Oriental Canon Law of Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome, after three years of specialization in Eastern Canon Law and after the successful completion of the prescribed requirements and submission and approval of a dissertation.
- 41.8. A special diploma of the Ministerial Year is awarded to the students for the priesthood, who have completed the prescribed Pastoral courses in addition to the five-year basic cycle (cf. Norms on Affiliation, Aggregation and Incorporation, 8 December 2020, Article 29 § 2; VG, Art. 76 § 2).
- 41.9. The degrees awarded to the non-Catholic students shall be issued in the name of the Chancellor of PVP. Their certificates will not bear the name of the Roman Pontiff.

**Article 42. Extra Courses**

PVP may also organize short courses with a curriculum and syllabus approved by the Syndicate. Students who successfully complete such courses may receive certificates or diplomas. Details of admission, subjects treated and examination in such cases will be given in each year's calendar (VG, Art. 76 § 2; VG Norms of Application, Art. 39; VG Norms of Application, Art. 41. 3).

**Article 43. Authenticating Authorities**

- 43.1. All degrees are issued under the signatures of the Vice-Chancellor, the President, and the Registrar.
- 43.2. The degrees conferred by the PVP are issued under the signatures of the Vice-Chancellor, the President, the Director of the respective Institute, and the Registrar. In the case of the aggregated Institutes the norms of the aggregating Faculty will be followed in this regard.
- 43.3. Basic course students who undergo comprehensive final examinations may obtain diplomas or certificates. They are given under the signatures of the President and the Registrar.
- 43.4. Mark lists of the degree course are issued under the signatures of the President and the Registrar.

**Article 44. Convocation and Ranks**

- 44.1. The convocation ceremony shall be conducted every year as per norms given in the byelaws.
- 44.2. Names of those students who fail to appear for whatever reason for the regular session of examinations conducted under the auspices of PVP or to submit the assignments of whatever nature during the prescribed time shall not be considered when grading the ranks are decided.
- 44.3. Complaints of any nature regarding examinations, awarding of diplomas and degrees, determining of ranks and like matters must be given in writing to the President within five days from the official announcement of the results. The President shall give in turn a written explanation if judged necessary. Students are free to make an appeal to the Vice-Chancellor against the decision of the President.

## CHAPTER SIX

### DIDACTIC FACILITIES

#### Article 45. Library

- 45.1. The efficient management of the library is the responsibility of the authorities of PVP by periodically updating the collection of source books and journals that promote research works and also books related to human, spiritual and pastoral formation of the seminarians.
- 45.2. PVP shall maintain a close collaboration with the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary in matters related to the library since the Seminary procured the building and the major portion of the books in the library. For details regarding the collaboration mentioned refer to the byelaws.
- 45.3. The Seminary Rector shall be consulted at the time of appointment of personals and making policy decisions regarding the library. For details refer to the byelaws.
- 45.4. There shall be Library Council consisting of *Ex-Officio* and elected members (VG, Art. 55).
  - 45.4.1. *Ex-Officio* members are: The President of PVP, the Rector of the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, the Librarian, the Vice-President, the Dean of the Faculty, the Directors of the Institutes, the Finance Officers of PVP and the Seminary, the Assistant Librarian and the Prefect of Studies.
  - 45.4.2. Elected members: The Staff Council elects one member each from the Faculty of Theology, and the Institutes.
- 45.5. The Library Council shall meet at least twice a year.
- 45.6. There shall be an Advisory Council consisting of the members mentioned in Art. 45. 4. 1 and 45. 4. 2 as well as the student representatives of the Faculty of Theology in the first, second and third cycles, of the Institutes, elected from their respective units. The Advisory Council shall meet at least once in a year.
- 45.7. All members of the Teaching Staff and the students enrolled in PVP and St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary will have access to the library subject to the rules of the library. Those who are not members of the academic community of PVP can have access to the library only with the permission of the Librarian or, in his absence, of the Assistant Librarian.
- 45.8. St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary and PVP shall allot every year an amount, fixed by the Synodal Seminary-PVP Commission, to the library, which shall be used exclusively for the needs of the library. All those who have to deal with the Library shall take care to develop the Library in harmony with the specific mission of PVP.

**Article 46. Publications**

PVP shall maintain its scientific publications as befitting to its nature and shall follow the norms specified in the byelaws in this regard.

**Article 47. Other Related Matters**

PVP shall have technical equipment, audio-visual and such materials to assist its didactic exercises (VG, Art. 56 § 1).

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### RELATION WITH OTHER FACULTIES OR INSTITUTES

#### **Article 48. Relation with Other Faculties and Institutes**

PVP will maintain close links with the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. It will also establish appropriate forms of collaboration with the ecclesiastical universities and faculties in India and also with other state or religious universities and scientific and religious cultural centers in India and abroad (VG Norms of Application, Art. 52 § 2).

