

A CHALLENGE FOR ALL

The *Family Global Compact* is a project that primarily challenges Research Centers dedicated to the family within Catholic Universities and/or inspired by the Social Doctrine of the Church, with the aim of triggering and promoting adequate and up-to-date insights regarding the family, and forming the new generations and providing support material for the Church's evangelization work.

In various ways this project also challenges all the social actors to whom the *Family Global Compact* will be able to offer arguments and reflections based on rigorous empirical evidence, investigated and interpreted within an explicit anthropological perspective, relational and personalistic in nature, firmly inscribed in the Social Doctrine of the Church.

4.1 A COMMITMENT FOR UNIVERSITIES

The *Family Global Compact* is both an expression and a task of a network of structured research centers on the family, which, in a multidisciplinary perspective, internally develop specific and systematic investigative activities in the legal, anthropological-philosophical, sociological, bioethical and moral fields with particular attention to the social and relational condition of families and public policies. These Centers operate in universities that are either direct expressions of the Church community worldwide, or otherwise academic institutions that make explicit reference to the Social Doctrine of the Church.

First and foremost, the *Family Global Compact* calls on these entities to form and strengthen themselves as an international network of family research centers. The priorities are:

- promoting an interdisciplinary approach
- supporting the network through the promotion of itineraries including conferences, exchange and shared research projects among multiple partners/countries
- initiating and sustaining shared communication among the centers, to promote the circulation of news and best practices, study models and reflections on family and life issues
- enhancing and communicating the experiences and interventions to support and promote families with the aim of verifying whether they are “good practices,” measurable and repeatable in other contexts
- dedicating themselves to the formation of family pastoral workers
- dedicating oneself to the training of politicians, lawyers, teachers, social workers, entrepreneurs, volunteerism

Finally, and more specifically, the shared commitment of the university world dealing with the family may develop on different paths of research and study by:

- studying family and social relationships and describing their social generativity
- assessing the impact of public policies on families
- accompanying/fostering innovation in intervention models “with” families
- setting up structured and systematic research on the reality of families
- envisioning individuals to connect universities and departments dealing with family and human life with the local and national churches to develop pastoral projects in synergy

It is crucial for Catholic Universities to create and strengthen the links and synergy with the Church, in particular with family ministry. It is essential to keep one’s perspective on the reality of the territory, in dialogue with the concrete actions of family pastoral care and the local Church in order to respond to the needs that the latter will manage to periodically highlight.



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