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The Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication, Dr Paolo Ruffini, and the President of Pontifical Urbaniana University and Pontifical Delegate, Prof Vincenzo Buonomo, signed today the Agreement aimed at the editorial management of the scientific production of the Publishing Service of the University. The works produced under the Agreement will bear the registered trademark *Urbaniana University Press – Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana* along with the *Libreria Editrice Vaticana* trademark.

The Agreement is in line with the provisions of the Apostolic Constitution *Praedicate Evangelium*, whose Article 183 envisions a unification of “the Holy See’s activities in the area of communication” so that the entire system responds coherently to the needs of the Church’s evangelizing mission.

Urbaniana University Press represents the Publishing Service of Pontifical Urbaniana University and is the heir to the tradition of the Propaganda Fide Polyglot Printing House, which, as early as the XVII century, stands out for its global missionary vision. The printing house was among the first to publish in non-Latin characters (it printed the 1671 *Biblia sacra Arabica*) and to address a worldwide audience, surpassing the boundaries of Europe in its missionary drive. With publications in multiple languages, the Polyglot Printing House laid the foundations for intercultural communication and an unprecedented dissemination of the Christian message and knowledge.

This mission is more relevant today than ever, in an increasingly interconnected world. *Urbaniana University Press – Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana* has embraced this vocation and, in addition to already publishing in Chinese in its oldest journal, *Urbaniana University Journal – Euntes Docete*, has a program to increasingly enhance cultural and scientific production in other oriental languages such as Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, Konkani, and others.

This global missionary vocation, respecting cultures and their deepest identities, is complemented by a growing emphasis on the scientific role and research catalyst characteristic typical of a University Press, with a commitment to the constant implementation of academic best practices and scientific innovation. This commitment and the international missionary vocation are evidenced by Urbaniana University Press catalogue: two journals (*Urbaniana University Journal; Ius Missionale*), and, in addition to the specific publication of textbooks for teaching purposes (many already translated into English for use in the network of the 107 affiliated Institutes worldwide), specific series related to the missionary theme in its missiological, theological, philosophical, and legal aspects, as well as a series of major works including the *Catalogue of Chinese Documents in the “Propaganda Fide” Historical Archives* which made available invaluable Chinese textual sources for the reconstruction of the history of Christianity in China. An interest that extends to the publications of the *Urbaniana University Centre for Chinese and Asian Studies*, which, in the form of trans-regional research and teaching, further characterizes Pontifical Urbaniana University scientific and academic activity.