



Pastoral experience is available in order to help integrate study into the life of charity. Students of the *Studium Theologicum Salesianum* assist various Christian communities around the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv areas, work with migrant workers from the Philippines, help run Youth Centres in Bethlehem and Cremisan or teach catechism to small groups of young people.



The Studium Theologicum Salesianum holds a distinguished place among theological centres of Jerusalem. Over the years it has attracted the likes of Cardinal Joseph Zen, Cardinal Angelo Amato, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, and Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai to deliver the prestigious *Dies Academicus* lectures.



Applications to study at *Studium Theologicum Salesianum, Jerusalem*

Students who wish to do the four-year degree programme or those who wish to do a select number of courses may find more information at: www.jerusalem.unisal.it
You may contact the office directly or write to: secretary@jerusalem.unisal.it



LOCATION

The Ratisbonne Salesian Monastery is located a short 20 minute walk from the Old City of Jerusalem, site of the major events of Christ's life.

It is situated close to a lively pedestrian thoroughfare and shopping area as well as a major Jewish market and is close to the Jerusalem Great Synagogue.



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FACULTY OF THEOLOGY - JERUSALEM CAMPUS





History:

The beautiful Ratisbonne monastery, named after Fr. Alphonse Ratisbonne was constructed in 1876 on the site believed to be where the prophet Isaiah had his great revelation on the Virgin Birth (Is. 7:14). Between the 19th and 20th centuries it had been a professional and boarding school where students learned a variety of trades. During the war years it became a haven for families and their children from Kfar Ezion and Kibbutz Ma'ale Ha-Khamisha. Later on the Christian Centre for the study of Judaism was initiated at the Ratisbonne. Now it is the site of the Salesian Monastery Ratisbonne and the *Studium Theologicum Salesianum* (STS). The property is owned by the Vatican. Among the major events to be hosted at the Ratisbonne monastery were the major discussions held between Israel and the Holy See, led by then Cardinal Ratzinger, which resulted in the signing of the Fundamental Agreement (1993) and the establishing of diplomatic relations (1994).

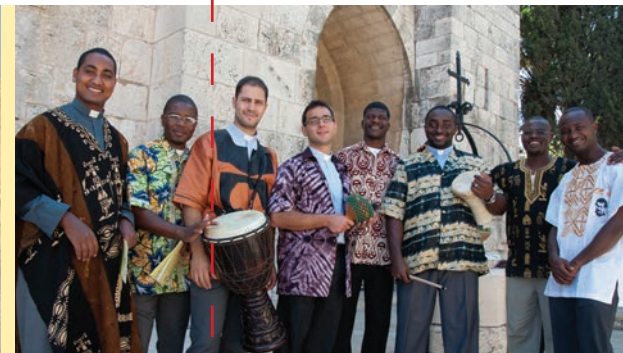


STUDIUM THEOLOGICUM SALESIANUM



The *Studium Theologicum Salesianum* is a fully accredited centre for the study of Theology. It is the Jerusalem Campus of the Faculty of Theology of the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome.

The STS offers a four-year Pontifical Bachelor's Degree in Theology. This fulfils the requirements for priestly ordination. The courses are ideal for Salesians, other Religious, Diocesan Seminarians and Lay people of various Rites who wish to study in the cradle of Christianity.



All courses are taught in English. The STS follows a two semester system (September-January and February-June). In addition to students who do the regular four-year degree programme, STS welcomes students who want to study a selection of courses in Theology.

The well furnished, computerised library contains over 35,000 volumes and 91 periodicals in various languages - the majority being in English, Italian and French.

The *Studium Theologicum Salesianum* carries on the academic tradition of the former Salesian Centre for Theological Studies established in Bethlehem (1929), then transferred to Tantur (1949), to Cremisan (1957) and to Jerusalem in September 2004.

The Salesians of Don Bosco, a Religious Family, spread across 130 Countries, have charge of the *Studium Theologicum Salesianum*, and many of its members from around the world study Theology here. The Missionaries of Africa regularly send their Seminarians and also contribute Professors to the *Studium Theologicum Salesianum*. Visiting Professors from Jerusalem and around the world enrich the Academic community.



Uniqueness:

The courses offered by professors are all approved by the Pontifical Congregation for Catholic Education. All professors - clerical and lay- at the opening of the academic year publicly make the Oath of Fidelity mandated by Canon Law and Blessed John Paul II's *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*.



The courses however are only one part of the Ratisbonne experience. Other study centres around the world do teach Theology, Scripture and Tradition, but only at the Ratisbonne can a student read the Passion Narrative on Calvary, pray the Rosary at the site of Our Lady's Dormition, and contemplate the breath-taking view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. These experiences of beauty and grandeur are then all placed in a context of understanding the events of salvation history.

The First-year students are taken for the monthly topographical visits of Jerusalem. These visits are conducted by a resident Professor of Archaeology, who is able to help situate Jerusalem in its geographical, historical, political, cultural and theological context.

Monthly study trips to various regions of Israel are part of the curriculum. These study trips orient the students to the geographical, Biblical, historical and cultural dimensions of Israel. In this way the students of the *Studium Theologicum Salesianum* can read, study, research and proclaim Scripture from perspectives that are simply not possible in other settings. Each year there is a week-long study trip arranged for either Egypt, Sinai, the Kingdom of Jordan or Galilee. In truth, studying Theology at the *Studium Theologicum Salesianum* is studying with the help of the Fifth Gospel.

