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STATUTIS

FACULTATIS THEOLOGIÆ
UNIVERSITATIS sub titulo v. VYTAUTAS MAGNUS
IN URBE KAUNENSI

ad normam Constitutionis Apostolicæ *Veritatis gaudium* adnexarumque Ordinationum accurate recognitis, quæ in eiusdem XXXII Articulis definiuntur ac statuuntur, pro munere hoc Decreto ***ad septennium experimenti gratia*** rata habet atque approbat, omnibusque ad quos pertinet, ut rite observentur, præcipit; ceteris servatis de iure servandis; contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

Datum Romæ, ex ædibus eiusdem Congregationis, die XI mensis Iulii, in festo S. Benedicti Abbatis et Patroni Europæ, a. D. MMXXI.

Iosephus Card. Versaldi
PRÆFECTUS

+ A. Vincentius Zani
A SECRETIS

VYTAUTO DIDŽIOJO UNIVERSITETO KATALIKŲ TEOLOGIJOS FAKULTETO

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STATUTAS

STATUTA

FACULTATIS THEOLOGIAE CATHOLICAE APUD UNIVERSITATEM KAUNENSEM VYTAUTI MAGNI

Teologijos-filosofijos fakultetas Lietuvos universitete Kaune įsteigtas 1922 m. balandžio 12 dieną. Fakultetas Vatikano katalikiškojo ugdymo (seminarijų ir studijų institutų) kongregacijos (*toliau* – Kongregacija) kanoniškai patvirtintas 1928 m. balandžio 19 dieną. Kai popiežius Pijus XI patvirtino šį nutarimą ir įsakė vykdyti, ta pati Kongregacija, remdamasi 1928 m. birželio 15 dienos dekretu „*Lithuaniae antistites*“, paskelbė, kad Kaune yra kanoniškai įsteigtas Teologijos-filosofijos fakultetas, turintis teisę teikti teologijos ir filosofijos akademinius laipsnius. Jam buvo suteiktos ir kitos privilegijos, kuriomis naudojasi Apaštalų Sosto įsteigtos analogiškos institucijos.

Facultas Theologiae – Philosophiae in Universitate Lithuaniae die XII mensis Aprilis A. D. MCMXXII in urbe Kaunas erecta est. Facultas haec a Sacra Congregatione de Seminariis et studiorum Universitatibus, quae nunc Congregatio de Institutione Catholica (de Seminariis atque Studiorum Institutis) appellatur (*infra* - Congregatio) die XIX mensis Aprilis A. D. MCMXXVIII canonice approbata est. Hac decisione a Pio PP. XI confirmata atque ad exsecutionem mandata, eadem Sacra Congregatio, innitens Decreto *"Lithuaniae antistites"* diei XV mensis Iunii A. D. MCMXXVIII, declaravit in urbe Kaunas Facultatem Theologiae – Philosophiae canonice erectam esse cum iure conferendi gradus academicos Theologiae et Philosophiae. Eidem Facultati etiam alia privilegia concessa sunt, quibus huiusmodi Athenaea a Sede Apostolica erecta frui solent.

1930 m. Lietuvos universitetas buvo pavadintas Vytauto Didžiojo universitetu.

Anno MCMXXX Universitas Lithuaniae Universitas Vytauti Magni appellata est.

Teologijos-filosofijos fakultetas, būdamas Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto dalimi, savo veiklą plėtojo iki 1940 m. liepos 16 dienos. Lietuvą okupavus Sovietų Sąjungai, Fakultetas atskirtas nuo pasaulietiškojo universiteto. Kongregacijai sutikus, Teologijos-filosofijos fakultetas buvo perkeltas į Kauno tarpdiecezinę kunigų seminariją, tapo savarankiškas ir globojamas Fakulteto Didžiojo kanclerio bei Lietuvos ordinarų.

Facultas Theologiae – Philosophiae ut pars Universitatis Vytauti Magni activitatem suam exercuit usque ad diem XVI mensis Iulii A. D. MCMXL, quando post occupationem Lithuaniae ab Unione Sovietica factam supradicta Facultas ab Universitate civili separata est. Cum consensu Congregationis Facultas Theologiae – Philosophiae translata est in Seminarium Interdioecesanum Kaunense, ubi sui iuris facta atque in tutelam Cancellarii Magni et Ordinariorum Lithuaniae recepta est.

Kadangi trūko kvalifikuotų filosofijos dėstytojų, 1953 m. Fakultetas tapo tik Teologijos fakultetu.

Anno MCMLIII Facultas, priva idoneis philosophiae Docentibus, Facultas tantum Theologiae esse coepit.

1989 m. balandžio 28 d. Lietuvos ir lietuvių išeivių mokslininkų konferencijoje „*Tautinė aukštosios mokyklos koncepcija ir Kauno universitetas*“ atkurtas Vytauto Didžiojo universitetas. 1990 m. vasario 28 d. Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto Senato nutarimu atkurtas Teologijos-filosofijos fakultetas. Šiam nutarimui pritarė Lietuvos Vyskupų Konferencija.

Die XXVIII mensis Aprilis A. D. MCMLXXXIX homines docti ex Lithuania et Exsilio Lithuano convenerunt in Conferentiam „*Nationalis conceptio scholae superioris et Universitas Kaunensis*”, ubi declaratus est actus, quo Universitas Vytauti Magni restituta est. Die XXVIII mensis Februarii A. D. MCMXC Senatus Universitatis Vytauti Magni decrevit, ut Facultas Theologiae – Philosophiae restauraretur. Huic decreto Conferentia Episcopalis Lithuaniae assensum suum praebuit.

