

*Open Letter to His Excellence, Mons. Vincenzo Paglia, Great Chancellor of the Pontificio Istituto teologico Giovanni Paolo II per le Scienze del Matrimonio e della Famiglia, and to Mons. Pierangelo Sequeri, President of the Institute*

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His Excellence, Mons. Paglia,  
Rev. Mons. Sequeri,

In the past three years, we, the undersigned members of ecclesiastical and secular academic institutions throughout the world, have had the privilege to participate at the recent great international scientific enterprise of your Institute: the now published *Dizionario su Sesso, Amore e Fecondità* (1102 pages, Edizioni Cantagalli, Siena 2019).

It has been a very fruitful and professional scientific collaboration which has highlighted to us the outstanding academic profile of your institute as well as the great scientific and editorial competence of the main curator of the *Dizionario*, Professor José Noriega.

It is therefore with great distress that we learned the news about the sudden dismissals of two full professors, José Noriega and Livio Melina, together with other colleagues: Maria Luisa Di Pietro, Stanisław Grygiel, Monika Grygiel, Przemysław Kwiatkowski, and Vittorina Marini. All of them are scholars of outstanding international reputation and some of them have equally collaborated with us at the *Dizionario*.

We cannot see any convincing reason – academic, doctrinal or disciplinary – which justifies their dismissal.

If your institute wants to maintain its high academic profile and international reputation, we ask you to revoke these dismissals and to reassume the aforementioned scholars among the faculty of your Institute.

Sincerely yours,

*[The signatories of the Open Letter]*