



CONGREGATIO  
DE INSTITUTIONE CATHOLICA  
(DE STUDIORUM INSTITUTIS)

**Note**  
**from the Congregation for Catholic Education**

Due to the social and sanitary emergency situation caused by the COVID-19 epidemic, considering the pertinent regulations issued by civil authorities, as well as the multiple requests for clarification it received, this Congregation considers it useful to draw particular attention to the subject concerning examinations or equivalent tests (cf. Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis gaudium*, art. 43), using telematic methods. In this regard, it is necessary that the examinations or equivalent tests be carried on in public form and that the written records be duly signed by the examiners (cf. Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis gaudium*, Ord., Art. 34 §1).

Ecclesiastical institutions in non-ecclesiastical universities must also respect the bilateral and multilateral conventions signed by the Holy See with various nations or with the universities themselves. (cf. Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis gaudium*, Art. 8).

This instruction takes effect beginning this date until the end of the current academic year, following the previously set academic calendar.

Rome, Palazzo delle Congregazioni, 12 March 2020.

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