#### **Article 49. Affiliation, Aggregation and Incorporation** (VG Norms of Application, Art. 48, 50; Norms on Aggregation, Affiliation and Incorporation)

If other Institutes of higher learning wish to enter into a relationship with PVP by way of affiliation, aggregation or incorporation, PVP will accede to their request as and when recommended by the Major Archbishop with the consent of the Permanent Synod and with the proper and necessary approval of the Holy See. Details concerning the affiliation, aggregation and incorporation are given in the byelaws of PVP.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

#### Article 50. General Norms

- 50.1. PVP, as an educational institution is not a profit-making concern.
- 50.2. The properties of PVP, movable and immovable, shall belong to the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod.
- 50.3. The Finance Officer is in charge of all the properties and assets of PVP, and he administers the financial matters under the general supervision of the President and in accordance with the prescriptions of common law and the provisions of PVP Statutes (VG, Art. 58).
- 50.4. He shall prepare the annual budget under directives from the Finance Council and get it approved by the Vice-Chancellor. He shall also present the audited accounts to the Finance Council and get it passed at the end of the financial year. Copies of statements of the audited accounts must be given to the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate every year (VG Norms of Application, Art. 46 § 1, 2).
- 50.5. He requires the sanction of the Finance Council or the Vice-Chancellor as the case may be, for spending amounts exceeding the limits specified in the byelaws. This does not apply to matters of ordinary expenses.

#### Article 51. Finance Council

- 51.1. There shall be a Finance Council consisting of the President, Rector of St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, the Vice-President, Directors of the Institutes, Finance Officers of PVP and the Seminary and one representative of the Syndicate elected from among themselves for three years.
- 51.2. The President shall be the *ex-officio* convener of this Council.
- 51.3. The duties of the Finance Council are:
  - 51.3.1. to suggest and approve ways and means for raising funds for PVP; it may appoint a committee for this purpose. The proposals, however, should get the final approval of the Vice-Chancellor before implementation;
  - 51.3.2. to help the Finance Officer in preparing the annual budget;
  - 51.3.3. to approve the annual accounts;
  - 51.3.4. to deal with the problems of the auxiliary staff if requested by the Finance Officer.
- 51.4. Any activity of PVP involving finance either direct or indirect must have the previous sanction of the Finance Council. If such matters are not mentioned in the annual budget, then it must be presented to the Vice-Chancellor with the consent of



the Finance Council by the persons concerned through the Finance Officer and get it approved before implementation.

- 51.5. The quorum for the meetings of the Finance Council is five; if one is impeded from attending the meeting, there shall be a substitute as specified in the byelaws. An absolute majority is required for the validity of its decisions.

## **Article 52. Sources of Income**

- 52.1. PVP must have enough funds to achieve its purpose. The details and norms regarding the sources of income and the expenses shall be given in the byelaws.
- 52.2. The teachers, officials and the staff assistants shall be paid a suitable remuneration according to the norms given in the byelaws (VG, Art. 59).
- 52.3. The byelaws regarding the norms indicating the ways the students are to contribute to the expenses also are to be followed (VG, Art. 60).
- 52.4. PVP may accept donations and constitute endowments for the award of prizes and scholarships under such conditions as are acceptable to it.

## CHAPTER NINE

### AMENDMENTS

#### **Article 53. Amendments**

- 53.1. The Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church with the Synod is the competent authority to make amendments to PVP Statutes subject to the approval of the Holy See.
- 53.2. The members of the Synod shall propose amendments to PVP Statutes, if needed, two months in advance of the commencement of the Synod. The Senate and the Syndicate may also similarly propose amendments through the Vice-Chancellor. The proposed amendments have to be circulated among the members of the Synod at least fifteen days before the Synod meets. A copy of the same shall be sent to the President of PVP to present it in the Senate of PVP to provide the Synod with its observations on the amendments which are proposed by the members of the Synod.
- 53.3. The competent authority to interpret PVP Statutes is the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church; when the Synod of Bishops is not in session, it is the competence of the Major Archbishop.
- 53.4. In case of a dispute in the interpretation of PVP Statutes and in the functioning of PVP, the appealing authority will be the Major Archbishop, who if necessary, may refer the matter to the Synod of Bishops whose decision will be final, without prejudice to the rights of the Holy See.

**APPENDIX****DIVISION OF SUBJECTS**

Subjects are divided into Obligatory Basic Subjects (OBS), Supplementary Obligatory Subjects (SOS) and Optional Additional Subjects (OAS). The obligatory courses are principal and auxiliary (VG Norms of Application, Art. 31).

