



Promotional Issue | May 2025

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In this issue of Kuntatt, we're take a closer look at the educational offerings at the Faculty of Theology. The Faculty of Theology has several courses opening next September, including long-standing courses such as the full-time or part-time Bachelor of Theology degree, but also some new courses such as the Master's degree in Youth Ministry. We will hear from students themselves why they decided to choose a particular course and how it affected their life. While many students pursue their theological studies primarily because it enriches their life, several others study theology for professional reasons, especially in the field of pastoral work, youth work and school leadership.

On a separate note, we would also like to remind our readers about the upcoming Aquinas Lecture, delivered by Prof. Waldemar Chrostowski, and very much hope to see you there! Attendance is free but registration is required.

If you would like to be involved in the next issue of Kuntatt, or are a theology student and want to join the association, email us at ghst@um.edu.mt.

Enjoy,

Adam Baldacchino
GhST President 24/25

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Aquinas Lecture - About Our Speaker Rev. Prof. Waldemar Chrostowski

AQUINAS LECTURE
2025

**THE JUBILEE IN
THE BIBLE**

Rev. Prof. Waldemar Chrostowski
(expert in Biblical Studies and recipient of the Ratzinger Prize in 2014)

Date: 13/05/2025
Time: 18:00
Location: University of Malta
(Lecture Theatre 2)
To register click on the link in the description

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Prof. Chrostowski was born on February 1st, 1951, in Chrostowo, Poland.

He was ordained a priest on June 6th, 1976 by Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński. From 1978-1983 he studied at the Pontifical Biblical

Institute in Rome and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He then received his doctorate in theology in 1986, with habilitation in 1996, and the title of Professor of Theology in 2003. Since 2005, he has been a full professor at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. He was the promoter and reviewer of dozens of doctoral dissertations and participated in several habilitation procedures and proceedings for the academic title of professor.

He was the winner of the Vatican Ratzinger Prize (2014), which the Joseph Ratzinger – Benedict XVI Foundation awards to the most outstanding theologians.

If you are interested in attending this year's Aquinas Lecture please confirm your attendance by clicking on the registration link below.

Registration Link For Aquinas Lecture Tuesday 13th
May @18:00 Lecture Centre 2

If you wish to ask Prof. Chrostowski a question, you can apply for the Q&A Session, which will take place the day after the lecture.

Registration Link For Aquinas Q&A Wednesday 14th May
@10:00 Lecture Centre 1

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Q&A with Two Graduates of MA in Youth Ministry

What inspired you to apply for this course?

Deborah Debono:

Since the age of 15, I have always been involved in pastoral work with youth groups. Throughout this time, I have received a lot of formation which helped me to grow in a holistic way. Although my first profession was in the tourism industry, pastoral work with youth groups always gave me a more personal fulfilment. It was this attractive force which led me to change my career and start taking Youth Work more seriously. In 2018, whilst I was thinking of moving away from the tourism sector, there was an open application for the MA in Youth Ministry course and I immediately applied.

Brandon Lee Caruana:

Pastoral work with youths was always a passion of mine. Moreover, in the time I worked in this area, I always found youth work to be providential in a way, as it helped me to provide my input in both the Church and society. Moreover, after finishing my undergraduate course in theology and philosophy, I felt that my next step would be to enter into a more profound level in both my academic studies and in my pastoral activity with youths.

How did this course help you in your professional work?

Deborah Debono:

Firstly, it provided me with a professional warrant of a youth worker. This warrant gave me a guarantee that I can work in a professional way and in different roles where youths are concerned. I also can not forget the positive effects that the placement and the thesis had on me. Both of which focused on youth with different abilities. This experience was one through which I learnt how to adapt my work to different contexts and youths. Furthermore, through the time of the course I had a growing passion for learning and discovering how I can grow more in this area. The knowledge I gained through this course has led me to my current work at Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ, where I have the opportunity to work with different youth, whilst also learning from the colleagues which work with me.

Brandon Lee Caruana:

I feel that this course mainly helped me in two ways: Firstly, it prepared me so as to work professionally as a youth worker and it also broadened my horizon in my work in the local context of the Church in Malta.

A few years after I graduated, I started working as a youth worker with Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ. Although many of my colleagues had done a course on the youth and studies about community, I felt that I still could offer a different perspective regarding the organisational aspects of youth work. This work provided me with a platform and the tools to enter into dialogue with the youth about their everyday life, and also about existential and spiritual matters. Moreover, some youths rarely think about these things, especially in that these matters are what will give them an authentic meaning in their life.

I also feel that the course broadened my horizon in my work with the Church because for the past couple of months I have started to work in the Seminary Vocation Centre as a vocation officer. This work is the first of its type in the history of the Church in Malta and I believe that the course about pastoral work with the youth was essential in my role in assisting the director of vocations, in his work with so many youths who are discovering what God has planted in their hearts.

Why do you think that other people should apply for this course?

Deborah Debono:

This course will give you the opportunity to grow in a personal, spiritual and professional manner. This process will not only help you by providing new tools which you can use with the youth, but it also helps you discover aspects of yourself, which you might not have known before.

Brandon Lee:

I highly suggest this course for youths, those who are currently working with youths and also those who have a passion for this form of pastoral activity. This course will help you learn, evaluate and prepare yourself in a professional way for youth work which comes in diverse environments and circumstances. It will also help you discover who you are, and the incredible value that faith and pastoral work have on your life. Finally, it helps you discover how to be an instrument in the hands of God, so that in your actions you can give hope to others, this hope which gives life through the joy of the Word of God.

Interested? Learn more about the course and how to apply by
[clicking here](#)

Upcoming Events



RESEARCH SEMINAR

Towards a Cosmic Christianity: Transcending the Sacred-Secular Divide in the Digital Age

Speaker: Rev. Prof. Charlò Camilleri

📅 Wednesday 21 May 2025
🕒 16:00
📍 Faculty of Theology Board Room (Room 317)

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UM Public Lecture

A FAREWELL IN TEGEL 1945 MY FATHER & DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

8 May 2025
18:00
Dar Manuel Magri,
Univ. of Malta, Msida



Fiammetta Curcio

JOIN US

Curcio recalls her father Dante's deep bond with Bonhoeffer, forged in intense moments at Tegel prison — an experience that marked him for life.



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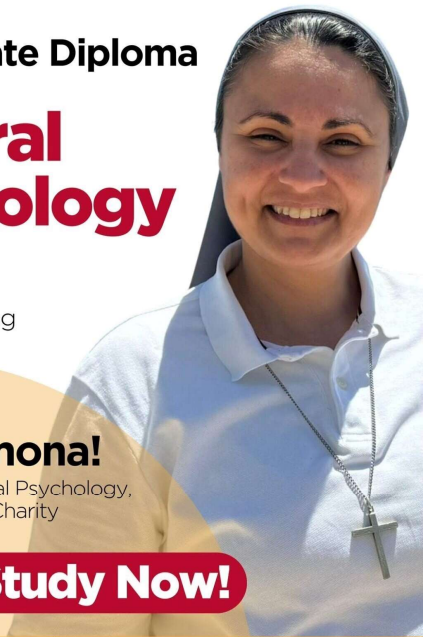
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more about the Postgrad



At Father Sloan's rectory,
changing the cat box is the
job of the littergist.

From [Inherit the Mirth Cartoons](#)

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