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Reclaiming Stolen Lives – changing our hearts and minds

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Context



- **Connections**
- **No quick fix**
- **Mentality**
- **What can I contribute?**

Victims First



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Typical reactions and feelings

I fear for
the Church!

The damage
being done by
so few
hurts us all!

It's all a
media attack.
It's worse with
the others!

I can't take
it anymore!
Why me?

How did members of
my faith community
abuse children and
how was I
fooled by them?

When can we
finally get back
to the real pastoral
issues again?

So terrible
for the kids!

If only I was
not so helpless!



Perceptions of survivors

Never ever
has anybody
listened to me
story and my
hurt.

I don't
know to
whom I
can turn to
for
support.

I am livid that
they push
away their
responsibility.

I have
struggled
long
enough, I
give up.

If only I had
not been so
powerless!

I felt so dirty and
guilty.

I had blind trust in
Father X.
I couldn't imagine
that he could do
anything evil.

If only they had the
courage to confess
their crimes and do
justice to us!



Situation and reactions in the Church worldwide



- The topic is present everywhere, but openness to take it on is not.
- No active resistance, but uncomfortableness, lack of knowledge, lack of willingness to engage
- In a few countries proactive measures
- Little transfer of experience and expertise
- Cultural, legal, historical factors

Recent developments – the *systemic* level

- Shockwaves in France, Germany, and elsewhere
- Target: Bishops, Cardinals, Pope
- „They don't get it“ – „How could this happen again?!“
- Abuse of Religious Sisters
- Abuse of seminarians
- Abuse of power
- Spiritual abuse

Spiritual abuse



- Spiritual abuse: “coercion and control of one individual by another in a spiritual context ... a deeply emotional personal attack.”
- The “spiritual” aspect is the context of the abuse, which is all about coercion and control. It is a form of emotional and psychological abuse.
 - * The misuse of Scripture, the authority of leadership or penitential discipline, with a requirement to be obedient to the abuser.
 - * Enforced accountability and pressure to conform.
 - * Requirements for secrecy and silence, with isolation from others external to the abuse context.
 - * Censorship of decision making.
 - * Intrusive or forced healing and deliverance ministries or rituals.
 - * The denial of the opportunity to grow in the knowledge and love of God.
- Separate category? “Oppressive teaching”?

IADC AT A GLANCE



- **Founded in 2012**, as the Centre for Child Protection (CCP) of the Pontifical Gregorian University, in consortium with Univ. Clinic Ulm (child psychiatry) and Archdiocese of Munich.
- First in Munich, **Sept. 2014 in Rome**, June 2022 moving to Villa Malta.
- **Transformation to Institute of Anthropology** in September 2021.
- For that, the IADC **focuses on scientific excellence, practice-oriented teaching** and its role as an advisor with international reach.
- The IADC **offers academic residential education as well as blended learning, organizes conferences, conducts and participates in research projects**, addressing questions concerning safeguarding and care.
- The IADC actively uses its access to the church, politics and business to **give a voice to those in need of protection of their dignity**.
- IADC thus pursues a **goal that involves all people**, regardless of their religion or culture.

OUR MISSION

The IADC researches and teaches the issues of dignity and care basing its approach on an anthropological view of human life from a Christian perspective



OUR VISION

The IADC's vision is a world where all humans can live in freedom and without fear from violation of their dignity, and receive the care they need and deserve



OUR PROFILE

RESEARCH



TEACHING



OUTREACH



OUR APPROACH



Worldwide

- Increase sensitivity in the Church and in society at large.
- Collaborate with other leading institutions and experts to promote academic discourse around the world.
- Create a global network of



At the IADC

- Advance scientific research and train practitioners to improve the protection of children and vulnerable people worldwide.
- Leverage the practical experience of our lecturers
- Utilize our access to many countries and cultures of the world as part of the Gregorian University and with the institution of the Church behind us