1994 m. gegužės mėn. 10 d. Kongregacija pasiūlė, kad Kaune būtų vienas kanoniškai patvirtintas Teologijos fakultetas. 1994 m. gegužės 24 d. Lietuvos Vyskupų

Konferencijos ir 1994 m. birželio 1 d. Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto Senato sprendimu nutarta Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto Teologijos-filosofijos fakultetą ir Kauno teologijos fakultetą, esantį Kauno tarpdiecezinėje kunigų seminarijoje, pertvarkyti į vieną Katalikų teologijos fakultetą Vytauto Didžiojo universitete.

Die X mensis Maii A. D. MCMXCIV a Congregatione commendatum est, ut in urbe Kaunas unica Facultas Theologiae canonice approbata vigeret. Decreto a Conferentia Episcopali Lithuaniae die XXIV mensis Maii A. D. MCMXCIV facto ac decreto a Senatu Universitatis Vytauti Magni die I mensis Iunii A. D. MCMXCIV edito sancitum est Facultatem Theologiae-Philosophiae Universitatis Vytauti Magni necnon Facultatem Theologiae Kaunensem, vigentem in Seminario Interdioecesano Kaunensi, unicam Facultatem Theologiae Catholicae constituere apud eandem Universitatem Vytauti Magni.

Lietuvos Vyskupų Konferencijai prašant, 1998 m. spalio 15 d. Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto Senatas patvirtino Religijos studijų institutą prie Katalikų teologijos fakulteto Vytauto Didžiojo universitete, kurį patvirtino Kongregacija.

Conferentia Episcopali Lithuaniae petente, Senatus Universitatis Vytauti Magni die XV mensis Octobris A. D. MCMXCVIII approbavit Institutum Studiorum Religionis ad Facultatem Theologiae Catholicae apud Universitatem Vytauti Magni. Quod Institutum etiam a Congregatione approbatum est.

Katalikų teologijos fakultetas veikia vadovaudamasis statutu, sutarimo tvarka patvirtintu Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto Senato, Lietuvos Vyskupų Konferencijos ir Kongregacijos, bei Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto statutu, kurio normos taikomos tiek, kiek jų nereglamentuoja šis statutas.

Facultas Theologiae Catholicae in agendo regitur hisce Statutis consensu a Senatu Universitatis Vytauti Magni, Conferentia Episcopali Lithuaniae et Congregatione approbatis, atque Statutis Universitatis Vytauti Magni, quorum normae applicantur dum non subeunt regulas horum Statutorum.

I. Bendrieji nuostatai
Normae generales

1. Katalikų teologijos fakultetas (*toliau* – KTF arba Fakultetas) Vytauto Didžiojo universitete (*toliau* – VDU) yra VDU akademinis padalinys, vykdantis katalikų teologijos ir religijos mokslų studijas bei tyrimus.

   Facultas Theologiae Catholicae (*infra* – FTC sive Facultas) apud Universitatem Vytauti Magni (*infra* – UVM) est pars academica UVM pro studiis et investigationibus Theologiae Catholicae atque disciplinarum Religionis exsequendis.

2. KTF vadovaujasi Lietuvos Respublikos mokslo ir studijų įstatymu, Bažnytinės teisės kodekso normomis, apaštališkaja konstitucija „*Veritatis Gaudium*“, paskelbta 2017 m. gruodžio 8 d., šios konstitucijos vykdymo nuorodomis („Ordinationes“) (toliau – Nuorodos), paskelbtomis 2017 m. gruodžio 27 d. ir kitais Šventojo Sosto dokumentais bažnytiniams universitetams bei fakultetams, VDU statutu ir šiuo statutu.

   FTC in activitate sua exercenda regitur lege Scientiae Studiorumque Rei publicae Lithuaniae, normis Codicis Iuris Canonici, Constitutione Apostolica „*Veritatis Gaudium*” die VIII mensis Decembris A. D. MMXVII edita, Ordinationibus ad hanc Constitutionem exsequendam die XXVII mensis Decembris A. D. MMXVII datis (*infra* – Ordinationes), ceterisque documentis de Universitatibus et Facultatibus ecclesiasticis a Sancta Sede promulgatis, Statutis UVM necnon hisce Statutis.

3. KTF gali studijuoti dvasininkai, vienuoliai, pasauliečiai katalikai, pasižymintys doru gyvenimu ir turintys reikalaujamą išsilavinimą bei Bažnyčios rekomendaciją (*VG* art. 31).

   In FTC studiis vacare possunt sive clerici, sive religiosi, sive laici catholici, qui vitae moribus ac studiis praeviis idonei et legitimo testimonio Ecclesiae praediti sunt ut Facultati adscribantur (*VG* art. 31).

