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Theological Education: Challenges

**Call for Papers**

An adequate and up-to-date Theological Education, faithful to the revelation and tradition, but at the same time adapted to the context, has been an important concern of the Church. The challenges that Theological Education faces today are many: keeping scientific rigour and enthusiasm; responding to the changes and trends in the culture, keeping fidelity to the mystery of faith; integrating new scientific knowledge and methods; guarding against fundamentalist tendencies which challenge scientific methods and rigour; contextual theological education; etc. Though in Asia, like some other continents, formation of future priests continues to be the main concern of the theological education, in many countries, the majority who are undergoing theological education is laity. This has brought new dimensions to the theological education. In many countries, similarly, the main context of theological education has shifted from seminary to Catholic universities or secular universities. This has brought a new sense of academic freedom and enthusiasm in theological education. However, in many countries, the opportunity that the laity have for theological education and an employment based on that continue to be rare.

The new Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium* deserves a special attention and study in this context. Particularly, the vision presented in its “Foreword” is insightful.

December 2018 issue of Asian Horizons invites articles on the challenges that Theological Education faces today.

**Suggested Topics** [only suggestions, not exhaustive]:

- Theological Education: Challenges Today

- Theological Education: Trends and Experiments

- Seminary Formation and Theological Education

- Theological Education in Catholic Universities and Secular Universities

- The Challenge of Contextual Theological Education

- Theological Education and Pastoral Ministry/Pastoral Orientations in Theological Education

- From *Gravissimum Educationis* to *Veritatis Gaudium*

- *Veritatis Gaudium*

- Renewal of Ecclesiastical Education according to *Veritatis Gaudium*

- Theological Education in Asia [can focus on a particular country as well]

- Theological Education in a Globalized World

- The Importance of Networking

- Secular Sciences and Theological Education

- Creative Fidelity in Theological Education

- Theological Education of the Laity

- Importance of Dialogue [with Cultures, Religions, Secular Sciences, etc.] in Theological Education

- Fundamentalist Tendencies in the Church and Theological Education

- Official Teaching Authority and Theological Education

- Academic Freedom in Theological Education

Please send your articles (4500-5000 words, including the footnotes) at the latest by **1 December 2018**. Kindly include the abstract of the article in 150-200 words, 5-7 Keywords and a summary of the CV of the author in 100-150 words.

Other regular items: “New Scholars”: Abstract of doctoral theses (recently defended and not yet published); Reports and Statements of important conferences, Book Reviews.

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N.B. Kindly forward this to your friends and colleagues.

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