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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Starting from Spring of 2021, AVEPRO - the Holy See's Agency for the Evaluation and Promotion of Quality in Ecclesiastical Faculties, carried out the external evaluation of the study fields of *Theology* and *Religious studies* at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas.

The evaluation followed AVEPRO's own institutional evaluation system, as regulated by Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium* (2017). The approach took into due account the normative indications of the *Agreement between the Holy See and the Republic of Lithuania on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education* (Vilnius, 2012), art. 6.

The external evaluation visit was carried out in April 22nd – 23rd, 2021, in online mode, following the Lithuanian regulations in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. The International Evaluating Commission, appointed by AVEPRO, was so constituted:

- President: Prof. Helen ALFORD OP, Pontifical University of Saint Thomas - *Angelicum*, Rome (from United Kingdom);
- Expert: Prof. Mario LLANOS SDB, Salesian Pontifical University, Rome (from Argentina);
- Expert: Prof. Zdzisław KIJAS OFMConv, Pontifical Faculty of Theology Saint Bonaventure – *Seraphicum*, Rome (from Poland);
- Student representative: Rev. Luca LUNARDON, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Doctorate Studies in Canon Law (from Italy).

The Report of the External Evaluation Commission, following the visit, was published, as of June 14th 2021, on the AVEPRO website (www.avepro.va > Evaluation Reports > Faculty of Theology, Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas).

The evaluation was positive in its results, leading to a full accreditation of the evaluated study fields of Theology and Religious studies, indicating as well specific areas of enhancement to be included in the Strategic Planning and in the Plan of Quality Improvement, as in the AVEPRO's institutional evaluation system and procedures.

The AVEPRO's Experts Final Report as such is an autonomous and an independent document. However, it is also an integral part of the broader accreditation procedure, to be completed by the Congregation for Catholic Education, according to its competencies and prerogatives.

With all due respect and sincere esteem,



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