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## PROGRAM OF CHURCH MANAGEMENT STARTED NEW COHORT FEBRUARY 1, 2021

ROME – The Global Institute of Church Management ([www.gicm.org](http://www.gicm.org)) announced that its flagship Program of Church Management (PCM) at the [Pontifical University of the Holy Cross](http://www.pontificiauniversitaedelsanacroce.it) in Rome started its next cohort of classes on February 1, 2021. The Program of Church Management offers its certificate program in the form of either two terms with four intensive weeks. Term I, which focuses on Ecclesiastical Foundation and Church Management, runs February through May of this year.

The program equips priests, religious, and lay people with the business management skills they need to faithfully manage the Church’s temporal resources for the sake of transparency at the service of the lay faithful, to help the poor, and to lead effective evangelization. Subjects include Catholic social teaching, governance structures, canon law, accounting for Church institutions, budgeting, reporting and controls, pastoral planning, and people management. Students complete the course with a Capstone Project that demonstrates mastery of business principles by addressing a need in their home diocese.

The new cohort comprises 25 students from 24 different dioceses or religious congregations, representing 15 countries of origin.

“There is a tremendous need for managerial-administrative formation for those responsible for the Church’s temporal goods, but secular business programs don’t accommodate the unique needs of Church leaders,” said Fr. Robert Gahl, Vice Chair of the Program of Church Management in Rome. “PCM brings together in one place experts in business and theology to provide students with sound management skills grounded in Church teaching.”

Information about the 2021 Cohort and how to register is available [here](#).

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**The Global Institute of Church Management** ([www.gicm.org](http://www.gicm.org)) works to coordinate and fund Church Management education and programs around the world, helping Church leaders gain the business management skills they need to better serve their communities and give testimony to the Gospel.

**The Program of Church Management** (<https://www.pusc.it/pcm>) at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, is the flagship Church Management curriculum of the Global Institute of Church Management. PCM offers a certificate course of study and executive intensive sessions to create a culture of Gospel-centered stewardship among current and future Church leaders.