1. Students of the First Cycles shall acquire a basic knowledge of Greek, Hebrew, Syriac, Latin and Sanskrit (Ancient Language Studies (ALS)), besides the mastery of English language.
2. Students of the Second and Third Cycles are expected to know at least two of the modern European languages necessary for scientific research in Sacred Sciences. Hebrew, Greek, Latin and Syriac will be required in accordance with their specialization.
3. Each year's plan of studies will carry the list of obligatory and optional subjects prescribed for each Cycle as well as the details regarding the distribution of subjects.
4. The programme of studies presented has listed number of optional courses which may be replaced by others or new ones may be added at the discretion of the Syndicate.
5. The counting of courses: In accordance with the Bologna Process to which the Apostolic See adheres the Dicastery for Culture and Education has rendered obligatory the adoption of European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One ECTS is equivalent of 25 study hours consisting of 45 minutes, of which 10 classes are for the teaching, 10 class hours are for the students' personal work on the specific topic and 5 class hours are for the preparation of examinations.

## FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

### BACCALAUREATE IN THEOLOGY (FIRST CYCLE)

#### A. PRINCIPAL COURSES

##### 1. SACRED SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	SSS 501	Introduction to Sacred Scripture and Exegesis	1.5
2	SSS 502	Pentateuch	3
3	SSS 503	Historical Books	3
4	SSS 504	Major and Minor Prophetic Literature	7
5	SSS 505	Wisdom Books	3
6	SSS 506	Book of Psalms	3
7	SSS 507	Introduction to Synoptics and the Gospel of Mark	4.5
8	SSS 508	Gospel of Mathew	3
9	SSS 509	Gospel of Luke	3
10	SSS 510	Johannine Gospel and Epistles	4.5
11	SSS 511	Acts of the Apostles and Introduction to Pauline Letters	1.5
12	SSS 512	Major & Minor Letters of St. Paul	6
13	SSS 513	Book of Hebrews	1.5
14	SSS 514	Catholic Epistles	1.5
15	SSS 515	Book of Revelation	1.5

Total ECTS – 47.5

## 2. FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	STS 601	Ecumenism	3
2	STS 602	Non-Christian Religions	1.5
3	STS 603	Atheism	1.5
4	STS 604	Other Currents of Contemporary Culture	1.5
5	STS 605	Revelation & Faith	3

Total ECTS – 10.5

## 3. DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	STS 606	Introduction to Theology	1.5
2	STS 607	Triune God	3
3	STS 608	Christology	4.5
4	STS 609	Eucharist	3
5	STS 610	Grace and Pneumatology	3
6	STS 611	Mariology	1.5
7	STS 612	Ecclesiology	4.5
8	STS 613	Eschatology	3

Total ECTS – 24

## 4. MORAL THEOLOGY/PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	MTS 701	Fundamental Moral Theology	4.5
2	MTS 702	Justice and Truthfulness	4.5
3	MTS 703	Sacrament of Reconciliation	3
4	MTS 704	Theology of Sexuality	3
5	MTS 705	Theology of Marriage and Family	3
6	MTS 706	Theological Ethics (Prime Commandments)	3
7	MTS 707	Catholic Bio Ethics	3

Total ECTS – 24

1	PTS 708	Pastoral Theology	1.5
2	ATS 709	Archaeology	1.5

Total ECTS - 3

## 5. CANON LAW

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	CLS 710	General Norms	3
2	CLS 711	Hierarchy	3
3	CLS 712	Marriage Process, Clerics and Laity	3
4	CLS 713	Sacraments, Ecumenism and Religious	4.5
5	CLS 714	Ecclesiastical Magisterium, Temporal Goods, Penal Laws	3

Total ECTS –16.5

## 6. LITURGY

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OSS 801	Sacraments of Initiation	3
2	OSS 802	Syro-Malabar Qurbana: History and Structure	4.5
3	OSS 803	Syro-Malabar Qurbana: Theology	3
4	OSS 804	Syro-Malabar Matrimony	3
5	OSS 805	Syro-Malabar Holy Orders	3

Total ECTS – 16.5

## 7. CHURCH HISTORY

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OSS 806	General Church History: Ancient and Medieval	4.5
2	OSS 807	General Church History: Modern and Contemporary	3
3	OSS 808	History of Christianity in India	4.5

Total ECTS – 12

## 8. PATROLOGY

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OSS 809	Patrology: Introduction and Greek Fathers	4.5
2	OSS 810	Patrology: Latin Fathers	3
3	OSS 811	Patrology: Syriac Fathers	3

Total ECTS – 10.5

**B. AUXILIARY COURSES**

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OBS 851	Hermeneutics	1.5
2	OBS 852	Homiletics	3
3	OBS 853	Islamology	1.5
5	OBS 854	Theology of Women	1.5
6	OBS 855	Theology of Missions	3
7	OBS 856	Theological Anthropology	3
8	OBS 857	Catechetic	3
9	OBS 858	Oriental Churches	1.5
10	OBS 859	Theological Methodology for India	1.5
11	OBS 860	Social Teachings	3
12	OBS 861	Media Ethics	1.5
13	OBS 862	Eco Theology	1.5
14	OBS 863	Particular Law of the Syro-Malabar Church	3
15	OBS 864	Sacraments in General	1.5
16	OBS 865	Liturgical Year	1.5
17	OBS 866	Liturgy of the Hours	1.5
18	OBS 867	Liturgical Music	1.5
19	OBS 868	Iconography	1.5
20	ALS 051	Biblical Hebrew	3