4. Pagrindiniai KTF tikslai yra šie:

   Fines principales FTC sunt:

1) siekti, kad Katalikų Bažnyčios mokymas, kuris nuodugniai tyrinėjant atrandamas Dievo Apreiškime, moksliniais metodais būtų gvildenamas ir sisteminamas, o šių dienų problemos būtų aiškinamos remiantis Dievo Apreiškimu (*VG* art. 69);

eo tendere ut doctrina Ecclesiae Catholicae ex Divina Revelatione maxima cura hausta methodo scientifica sibi propria alte perspiciatur et systematice enucleetur atque hodiernae quaestiones sub luce Revelationis Divinae sedulo investigentur (*VG* art. 69);

2) vykdyti mokslinę veiklą ir mokyti studentus filosofijos bei teologijos disciplinų, laikantis Apaštališkosios konstitucijos „*Veritatis Gaudium*" (art. 69–73) ir jos Nuorodų („*Ordinationes*") (art. 53-56);

actionem scientificam exercere et Studentes instituere modo proprio disciplinis philosophicis et theologicis ad normas Constitutionis Apostolicae „Veritatis Gaudium" (art. 69-73) et Ordinationum eidem Constitutioni Apostolicae annexarum (art. 53-56);

3) supažindinti studentus su Katalikų Bažnyčios mokymu, parengti teologijos ir religijos studijų specialistus, formuoti kvalifikuotus Bažnyčios darbuotojus, ugdyti katalikiškąją inteligentiją;

Studentes in doctrina Ecclesiae Catholicae altius instituere, peritissimos Theologiae et studiorum Religionis praeparare, formationem idoneorum habiliumque ministrorum Ecclesiae promovere necnon catholicos doctos atque intelligentes educare;

4) sudaryti studentams galimybę studijuoti disciplinas, skirtas bendrajai erudicijai ugdyti, nepažeidžiant filosofijos studijų integralumo pirmosios pakopos teologijos studijose (*VG* art. 74 a);

studentibus concedere potestatem studendi disciplinas, quae ad eruditionem communem ac doctrinalem sibi comparandam pertinent, salvo integro curriculo disciplinarum philosophicarum in studiis theologicis primi gradus (*VG* art. 74 a);

5) remti evangelizaciją vietinėje ir visuotinėje Bažnyčioje, glaudžiai bendradarbiaujant su Bažnyčios hierarchija.
In ministerio Evangelii nuntiandi tum Ecclesiae particulari, tum universali arcta cum Hierarchia coniunctione, opem ferre.

5. KTF pedagoginis ir mokslo personalas vykdo mokslinius tyrinėjimus ir su jų rezultatais supažindina visuomenę.
Docentium et Investigatorum scientiae corpus in FTC investigationes scientificas gerit quarum eventus in notitiam publicam pervenire facit.

6. Prie KTF gali jungtis ir kitos katalikiškos teologijos studijų institucijos, ypač Religijos studijų institutai. Jų jungimasis turi būti suderintas su Kongregacija ir VDU (*VG* art. 63-65; *Instrukcija dėl Religijos studijų institutų* art. 4).
FTC etiam aliis Catholicis Institutis Studiorum Theologiae, praecipue Institutis Studiorum Religionis possibilitatem praebet quoad affiliationem vel aggregationem a Congregatione necnon UVM rite approbandas (*VG* art. 63-65; *Instructio de Institutis Studiorum Religionis* art. 4).

7. KTF bendradarbiauja su Lietuvos ir užsienio bažnytiniais ar pasaulietiniais fakultetais ir kitomis mokslo institucijomis.
FTC cooperationem scientificam fovet in Lithuania et in externis regionibus cum Facultatibus studiorum sive ecclesiasticorum, sive profanorum necnon aliis Institutis studiorum.

8. KTF rūpinasi Lietuvos Vyskupų Konferencija, kuriai Didysis kancleris kasmet pateikia ataskaitą apie Fakulteto padėtį ir veiklą (plg. CIC c. 809-813).
Facultatis (FTC) cura Conferentiae Episcopali Lithuaniae committitur, cui Cancellarius Magnus singulis annis relationem praesentat de condicione et activitate ipsius Facultatis (cf. cann. 809 et 813 C.I.C.).

9. KTF veikia bendra Kauno kunigų seminarijos ir Fakulteto biblioteka, vadinama Teologijos fakulteto biblioteka.

In FTC communis Bibliotheca Seminarii Kaunensis et Facultatis habetur, quae Bibliotheca Facultatis Theologiae nominatur.

10. KTF lėšos ir turtas tvarkomas, valdomas ir naudojamas bendru VDU ir Bažnyčios sutarimu.

Sumptus et bona FTC ordinantur, administrantur et usui dantur pactione inter UVM et Ecclesiam facta.

11. Sprendžiant akademinės etikos pažeidimų klausimus KTF vadovaujasi VDU akademinės etikos kodeksu, kiek jis neprieštarauja šiam Statutui.

FTC in solvendo quaestiones violationum ethicae academicae agit ad Codicem Ethicae Academicae UVM quoad Codex hisce Statutis non contradicit.

12. Svarbiausiais KTF liečiančiais klausimais sprendimai priimami bendru Lietuvos Vyskupų Konferencijos ir VDU sutarimu.

Maximi momenti quaestiones ad FTC pertinentes a Conferentia Episcopali Lithuaniae et UVM per modum consensus decernendo solvuntur.

II. Fakulteto valdymas
De Regimine Facultatis

13. KTF veiklą organizuoja:

1) Didysis kancleris;
2) Fakulteto taryba;
3) Fakulteto dekanas;
4) Dekano vadovaujama patariamoji institucija – Dekanatas.

Auctoritates, a quibus FTC in agendo ordinatur, sunt:

1) Cancellarius Magnus;
2) Consilium Facultatis;
3) Decanus Facultatis;
4) Institutum consiliarium sub ductu Decani, i. e. Decanatus.

14. KTF Didysis kancleris yra tuometinis Kauno arkivyskupijos ordinaras. Didysis kancleris yra Šventojo Sosto atstovas Katalikų teologijos fakultete ir KTF atstovas Šventajame Soste.

