



Institute Mater Dei

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To
All the Major Superiors

Sub: Request to send Sisters for the Courses offered at Institute Mater Dei (IMD) , Old Goa

Institute Mater Dei imparts Spiritual, Biblical, Theological and Psychological knowledge and Holistic formation for religious sisters. The Institute is managed by the Conference of Religious Women, India (CRWI). The Institute gives priority for the formation of the sisters. Active and lively liturgy, timely reception of Sacraments, dynamic community life, regular spiritual exercises, spiritual direction and accompaniment, lectures on the current issues, regular evaluation and the heritage of Goa enhances them for the servant leadership in the Church and Society.

THE COURSES OFFERED

- 1. Diploma in Theology for Temporarily Professed & Perpetually Professed (One year)**
The basic theological subjects of this course provide opportunities to root oneself in deep faith and reason. The Sisters in initial formation benefit from this course for their formation. It also helps as a basic theology course for those who wish to pursue their study for Diploma in Animation Programme for Formators.
- 2. Diploma in Animation Programme for Formators (One year)**
The emphasis of this course is to enable women religious to assume responsibility as Formators and Animators in their respective Congregations.
- 3. Baccalaureate in Religious Science (BRS- Three Years)**
This is an inter-disciplinary course combining Philosophy and Theology. It is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of Philosophy and Theology in **THREE** years. This course also facilitates the students to go for higher studies in the required or desired disciplines.
- 4. Two Year Course in Philosophy (*Biennium Philosophicum*)**
This course is designed to prepare sisters seeking to pursue Theological studies. The course instils in them the thirst for wisdom, critical reasoning and ability to make sound judgment.
This course is conducted as per the directives of ' *Veritatis Gaudium*, ' the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Francis, 2017. It is a mandatory course for those who opt for Bachelor Degree in Theology (BTh).
- 5. Baccalaureate in Theology (BTh. Three Years)**
This course helps Sisters to reflect upon and train themselves to articulate the different tenets of the Christian faith meaningfully and lay a firm foundation in the matters of faith as espoused by the Church Magisterium. For BPh and BTh we follow the curriculum of JD, Pune, since the affiliation process is in progress.
- 6. The Institute Mater Dei offers short programmes on various relevant topics.**
 - Psycho-Spiritual Integration (Three Months - 15th September-17th December 2025)
 - Transformative Journey Through the Scripture (One Month – April 2026)
 - TOT on Grievance Redressal (One Week - February 2026)
 - TOT on Basic Counselling Skills (One Week – 1st – 5th April 2025)
 - Transformative Religious Leadership (April, July, October 2025 and January 2026)
 - Artificial Intelligence Application for Pastoral Ministry (September 2025)
 - Media & Communication (September 2025)
 - Diploma in Safeguarding (Online)

Note: Institute Mater Dei opens its door to the future Animators and Formators to participate in the regular courses for a short duration (1/2/3/6 months)

We are grateful and do appreciate your support and encouragement to Institute Mater Dei in different ways. We do expect your continued accompaniment and interest in sending Sisters for the above-mentioned courses, as **WE the National body of Women Religious (CRWI) run this Institute.**

Yours Sincerely,

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Superior

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Co-ordinator