21	ALS 052	Biblical Greek	3
22	ALS 053	East Syriac	3
23	ALS 054	Latin	1.5

Total ECTS – 46.5

### **C. OBLIGATORY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAR 071	Thesis	7
2	OAR 072	Seminar (Two)	3
3	OAR 073	Book-Reviews (Four)	2
4	OAR 074	Extension Lectures	1
5	OAR 075	Elective Subjects (Six)	6

Total ECTS -18

The course on Baccalaureate in Theology consists of 229 ECTS. Each ECTS has 25 study hours consisting of 45 minutes, of which 10 classes are for the teaching, 10 classes are for the students' personal work on the specific topic and 5 classes are for the preparation of examinations.

**LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY  
(SECOND CYCLE)**

**SECTION I: GENERAL EASTERN THEOLOGY**

1. OBLIGATORY PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS (15X3=45 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OPS 1001	Analysis of 'Sermon on the Mount'	3
2	OPS 1002	Theological Analysis of Ex 15	3
3	OPS 1003	St. Paul and Early Christian Community	3
4	OPS 1004	Bible in Syriac Tradition	3
5	OPS 1005	Eschatological Doctrines in Different Churches	3
6	OPS 1006	Ecclesiology of the Early Centuries	3
7	OPS 1007	Eastern Dimensions of Pneumatology	3
8	OPS 1008	Ephrem's Philosophy of Theological Language	3
9	OPS 1009	Unique Features of the Theology of Syro Malabar Qurbana	3
10	OPS 1010	Liturgical Seasons of the East Syrian Tradition and their Theology	3
11	OPS 1011	Asceticism and Mysticism in the Orient especially among the St. Thomas Christians of India	3
12	OPS 1012	Special Moral Themes in Ancient Syriac Literature	3
13	OPS 1013	Struggle for Autonomy in the Syro-Malabar Church	3
14	OPS 1014	Indian Ecclesial Realities	3
15	OPS 1015	Eastern Approach to Moral Theology	3

## 2. OBLIGATORY AUXILIARY SUBJECTS (8X3=24 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAS 1051	Ecclesiological Development since Vatican II	3
2	OAS 1052	The Hermeneutics of Vatican II	3
3	OAS 1053	Early Greek Church Fathers	3
4	OAS 1054	The Nicene-Constantinople Creed: A Theological Explanation	3
5	OAS 1055	Ecumenical Movements	3
6	OAS 1056	Liturgy of the Hours in the Syriac Traditions	3
7	OAS 1057	The Truth about Nestorianism and Syrian Churches	3
8	OAS 1058	Theological Anthropology: Early Syriac Patristic Reflections	3

## 3. ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (8 X1.5 = 12 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	AOS 1101	The Christological Teachings of the Fathers of the Church	1.5
2	AOS1102	Renewal of Creation in the Perspectives of Narsai	1.5
3	AOS 1103	Development of Anaphoras through the Centuries	1.5
4	AOS 1104	Unity of Christian Initiation: Historical, Theological and Canonical Dimensions	1.5
5	AOS 1105	Spiritual Dynamism of Early Syriac Monasticism	1.5
6	AOS 1106	Iconography	1.5
7	AOS 1107	Historical-Biblical-Ecclesiological vision of <i>Varthamanappusthakam</i>	1.5

8	AOS 1108	Eastern Monasticism and Their Canonical Sources	1.5
9	AOS 1109	Origin and Competence of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches	1.5
10	AOS 1110	Synodal Structure of Governance in Eastern Churches	1.5

#### 4. LANGUAGES ANCIENT AND MODERN (18 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	ALS 1150	Latin	3
2	ALS 1151	Syriac	6
3	ALS 1153	Greek	3
4	MLS 1154	French	3
5	MLS 1155	German	3

#### 5. OBLIGATORY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (21 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAR 1200	Dissertation	9
2	OAR 1201	Seminar	6
3	OAR 1202	Book-Reviews (Four)	4
4	OAR 1203	Extension Lectures/ Symposia	2

Total ECTS for Licentiate in Biblical Theology are 120. Each ECTS has 25 study hours consisting of 45 minutes, of which 10 classes are for the teaching, 10 classes are for the students' personal work on the specific topic and 5 classes are for the preparation for examination.