Cancellarius Magnus FTC est Archiepiscopus Kaunensis pro eo tempore. Cancellarius Magnus Sanctam Sedem repraesentat apud Facultatem Theologiae Catholicae pariterque FTC apud Sanctam Sedem.

15. Didysis kancleris:

Cancellarius Magnus:

1) rūpinasi KTF, jo santykiais su vietine bei visuotine Bažnyčia, katalikų tikėjimo grynumo išlaikymu;

   curam FTC gerit, ipsius communionem cum Ecclesia particulari et universali fovet, doctrinae catholicae orthodoxiam in Facultate tutatur;

2) prižiūri, kad būtų ištikimai laikomasi Šventojo Sosto ir šio statuto nuostatų;

   providet, ut praescripta Sanctae Sedis et haec Statuta fideliter observentur;

3) prašo Šventojo Sosto patvirtinti Fakulteto dekano kandidatūrą;

   a Sancta Sede petit approbationem candidati ad munus Decani Facultatis obeundum;

4) teikia Kongregacijai prašymus suteikti *nihil obstat* KTF siūlomiems kandidatams garbės ir profesoriaus emerito vardams gauti;

   a Congregatione petit declarationes "*nihil obstat*" pro candidatis a FTC commendatis ad titulos honoris causa et Professoris Emeriti assequendos;

5) Fakulteto dekanui, prodekanui ir dėstytojams ar mokslo darbuotojams suteikia kanoninį siuntimą arba duoda sutikimą dėstyti, bei gali minėtas galias atimti dėl šių priežasčių:

   - dėl katalikiškosios moralės ar doktrinos pažeidimų;
   - jei konstatuojamas nesugebėjimas dėstyti arba vadovauti;

Decano, Pro-Decano, Docentibus et scientiae Investigatoribus Facultatis missionem canonicam vel veniam docendi confert eosdemque iis privare potest ob causas quae sequuntur:

- **propter transgressiones, quae ad probitatem vitae et integritatem doctrinae catholicae attinent;**
- **si de eorum incapacitate docendi vel administrandi constat.**

6) prašo Kongregaciją, kad ji patvirtintų su teologija ir morale susijusių dalykų dėstytojus ar mokslo darbuotojus šiems pradedant eiti pareigas Fakultete (*nihil obstat*) (*VG* art. 27 § 2);

a Congregatione petit declarationem "*nihil obstat*" pro Docentibus atque Scientiae Investigatoribus, qui disciplinas ad theologiam et mores attinentes tractant, muneribus in Facultate fungi incipientibus (*VG* art. 27 § 2);

7) suderinęs su VDU rektoriumi, tvirtina KTF padalinių vadovus.

assensu Rectoris UVM consecuto, confirmat praesides partium FTC;

8) kartu su VDU rektoriumi pasirašo pirmosios ir antrosios studijų pakopų baigimo diplomus;

Diplomatibus authenticis de studiis primi secundique gradus rite peractis una cum Rectore UVM subscribit;

9) teikia KTF statutą ir jo pakeitimus tvirtinti Kongregacijai;

Statuta FTC eorumque immutationes ad approbationem Congregationi exhibet;

10) informuoja Kongregaciją apie KTF reikalus, kas penkeri metai siunčia jai išsamų pranešimą apie Fakulteto akademinę veiklą, moralinę ir ekonominę padėtį bei strateginį planą, kartu išreikšdamas savo nuomonę (Nuorodos art. 9,7).

Congregationem de rebus Facultatis TC certiorem facit, eique singulis quinquenniis accuratam relationem de activitate academica statuque morali

et oeconomico Facultatis atque rationem stategicam mittit simul opinionem sive sententiam suam propriam exprimendo (*Ordinationes* art. 9,7).

16. KTF tarybą sudaro pariteto principu KTF padalinių deleguoti dėstytojai ir mokslo darbuotojai, dekanas ir prodekanai. Ne mažiau kaip 20 procentų Fakulteto tarybos narių sudaro Fakulteto studentai. Fakulteto tarybos pirmininkas yra KTF dekanas (*Nuorodos* art. 17,2).

Consilium Facultatis ratione paritatis constituitur Docentibus investigationumque Operatoribus, a partibus FTC delegatis, Decano et Pro-Decanis. Non minus quam 20 centesimas numeri membrorum Consilii Facultatis Studentes Facultatis constituunt. Consilio Facultatis praeest Decanus FTC (*Ordinationes* art. 17,2).

17. Fakulteto taryba:

Consilium Facultatis:

1) vykdo VDU statute nurodytas funkcijas;

   functiones in Statutis UVM praescriptas exsequitur;

2) suderinusi su Kongregacija svarsto ir tvirtina KTF studijų programas;

   assensu Congregationis consecuto, rationes studiorum FTC tractat et approbat;

3) suderina su Didžiuoju kancleriu kandidatūras docento ir profesoriaus pedagoginiams vardams gauti, kandidatūras profesoriaus emerito, garbės daktaro ir garbės profesoriaus vardams įgyti ir savo nuomonę teikia VDU Senatui;

   assensum Cancellarii Magni de candidatis ad nomina paedagogiam spectantia (pedagogica) Professoris Associati et Professoris necnon de candidatis ad titulos Professoris Emeriti, Doctoris et Professoris honoris causa consequitur et opinionem suam Senatui exhibet;

4) rūpinasi katalikiškų studijų turiniu, Fakulteto bendruomenės moraliniu lygiu, mokslo pažanga.

   curam eorum quae studiis catholicis continentur habet, probitatem morum communitatis Facultatis atque progressum in docendo servat et promovet.

