



# Santa Clara Jesuit School of Theology

## GUIDELINES FOR AFFILIATION OF GTU DOCTORAL STUDENTS WITH THE JESUIT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

### **Purpose**

Students admitted to the doctoral programs (Ph.D. and Th.D.) offered by the GTU may be affiliated with the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (JST-SCU). This affiliation is consonant with the Jesuit School's mission of encouraging the education of professional theologians and the advancement of theology through ecumenical collaboration. JST is committed to the "intrinsic importance of ecumenical graduate education and research" and wishes to foster it by such affiliation.

### **Procedures**

Doctoral students may indicate their preference for JST as a school of affiliation by writing a letter to the Associate Dean stating the student's reason for requesting affiliation. With this letter, the applicant should include a signed statement authorizing the JST Admissions Committee to view the applicant's dossier at the GTU.

The Faculty, acting through the Standing Committee on Admissions of the Academic Council, will normally accept as affiliates those doctoral students who have good reason to apply as evidenced by such application. Reasons acceptable may include being a Roman Catholic, some previous association with Jesuit educational institutions, being a member of another Roman Catholic religious order who desires to share in the worship and social life of JST, or being a student who's principal or supplementary advisor is a JST faculty member. The Committee still may deem other reasons acceptable. Affiliation may be terminated by the faculty when in its judgment continuation is not in the best interest of the student or the school, and may be terminated by the student by timely written notice addressed to the Associate Dean of the School.

The student activities fee for affiliation by GTU Doctoral students is \$100.00 per school year.

### **Privileges and Responsibilities**

Affiliated doctoral students are encouraged to participate in the liturgical and social life of JST. They will have mailboxes in the Student Lounge, will be included in all student activities, and will pay the normal student activities fee. They will have access to the opportunities for Spiritual Direction offered by the school and to other such opportunities for spiritual growth and development as are provided to JST students. They are encouraged to seek out faculty members in their area of study and become acquainted with them.

Affiliation does not affect any academic requirements which are the sole responsibility of the GTU Doctoral Faculty acting as a body, e.g., admission, assignment of advisors, appointment of committees, comprehensive examination or certification for the degree. The degree is granted only by the GTU and JST's name does not appear on the diploma. Students may, if they so desire and request of the Associate Dean's Office, receive their GTU degree at the annual commencement of JST.