## SECTION II: BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

### 1. OBLIGATORY PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS (15X3=45 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OPS 2001	Analysis of 'Sermon on the Mount'	3
2	OPS 2002	Theological Analysis of OT	3
3	OPS 2003	St. Paul and Early Christian Community	3
4	OPS 2004	Bible in Syriac Tradition	3
5	OPS 2005	Introduction to Judaism	3
6	OPS 2006	Ecclesiology of the Acts of the Apostles	3
7	OPS 2007	Vision of Unity in <i>Corpus Paulinum</i>	3
8	OPS 2008	Prophetic Literature	3
9	OPS 2009	Unique Features of the Theology of Syro Malabar Qurbana	3
10	OPS 2010	Ecclesiology of the Early Centuries	3
11	OPS 2011	Difficult Texts in the Sacred Scripture	3
12	OPS 2012	Exegetical Analysis of the Prologue of Luke	3
13	OPS 2013	Methodology of Interpretation and Exegesis	3
14	OPS 2014	Eschatological Doctrines of the Different Churches	3
15	OPS 2015	Ephrem's Philosophy of Theological Language	3

### 2. OBLIGATORY AUXILIARY SUBJECTS (8X3=24 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAS 2051	Servant Songs in the Book of Isaiah	3

2	OAS 2052	Exegesis of Deut 10:12-11:32	3
3	OAS 2053	Exegesis on Prologue of St. John	3
4	OAS 2054	Exegesis on 2Sam 7: 1-14	3
5	OAS 2055	Exegesis of Rom 5-8	3
6	OAS 2056	Exegesis on Passion Narrative in Synoptics	3
7	OAS 2057	Exegesis of Psalms	3
8	OAS 2058	Geography of the Biblical Land	3

### 3. ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (4 X1.5 = 6ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	AOS 2101	Lucan Theology of the Way	1.5
2	AOS 2102	Book of Job	1.5
3	AOS 2103	Apocalyptic Writings	1.5
4	AOS 2104	Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	1.5
5	AOS 2105	Eastern Approach to Moral Theology	1.5
6	AOS 2106	Historical Analysis of the Sacred Scripture	1.5
7	AOS 2107	Biblical Ethics	1.5

### 4. BIBLICAL LANGUAGE STUDIES (30 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	BLS 2151	Elementary Greek	4.5
2	BLS 2152	Advanced Greek and Syntax	10
3	BLS 2153	Elementary Hebrew	4.5
4	BLS 2154	Advanced Hebrew and Syntax	9

5	BLS 2155	Biblical Aramaic	2
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#### 5. OBLIGATORY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (9 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAR 2201	Dissertation	9
2	OAR 2202	Seminar	6

Total ECTS for Licentiate in Biblical Theology are 120. Each ECTS has 25 study hours consisting of 45 minutes, of which 10 classes are for the teaching, 10 classes are for the students' personal work on the specific topic and 5 classes are for the preparation for examination.

### SECTION III: SYRIAC THEOLOGY

#### 1. OBLIGATORY PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS (15X3=45 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OPS 3001	Analysis of 'Sermon on the Mount'	3
2	OPS 3002	Theological Analysis of Ex 15	3
3	OPS 3003	Bible in Syriac Tradition	3
4	OPS 3004	The Liturgical Seasons of the East Syrian Tradition and Their Theology	3
5	OPS 3005	Ephrem's Philosophy of Theological Language	3
6	OPS 3006	Selected Hymns of St. Ephrem	3
7	OPS 3007	Introduction to West Syriac & Discourses of Philoxenos of Mabbug	3
8	OPS 3008	Homilies of Narsai (XVII Homily)	3
9	OPS 3009	Ecclesiology of the Early Centuries	3
10	OPS 3010	Eschatological Doctrines in Different Churches	3
11	OPS 3011	Eastern Dimensions of Pneumatology	3
12	OPS 3012	Unique Features of the Theology of Syro Malabar Qurbana	3
13	OPS 3013	Special Moral Themes in Ancient Syriac Literature	3
14	OPS 3014	Eastern Approach to Moral Theology	3
15	OPS 3015	St. Paul and Early Christian Community	3



## 2. OBLIGATORY AUXILIARY SUBJECTS (8X3=24 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAS 3051	Anaphora of Mar Addai and Mar Mari	3
2	OAS 3052	Anaphora of Mar Jacob	3
3	OAS 3053	Demonstrations of Aphrahat	3
4	OAS 3054	Selected Hymns of St. Jacob of Sarugh	3
5	OAS 3055	Marian Hymns in Syriac Liturgy	3
6	OAS 3056	Acts of Thomas	3
7	OAS 3057	Liturgy of the Hours in the Syriac Traditions	3
8	OAS 3058	Syriac Theology in the Collection of Warda	3