18. KTF dekanas, vykdydamas šio ir VDU statuto reikalavimus bei Fakulteto tarybos valią, vadovauja Fakultetui, veikia jo vardu, jam atstovauja ir yra atsakingas už Fakulteto turtą.

Decanus FTC, haec Statuta atque Statuta UVM et voluntatem Consilii Facultatis exsequens, moderatur Facultatem, eiusdem nomine agit eamque repraesentat necnon de bonis Facultatis respondet.

19. KTF dekano kandidatūrą iš mokslininkų rektoriaus teikimu tvirtina Senatas. Ši kandidatūra turi būti suderinta su Kongregacija.

Candidatum ad officium Decani FTC ex scientiarum peritis, proponente Rectore, Senatus UVM comprobat. Hic candidatus assensum Congregationis consequi debet.

20. KTF dekano rinkimai:

1) du ar tris kandidatus į Fakulteto dekano pareigas, turinčius pedagoginį mokslo vardą ir mokslo laipsnį bei atitinkančius „*Veritatis Gaudium*" reikalavimus (*VG* art. 17), slaptu balsavimu išrenka Fakulteto taryba;
2) KTF tarybos išrinktus kandidatus Didysis kancleris apsvarsto su Vyskupų Konferencija ir siunčia aprobuoti Kongregacijai. Aprobuotus kandidatus Didysis kancleris pateikia VDU Rektoriui, o Rektorius teikia tvirtinti VDU Senatui. VDU Senato patvirtintą dekaną Didysis kancleris pateikia Kongregacijai tvirtinti.

FTC Decanus hoc modo eligitur:

1) **Candidati ad officium Decani Facultatis, qui habilitatem paedagogicam et gradum academicum prae se ferunt ac normis "*Veritatis Gaudium*" respondent (*VG* art. 17), a Consilio Facultatis per secreta suffragia duo vel tres eliguntur;**
2) **Cancellarius Magnus candidatos, a Consilio FTC electos, cum Conferentia Episcopali ponderat atque Congregationi ad approbandum submittit. Deinde approbatos candidatos Cancellarius Magnus praesentat Rectori UVM, Rector autem eos comprobandos Senatui UVM proponit. Decanum, a Senatu**

UVM comprobatum, Cancellarius Magnus Congregationi confirmandum proponit.

21. Fakulteto dekanas tvirtinamas penkerių metų kadencijai. Dekano kadencija sutampa su rektoriaus įgaliojimų trukme. Kunigų seminarijų rektoriai negali būti renkami Fakulteto dekanu.

Decanus Facultatis confirmatur ad quinquennium. Ad normas Statutorum UVM decursus muneris Decani concordat cum diurnitate muneris Rectoris UVM. Rectores Seminariorum ad munus Decani Facultatis eligi non possunt.

22. Fakulteto dekanas:

Decanus Facultatis:

1) vykdo VDU statute nurodytas funkcijas;

functiones partesque in Statutis UVM designatas exsequitur atque implet;

2) įgyvendina Kongregacijos, Senato ir Fakulteto tarybos priimtus nutarimus, rektoriaus įsakymus;

decreta a Congregatione, Senatu UVM et Consilio Facultatis interposita, praescripta ac mandata Rectoris ad effectum adducit;

3) priima naujas pareigas užimančių su teologija ir morale susijusių dalykų dėstytojų ar siekiančių įgyti Fakultete daktaro laipsnį asmenų priesaikas (*professio fidei*);

accipit *professionem fidei* omnium Docentium, qui disciplinas ad Theologiam ac morum probitatem pertinentes tradunt, initio suscepti muneris ipsorum necnon personarum, quae Doctoris gradum dignitatemque in Facultate consequi student;

4) atsiskaito Didžiajam kancleriui už Fakulteto veiklą.

rationem activitatis statusque Facultatis Cancellario Magno reddit.

5) bent kartą metuose atnaujina Fakulteto duomenis Kongregacijos interneto duomenų bazėje (*Nuorodos* art. 17,6).

Notitias Facultatis saltem semel in anno emendat accomodatque ad tempus praesens in interretiali repositorio Congregationis (*Ordinationes* art. 17,6)

III. Dėstytojai ir mokslo darbuotojai
De Docentibus et Scientiae Investigatoribus

23. Su teologija ir morale susijusių dalykų dėstytojų ar mokslo darbuotojų pareigas Fakultete gali eiti asmenys, atitinkantys VDU statute numatytus ir Senato patvirtintus reikalavimus, bei gavę Didžiojo kanclerio kanoninį siuntimą (*missio canonica*) ir davę priesaiką (*professio fidei*) (*VG* art. 27 § 1).

Muneribus Docentium et Scientiae Investigatorum, qui disciplinas ad theologiam et mores attinentes tractant, fungi possunt personae, quae congruunt cum postulationibus in Statutis UVM praevisis necnon a Senatu confirmatis, accepta *missione canonica* a Cancellario Magno concessa et *professione fidei* emissa (*VG* art. 27 §1).

24. KTF dekanas, prodekanai ir kiti dėstytojai ar mokslo darbuotojai, iš kurių Didysis kancleris atima kanoninį siuntimą arba leidimą dėstyti, negali dirbti Fakultete.