Guiding principles



Victims first



Christian view of the human person



Spirituality



Cultural sensitivity

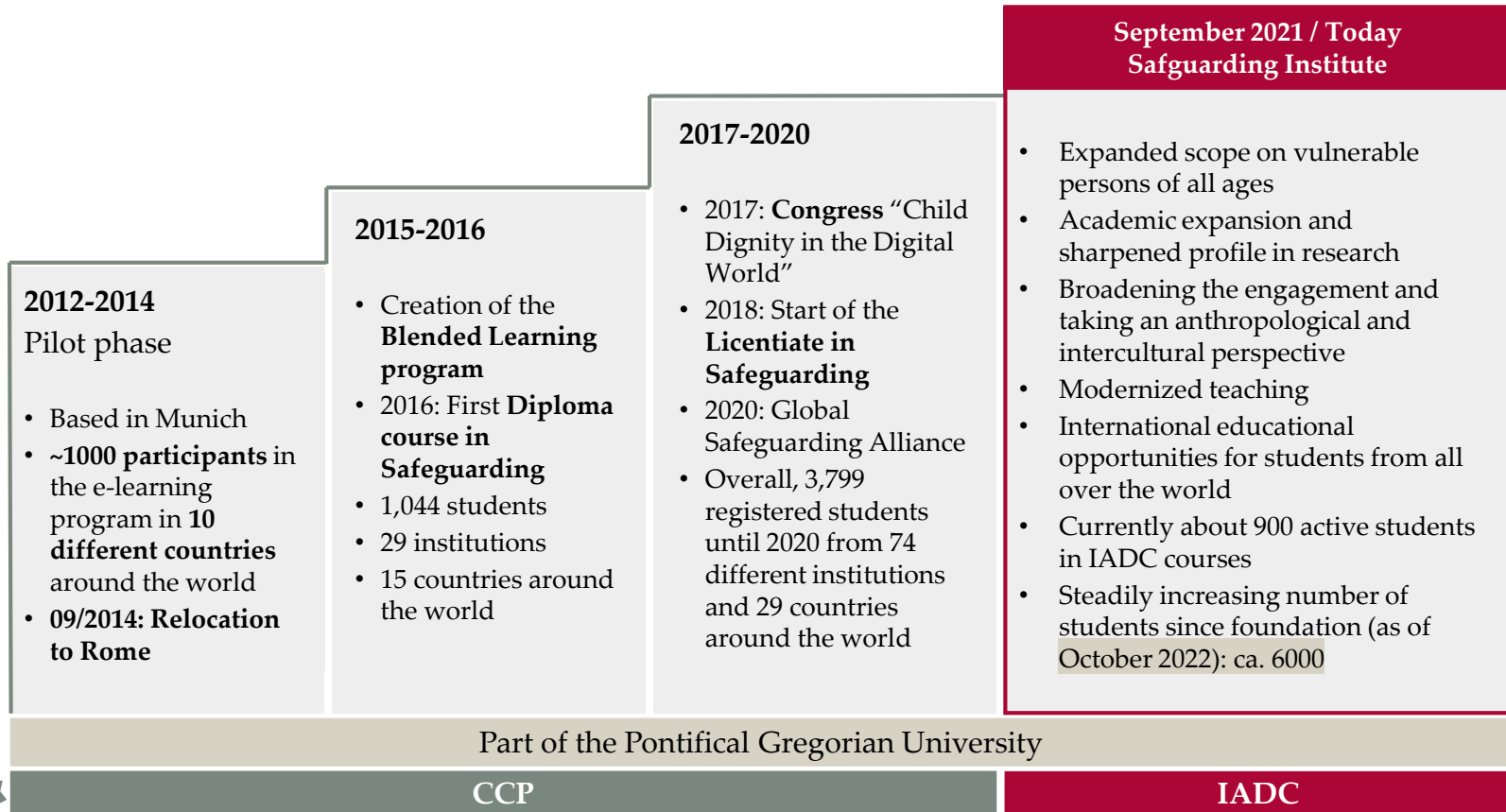


Multidisciplinary

We are committed to
raise awareness, drive prevention and provide formation

OUR DEVELOPMENT

2012: Foundation of CCP



DIPLOMA



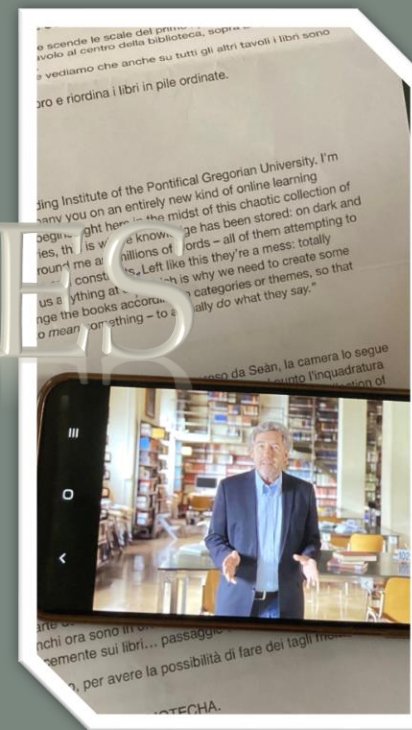
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BLENDED LEARNING



OUR PROGRAMMES



<https://iadc.unigre.it/>,

Diploma in English/ Spanish (1 Semester)

<https://iadc.unigre.it/diploma-in-safeguarding/>

Licentiate in Safeguarding (4 Sem.; ecclesiastical degree)

<https://iadc.unigre.it/licentiate-in-safeguarding/>

Doctorate in Anthropology

<https://iadc.unigre.it/blended-learning/>

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