## 3. ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (4 X1.5 = 6 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	AOS 3101	The Truth about Nestorianism and Syrian Churches	1.5
2	AOS 3102	Renewal of Creation in the Perspectives of Narsai	1.5
3	AOS 3103	Theological Anthropology: Early Syriac Patristic Reflections	1.5
4	AOS 3104	Development of Anaphoras through the Centuries	1.5
5	AOS 3105	Anaphoras of Mar Theodore and Mar Nestorius	1.5
6	AOS3106	Mariology in Syriac Perspective (Both East Syriac and West Syriac)	1.5
7	AOS 3107	Unity of Christian Initiation: Historical, Theological and Canonical Dimensions	1.5

8	AOS 3108	Biblical Preludes of Epiclesis	1.5
9	AOS 3109	Baptismal Liturgy in the West Syriac Tradition	1.5
10	AOS 3110	Christology of Bar Ebraya	1.5
11	AOS 3111	Sacraments of Initiation in 'Acts of Thomas'	1.5

#### 4. SYRIAC LANGUAGE STUDIES (30 ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	SLS 3151	Syriac Grammar Basic Level	15
2	SLS 3152	Syriac Grammar Advanced Level	15

#### 5. OBLIGATORY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (15ECTS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAR 3201	Dissertation	9
2	OAR 3202	Seminar	6

Total ECTS for Licentiate in Syriac Theology are 120. Each ECTS has 25 study hours consisting of 45 minutes, of which 10 classes are for the teaching, 10 classes are for the students' personal work on the specific topic and 5 classes are for the preparation for examination.

## **DOCTORATE IN THEOLOGY (THIRD CYCLE)**

The Third Cycle of Higher Research Course will last for a minimum period of two years. During this cycle, the students will do a few courses and carry out research on some particular topic that will contribute to scientific progress of Sacred Sciences and allied disciplines, especially in the areas of Oriental Theological Studies in an Asian ecclesial, religious and cultural context.

As regards the Third Cycle the following must be considered: (PVP Statutes on Third Cycle, Art. 32.3)

- i. The need to cultivate and promote through scientific research the religious heritage of the Christians of the East. (PVP Statutes on Third Cycle, Art. 32.3.1)
- II. The necessity to contribute to the growth of the Oriental theological studies in an Indian religious and cultural context. (PVP Statutes on Third Cycle, Art. 32.3.2)

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students who hold a Master's Degree in Theology (specialized) at least with a second class can be admitted to the Third Cycle of Higher Research Course. Admission will also be granted, on individual merit, to students who may have in Theology (or subjects allied to this field) the respective consideration of the programme of studies followed and examinations or tests passed.

#### **A. WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF CLASSICAL AND MODERN LANGUAGES**

Candidates for the Doctor's Degree will be required to have at least a reading knowledge of classical languages (such as Hebrew, Greek, Syriac or Sanskrit) and modern European languages besides English (French or German) according to the area of research undertaken. They should be made to consult source books in at least one original language for the doctoral dissertation (byelaws of the Statutes of PVP, Art. XXXVI. 15.d).

#### **B. COURSES**

Candidates should do a minimum number of courses (3-5) in the first year of the Third Cycle. These courses are intended to facilitate the doctoral research of the candidate. The courses can assume varied forms such as lectures, tutorial courses, assignments, suggested readings, discussions etc. followed by a written or oral evaluation.

The doctoral students should attend a prescribed number of subjects and pass in the examinations as given in the Statutes (byelaws of the Statutes of PVP, Art. XXXVI. 15).

- a. They should do 3 subjects, if they have done their Master's Degree Course at

PVP, while others should do 5 subjects (byelaws of the Statutes of PVP, Art. XXXVI. 15.a.).

### **C. DISSERTATION**

The most important requirement of the Third Cycle is the written dissertation. The doctoral dissertation should have a minimum of 150 pages or 45000 words. It should be publicly defended and collegially approved. The dissertation should be published at least in part for the doctoral title.

- a. Two months after the registration at PVP, they should give in writing to the office the tentative programme on which they are going to make their research. This is subject to revision and final approval by the Syndicate later (byelaws of the Statutes of PVP, Art. XXXVI. 15.b.).
- b. They should prepare a thesis under the direction of a Professor approved for it by the Syndicate (byelaws of the Statutes of PVP, Art. XXXVI. 15.c.).
- c. If they do not submit the dissertation within five years, they should renew the registration of the theme at PVP (byelaws of the Statutes of PVP, Art. XXXVI. 16.).