Decanus FTC, Pro-Decani aliique Docentes vel Scientiae Investigatores, a Cancellario Magno missione canonica vel venia docendi privati, a laborando in Facultate cessant.

25. Su teologija ir morale susijusių dalykų dėstytojai rūpinasi KTF studentų dvasiniu ugdymu.

Docentes disciplinarum ad Theologiam et morum probitatem pertinentium curam educationis spiritualis Studentium FTC habent.

IV. Studijų tvarka
De ratione studiorum

26. KTF vykdo: penkerius metus trunkančias pirmosios pakopos filosofijos ir teologijos studijas, kurias sėkmingai baigusiems suteikiamas katalikų teologijos bakalauro laipsnis (plg. *VG* art. 74 a); dvejus metus trunkančias antrosios pakopos studijas, kurias sėkmingai baigusiems suteikiamas teologijos licenciato laipsnis; ketverius metus trunkančias doktorantūros studijas, kurias baigusiems suteikiamas teologijos mokslų daktaro laipsnis (plg. *VG* art. 74 b–c).

In FTC locum habent: primi gradus studia philosophica et theologica per quinque annos duratura, post quorum felicem exitum gradus academicus Baccalaureatus Theologiae Catholicae confertur (cf. *VG* art. 74 a); secundi gradus studia per biennium duratura, quibus feliciter peractis gradus Licentiae in Theologia confertur; studia ad Doctoratum consequendum per quattuor annos duratura, quibus rite absolutis gradu Doctoratus ornari possunt (cf. *VG* art. 74 b-c).

27. Į studijas Fakultete gali būti priimami katalikai, pasižymintys doru gyvenimu ir turintys katalikų kunigo rekomendaciją.

Ad studia in Facultate adscribi possunt catholici, qui vitae moribus conspicui atque a sacerdote catholico commendati sunt.

28. Į teologijos licenciato studijas priimami asmenys, turintys teologijos bakalauro laipsnį, o į doktorantūrą – turintys teologijos licenciato laipsnį. Dvasininkai ir vienuoliai, norintys studijuoti KTF, privalo turėti savo ordinaro arba vienuolyno vyresniojo sutikimą.

Ad studia Licentiatus Theologiae adscribuntur personae gradum academicum Baccalaureatus in Theologia, ad studia vero Doctoratus gradum academicum Licentiae in Theologia habentes. Clerici et sodales Religiosi qui studiis operam dare in Facultate optant, consensum proprii Ordinarii vel Superioris instituti religiosi habere debent.

29. KTF studijų programos vykdomos derinant VDU ir Kongregacijos nustatytus reikalavimus.

Rationes studiorum in FTC exsecutioni dantur normas a UVM et Congregatione praescriptas convenienter componendo.

30. Pirmosios pakopos studijos baigiamos bakalauro baigiamojo darbo parengimu ir gynimu. Licenciato studijos baigiamos egzaminu „*Ex tota theologia*“, licenciato baigiamojo darbo parengimu ir gynimu. Doktorantūros studijos baigiamos egzaminu „*Lectio coram*“, kurį išlaikius suteikiama teisė ginti daktaro disertaciją.

Curriculum studiorum primi gradus concluditur thesium Baccalaureatus praeparatione ac defensione. Studia Licentiatus concluduntur examine "*Ex tota Theologia*" ac thesium Licentiatus praeparatione necnon defensione. Studia Doctoratus concluduntur examine "*Lectio coram*", quo superato tribuitur ius ad dissertationem Doctoratus praeparandam.

31. Fakulteto studentai gali būti braukiami iš studentų sarašų:

Studentes e Facultate dimitti possunt:

1) VDU studijų reguliamine nustatyta tvarka;

   ordine in regulamine studiorum UVM praescripto;

2) Jei jų moralinis gyvenimas ir doktrina nesiderina su katalikiškosios dorovės reikalavimais ir Katalikų Bažnyčios mokymu.

   si eorum vitae mores et doctrina non respondent moribus catholicis et Magisterio Ecclesiae Catholicae.

32. KTF studentai privalo lankyti specialybės dalykų paskaitas, seminarus ir kitus užsiėmimus (plg. *VG* art. 41).

Studentes in FTC obligatione tenentur praelectiones disciplinarum specialium, seminaria atque alia studia frequentare (cf. *VG* **art. 41**).

V. Fakulteto reorganizavimas ir likvidavimas
Reordinatio et extinctio Facultatis

1. Fakultetą reorganizuoja arba likviduoja VDU ir Bažnyčia tarpusavio susitarimu.

Facultas ab UVM et Ecclesia inter se paciscentibus reordinatur vel extinguitur.

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VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

STATUTES

The Faculty of Theology-Philosophy of the University of Lithuania in Kaunas was established on 12 April 1922. The faculty was canonically approved by the Vatican's Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education (seminaries and institutions of higher learning) (*hereinafter* – the Congregation) on 19 April 1928. When Pope Pius XI confirmed the decision and ordered that it be put into effect, the same Congregation announced, on the basis of the decree *Lithuaniae Antistites* of 15 June 1928, the existence in Kaunas of a canonically established Faculty of Theology-Philosophy having the right to confer academic degrees in theology and philosophy. The faculty was also granted other privileges which similar institutions established by the Holy See also enjoy.

In 1930, the University of Lithuania was renamed Vytautas Magnus University.

