



"Establishing new ministries, a missionary urgency", the XII International Symposium of the Istitut Catholique de Paris gets underway

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From 17 to 19 February 2025, the Istitut Catholique de Paris (ICP) is hosting the XII International Symposium in Paris, entitled "Establishing new ministries, a missionary urgency". The event will focus on the missionary transformation of the Church in line with the reforms of Pope Francis. Participation is available in three ways: in person at the event in Paris; in local groups organized by dioceses; or remotely via videoconference. The symposium will offer a unique opportunity to reflect on new ministries in the evangelizing mission of the Church.

The Pope has emphasized that the missionary transformation of the Church cannot occur without a change in its structures (EG 27), a process begun by the Holy Father with the Motu proprio *Spiritus Domini* with which he opened the ministries of lector and acolyte to women, and the Motu proprio *Antiquum ministerium* with which he instituted the ministry of catechist.

During the event, conferences and workshops will be organized to explore themes such as the transition from the "ministry of catechesis" to the institution of catechists as ministers, and how the introduction of new ministries can foster a "kairòs" for the proclamation of the Gospel. The challenge for ministers to respond to the needs of the community and to recognize charisms for the mission of the Church will also be explored.

The aim of these meetings is to help participants to reflect on charisms, collaboration, and discernment in order to understand how best to foster the new ministries the Church needs, without seeing them as competing with each other. There will also be an opportunity to reflect on the liturgy, on ecclesial discernment, and on the formation of candidates for ministries, so as to recognize the call of the Spirit to serve the common good of the Church.

To download the full program, please visit the official website of the Istitut Catholique de Paris (ICP) <https://www.icp.fr/a-propos-de-licp/agenda/xiie-colloque-international-de-lispc-instituer-de-nouveaux-ministeres-une-urgence-missionnaire>