## INSTITUTE OF EASTERN CANON LAW

### FIRST CYCLE – PROGRAMME OF STUDIES

#### 1. FIRST-YEAR: OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OS 101	Metaphysics	9
2	OS 102	Philosophical Anthropology	9
3	OS 103	Ethics	3
4	OS 103	Latin	12
5	OS 104	Ecumenism	6
6	OS 105	Ecclesiology	6
7	OS 106	Introduction to Sacred Scripture	6
8	OS 107	Theology of New Testament	6
9	OS 108	Seminar	3

#### 2. SECOND-YEAR: OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OS 109	Introduction to Sacred Scripture	6
2	OS 110	Canon Law	12
3	OS 111	The Transmission and Credibility of Divine Revelation	3
4	OS 112	Christology	6
5	OS 113	Trinitarian Theology	6
6	OS 114	Fundamental Moral Theology	9

7	OS 115	Fundamental Theology	3
8	OS 116	Sacramental Theology	9
9	OS 117	Divine Grace	3
10	OS 118	Seminar	3

Total ECTS

120

The programme of studies is as per the norms of *Veritatis Gaudium* art. 78a, VG Norms art. 61.1, *Instruction on the Aggregation* article 19 § 3 and 31 and the Statutes of the Institute of Eastern Canon Law art. 16.6.1-5.

## SECOND CYCLE- PROGRAMME OF STUDIES

### 1. FIRST-YEAR: PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS (PS)

Serial No.	Course Title	Subject	ECTS
1	PS 201	General Norms I and II (Titles XIX, XX, XXI, XXIX, XXX)	6
2	PS 202	Recourse Against Administrative Decrees (Title XXII)	3

### 2. OBLIGATORY AUXILIARY SUBJECTS (OAS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAS 301	Canon Law in the Life of the Church	3
2	OAS 302	Introduction of Indian Civil Law	3
3	OAS 303	Juridical Methodology	3
4	OAS 304	Methodology of the Archival Research	3
5	OAS 305	Hierarchical Institutions in Oriental Canon Law	1.5
6	OAS 306	History of the Sources of Eastern Canon Law	3
7	OAS 307	Introduction to the Constitution of India	3
8	OAS 308	Sacred Canons of the First Millennium	3
9	OAS 309	Introduction to Roman Law	3
10	OAS 310	Introduction to CIC	3

### 3. OBLIGATORY LANGUAGE AND SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS (OLR, OSR)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OLR 401	Basic Latin	18
2	OLR 402	Syriac	6

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OSR 501	Seminar	3

#### 4. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (OS)

Serial No.	Course Title	Subject	ECTS
1	OS 601	Italian/Sanskrit	3

Total ECTS for Principal and Auxiliary subjects, language and seminar: 64.5

#### 5. SECOND-YEAR: PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS (PS)

Serial No.	Course Title	Subject	ECTS
1	PS 203	Sacred Hierarchy I (Titles III, IV, V, VI)	3
2	PS 204	Preliminary Canons, Sui Iuris Churches and Rites (Title II)	1.5
3	PS 205	Christian Faithful, their Rights and Obligations (Title I)	1.5
4	PS 206	Trials in General (Title XXIV)	3
5	PS 207	Contentious Trial (Title XXV)	3
6	PS 208	Evangelization of People, Ecclesiastical Magisterium, Baptized non-Catholics coming into full communion with the Catholic Church and Ecumenism (Titles XIV, XV, XVII, XVIII)	3
7	PS 209	Sacred Hierarchy III (The Roman Curia)	1.5



## 6. OBLIGATORY AUXILIARY SUBJECTS (OAS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAS 311	Theology of Law	3
2	OAS 312	Canonical Sources of the Syro-Malabar Church	3
3	OAS 313	Indian Procedural Law	3
4	OAS 314	Philosophy of Law	3
5	OAS 315	The Role of Tribunal Officials	3

## 7. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (OS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OS 602	Personal Law in India	1.5
2	OS 603	Introduction in Ancient Legal Systems in India	3
3	OS 604	Islamic Law	1.5
4	OS 605	Canon Law of the Eastern Non-Catholic Churches in India	3
5	OS 606	Canonical Sources of the Syro-Malankara Church	3
6	OS 607	Italian/Sanskrit	3

## 8. OBLIGATORY LANGUAGE AND SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS (OLR, OSR)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OLR 403	Canonical Latin	12
2	OSR 502	Seminar	3

Total ECTS for Principal, Auxiliary, Language and Seminar

46.5

## 9. THIRD YEAR: OBLIGATORY PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS (PS)

Serial No.	Course Title	Subject	ECTS
1	PS 210	Sacred Hierarchy II (Titles VII, VIII, IX)	3
2	PS 211	Sacraments except Marriage (Title XVI)	4.5
3	PS 212	Clerics, Laity and Associations of Christian Faithful (Titles X, XI, XIII)	3
4	PS 213	Certain Special Processes (Title XXVI)	1.5
5	PS 214	Temporal Goods of the Church (Title XXIII)	1.5
6	PS 215	Penal Laws (Titles XXVII, XXVIII)	3
7	PS 216	Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (Title XII)	4.5
8	PS 217	Sacrament of Marriage (Title XVI)	3

## 10. OBLIGATORY AUXILIARY SUBJECTS (OAS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OAS 316	Code of Particular of the Syro-Malabar Church	3
2	OAS 317	History of Codification of CCEO	3
3	OAS 318	Procedure in Causes of Saints	3
4	OAS 319	Sources of the Syro-Chaldean Law	3