As a part of Vytautas Magnus University, the Faculty of Theology-Philosophy conducted its activities until 16 July 1940. Following the occupation of Lithuania by the Soviet Union, the faculty was separated from the secular university. With the approval of the Congregation, the Faculty of Theology-Philosophy was moved to the Kaunas Interdiocesan Seminary, becoming autonomous under the tutelage of the grand chancellor of the faculty and the ordinaries of Lithuania.

Due to a lack of qualified philosophy lecturers, in 1953 the faculty became a faculty of theology only.

On 28 April 1989, Vytautas Magnus University was re-established during a scientific conference of Lithuanian and Lithuanian-emigrant academicians titled "The National Concept of a School of Higher Education and the University of Kaunas". The Faculty of Theology-Philosophy was re-established by a decree of the Senate of Vytautas Magnus University of 28 February 1990. The Lithuanian Bishops' Conference approved that decree.

On 10 May 1994, the Congregation proposed that there be one canonically approved faculty of theology in Kaunas. It was decided, by a decision of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference of 24 May 1994 and of the Senate of Vytautas Magnus University of 1 June 1994, to reorganize the Faculty of Theology-Philosophy at Vytautas Magnus

University and the Kaunas Theology Faculty at the Kaunas Interdiocesan Seminary into a single Faculty of Catholic Theology at Vytautas Magnus University.

At the request of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference, on 15 October 1998 the Senate of Vytautas Magnus University authorised the creation of an Institute of Religious Studies at the Faculty of Catholic Theology, which the Congregation approved.

The Faculty of Catholic Theology conducts its activities in accordance with these statutes, which are approved by consensus of the Senate of Vytautas Magnus University, the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference and the Congregation, and with the Statute of Vytautas Magnus University, the norms of which apply to the extent they are not governed by these statutes.

I. General provisions

1. The Faculty of Catholic Theology (*hereinafter* – the FCT or the Faculty) at Vytautas Magnus University (*hereinafter* – VMU) is an academic division of VMU which conducts education and research on Catholic theology and religious studies.

2. The FCT shall abide by the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania, the norms of the Code of Canon Law, the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium* (*hereinafter* – *VG*) promulgated on 8 December 2017, the Norms of Application (*Ordinationes*) for that constitution (*hereinafter* – the Norms) published on 27 December 2017 as well as other documents of the Holy See for ecclesiastical universities and faculties, the Statute of VMU, and these statutes.

3. Clergy, religious and lay Catholics known to lead an upright life who have the required education and the Church's recommendation may study at the FCT (*VG*, article 31).

4. The main goals of the FCT are:
   1) to seek that Catholic doctrine, derived with deep study from Divine Revelation, be considered and systematically explained using scientific methods, and that light be shed on the problems of our day based on Divine Revelation (*VG*, article 69);

2) to conduct research activities and teach students the disciplines of philosophy and theology in accordance with the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium* (articles 69-73) and its Norms of Application (*Ordinationes*) (articles 53-56);
3) to acquaint students with the teaching of the Catholic Church, prepare specialists in theology and religious studies, train qualified Church workers, and form a Catholic intelligentsia;
4) to offer students an opportunity to study disciplines intended to develop general erudition, without infringing on the cohesiveness of the philosophy studies in the first-cycle theology studies (*VG*, article 74 a);
5) to support the work of evangelization in the local and the universal Church in close collaboration with the Church's hierarchy.

5. The teaching and research staff of the FCT shall engage in scientific research and make the results available to the public.

6. Other institutions for the study of Catholic theology may also be incorporated into the FCT, particularly Institutes for Religious Studies. Their incorporation must be coordinated with the Congregation and VMU (*VG*, articles 63-65; instruction "Reform of the Higher Institutes of Religious Sciences", article 4).

7. The FCT shall collaborate with Lithuanian and foreign ecclesiastical and secular faculties and with other scientific institutions.

8. The FCT shall be looked after by the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference, to which the Grand Chancellor each year shall submit a report about the situation and activities of the Faculty (Code of Canon Law, cc. 809-813).

9. A common library of the Kaunas Seminary and the Faculty, known as the Theology Faculty Library, shall operate at the FCT.

10. The funds and assets of the FCT shall be managed, overseen, and used by mutual agreement of VMU and the Church.

11. In handling matters of violations of academic ethics, the FCT shall abide by the Code of Ethics of VMU to the extent that it does not oppose these statutes.

12. Decisions on matters of key importance with regard to the FCT shall be made by mutual agreement of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference and VMU.

II. Management of the Faculty

13. The activities of the FCT shall be organized by:
    1) The Grand Chancellor;
    2) The Faculty Council;
    3) The Dean of the Faculty;
    4) The Dean's Committee – an advisory body led by the Dean.

14. The Grand Chancellor of the FCT shall be the current ordinary of the Kaunas Archdiocese. The Grand Chancellor shall be the representative of the Holy See at the Faculty of Catholic Theology and the representative of the FCT at the Holy See.

15. The Grand Chancellor shall:
    1) look after the FCT, its relations with the local and universal Church, and its preservation of the purity of the Catholic faith;
    2) supervise that the regulations of the Holy See and the provisions of these statutes are faithfully kept;
    3) ask the Holy See to confirm the candidate to be Dean of the Faculty;
    4) request the *nihil obstat* of the Congregation for candidates proposed by the FCT to receive the titles of Honorary Professor and Professor Emeritus;
    5) grant the canonical mission or give permission to teach to the Faculty's Dean, Vice-Dean and teachers, being able also to rescind such powers for these reasons:
        - for violations of Catholic morals or doctrine;
        - if inability to teach or to lead is established;

6) ask the Congregation to confirm (with a declaration of *nihil obstat*) teachers and research staff in disciplines related to faith and morals before they begin work in such a position at the Faculty (VG, article 27 § 2);
7) confirm heads of divisions of the FCT after consulting with the Rector of VMU;
8) together with the Rector of VMU, co-sign diplomas for completion of first-cycle and second-cycle studies;
9) submit the statutes of the FCT and amendments thereof to the Congregation for approval;
10) inform the Congregation about affairs of the FCT and every five years send it a detailed report on the academic, moral, and economic situation of the Faculty, and its strategic plan, along with the Grand Chancellor's own judgement (Norms, article 9.7).

16. The Faculty Council shall be comprised of teaching and research staff delegated by the divisions of the Faculty under the principle of parity, the Dean, and the Vice Deans. Students of the Faculty shall make up at least 20 percent of the members of the Faculty Council. The chairperson of the Faculty Council shall be the Dean of the FCT (Norms, article 17.2).

17. The Faculty Council shall:
1) carry out the functions stipulated in the Statute of VMU;
2) in coordination with the Congregation, consider and approve the FCT's programmes of studies;
3) coordinate with the Grand Chancellor candidates to receive the pedagogical titles of Associate Professor and Professor, and candidates to receive the titles of Professor Emeritus, Honorary Doctor and Honorary Professor, and present its opinion to the Senate of VMU;
4) look after the contents of Catholic studies, the moral level of the Faculty community, and scientific progress.

18. The Dean of the FCT, carrying out the requirements of these statutes and the Statute of VMU as well as the will of the Faculty Council, shall lead the Faculty, act in its name, represent it and be responsible for its assets.

19. Candidates for Dean of the FCT shall be proposed from among academics by the Rector and approved by the Senate. The candidacy must be coordinated with the Congregation.

20. Election of the Dean of the FCT shall proceed as follows:

1) The Faculty Council shall elect, by secret vote, two or three candidates for the position of Dean of the Faculty who have a pedagogical title and academic degree and meet the requirements of *Veritatis Gaudium* (VG, article 17).
2) The Grand Chancellor shall with the Bishops' Conference consider those candidates elected by the Faculty Council and send them to the Congregation for approval. The Grand Chancellor shall present approved candidates to the Rector of VMU, who shall present them to the Senate of VMU for confirmation. The Grand Chancellor shall present the Dean approved by the VMU Senate to the Congregation for confirmation.

21. The Dean of the Faculty shall be confirmed for a five-year term. The Dean's term shall coincide with the duration of the Rector's powers. Seminary rectors may not be elected Dean of the Faculty.

22. The Dean of the Faculty shall:
1) perform the functions stipulated in the Statute of VMU;
2) implement resolutions adopted by the Congregation, the Senate and the Faculty Council as well as orders of the Rector;
3) receive the profession of faith (*professio fidei*) of persons newly taking up positions as lecturers in areas related to faith and morals or pursuing a doctoral degree at the Faculty;
4) report to the Grand Chancellor regarding the activities of the Faculty;

5) at least once a year update the Faculty's data in the online database of the Congregation (Norms, article 17.6).

III. Teaching and research staff

23. Teaching and research positions at the Faculty in areas concerning faith and morals may be held by persons who meet the requirements set out in VMU's Statute and approved by its Senate, and who have received a canonical mission (*missio canonica*) from the Grand Chancellor and made the profession of faith (*professio fidei*) (VG, article 27 § 1).

24. A Dean, Vice-Dean or other teaching or research employee of the FCT from whom the Grand Chancellor rescinds the canonical mission or permission to teach may no longer work at the Faculty.

25. Teachers of disciplines concerning faith and morals shall look after the spiritual formation of the students of the FCT.

IV. Organisation of studies

26. The FCT conducts: a five-year first cycle of philosophy and theology studies, successful completion of which brings the conferral of a bachelor's degree in Catholic theology (VG, article 74 a); a two-year second cycle of studies, successful completion of which brings the conferral of a licentiate degree in theology; and doctoral studies, four years in length, successful completion of which brings the conferral of the degree of doctor in theological sciences (VG, article 74 b-c).

27. Admission to studies at the Faculty is open to Catholics who are known for their upright life and have the recommendation of a Catholic priest.

28. Admission to licentiate studies in theology requires a bachelor's degree in theology, while admission to doctoral studies requires a licentiate degree in theology. Clergy

and religious who desire to study at the FCT must have the consent of their proper ordinary or religious superior.

29. In conducting its programmes of studies, the FCT brings together and coordinates the requirements established by VMU and by the Congregation.

30. First-cycle studies end with the preparation and defence of a bachelor's thesis. Licentiate studies end with a final exam "*ex tota theologia*" and the preparation and defence of a licentiate thesis. Doctoral studies end with a "*lectio coram*" exam, which must be passed to obtain the right to defend a doctoral dissertation.

31. Students of the Faculty may be removed from the rolls of students:
   1) in the manner set out in the Study Regulations of VMU;
   2) if their moral life and doctrine are incompatible with the requirements of Catholic morals and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

32. Students of the FCT must attend the lectures, seminars, and other activities of the disciplines of their specialisation (VG, article 41).

V. Reorganisation and liquidation of the Faculty

1. Reorganisation or liquidation of the Faculty shall be by mutual agreement of VMU and the Church.

VMU Senate Chairperson **President of Lithuanian Bishops' Conference**

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