## 11. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (OS)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OS 608	Case Study on the grounds of nullity of Marriage	3
2	OS 609	Civil Law and its Application in Canon Law	3
3	OS 611	Inculturation of Canon Law	3

## 12. OBLIGATORY LANGUAGE AND SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS (OLR, OSR)

Serial No	Course Title	Subjects	ECTS
1	OLR 404	Canonical Latin	12
2	OSR 503	Seminar	3

Total ECTS for Principal, Auxiliary, Language and Seminar 52.5

<b>CONSOLIDATED ECTS</b>		
1	Principal Subjects	49.5
2	Obligatory Auxiliary Subjects	55.5
3	Optional Subjects	15
4	Seminars Requirements	9
5	Languages Requirements	48
6	Dissertation	6
Total ECTS		183

## INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACCALAUREATE IN PHILOSOPHY AT PVP  
APPROVED BY THE CONGREGATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
ON 25 JUNE 2013 (PROT. N. 198/2012)

### 1. OBLIGATORY BASIC SUBJECTS

Course Number	Subjects	Credits	Total Credits
OBS 101	Introduction to Philosophy	2	2
OBS 102	Fides et ratio	2	4
OBS 103	Logic: Deduction	5	9
OBS 104	Logic: Induction	3	12
OBS 105	Symbolic Logic	3	15
OBS 106	Philosophy of Knowledge	7	22
OBS 107	Metaphysics	7	29
OBS 108	Theodicy	7	36
OBS 109	Philosophy of Religion	3	39
OBS 110	Philosophy of Human Person	7	46
OBS 111	Moral Philosophy	7	53
OBS 112	Political Philosophy	5	58
OBS 113	Cosmology	7	65
OBS 114	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	5	70
OBS 115	History of Medieval Western Philosophy	5	75
OBS 116	History of Modern Western Philosophy	5	80

OBS 117	History of Contemporary Western Philosophy	5	85
OBS 118	Modern Trends in Philosophy	2	87
OBS 119	Introduction to Indian Philosophy	2	89
OBS 120	History of Indian Philosophy	4	93
OBS 121	Systems of Indian Philosophy	4	97
OBS 122	Modern Indian Thought	4	101
OBS 123	Contemporary Indian Thought	4	105
OBS 124	Seminar	5	110
OBS 125	Dissertation	10	120
<i>Credits for Obligatory Basic Subjects: 120</i>			

## 2. SUPPLEMENTARY OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS

Course Number	Subjects	Credits	Total Credits
SOS 201	Introduction to Scientific Methodology	1	121
SOS 202	English I: Communication Skills in English	3	124
SOS 203	English II: Reading Literature in English	3	127
SOS 204	English III: Critical Thinking, Academic Writing and Presentation	3	130
SOS 205	English IV: Musings on Vital Issues	3	133
SOS 206	English V: Reflections on Indian Polity, Secularism & Sustainable Environment	3	136
SOS 207	English VI: Evolution of Philosophy of Science – Literary Perspective	3	139
SOS 208	Malayalam I: Stories and Novels	3	142

SOS 209	Malayalam II: Poetry	3	145
SOS 210	Malayalam III: Drama	3	148
SOS 211	Malayalam IV: Prose and Writing Skills	3	151
SOS 212	Hindi Language	1	152
SOS 213	Sanskrit Language	2	154
SOS 214	Syriac Language	2	156
SOS 215	Latin Language	2	158
SOS 216	Book Reviews	1	159
SOS 217	Symposia & Extension Lectures	1	160
<i>Total Credits for Supplementary Obligatory Subjects: 40</i>			

### 3. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

Course Number	Subjects	Credits	Total Credits
OAS 301	Philosophy of Science	2	162
OAS 302	Scientific Phenomenology	2	164
OAS 303	Eco-Philosophy	2	166
OAS 304	Renaissance Philosophy of Kerala	1	167
OAS 305	Philosophy of Arts	2	169
OAS 306	Philosophy of Culture	1	170
OAS 307	General Psychology	2	172
OAS 308	Abnormal Psychology	1	173
OAS 309	Gospel Values	1	174
OAS 310	Gandhian Thought	1	175

OAS 311	Marxism	1	176
OAS 312	Elective Subjects	4	180
<i>Total Credits for Optional Additional Subjects: 20</i>			
<b>Total Number of Credits:</b>			<b>180</b>

The course on Baccalaureate in Philosophy consists of 180 ECTS, of which OBS constitutes 66.6% of the total subjects (VG Norms, art. 66 § 1a), SOS constitutes 24. 7% and OAS constitutes 08. 7%. Each ECTS has 25 study hours consisting of 45 minutes, of which 10 classes are for the teaching, 10 classes are for the students' personal work on the specific topic and 5 classes are for the preparation of examinations.