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ET SOCIETATIBUS VITAE APOSTOLICAE

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Dear Superior, May the Lord grant you peace!

While still full of gratitude for the World Meeting for Young Consecrated Men and Women and the Memorial of the Martyrs and Saints, which we have just celebrated, we are now preparing to do a synthesis of this Year of Consecrated Life so that the fruits may be abundant.

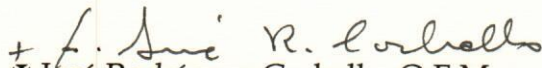
From January 28 till February 2, 2016, we will gather in Rome to live an important experience of communion between the various forms of Consecrated Life: *Ordo virginum*, Monastic Life, Apostolic Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life, Secular Institutes, and New Institutes and New Forms. It will be an opportunity for an in-depth study of the common foundation of the calling "to reproduce in themselves, as far as possible, 'that form of life which he, as the Son of God, accepted in entering this world'" (VC 16)

The event, entitled *Consecrated Life in Communion*, will start on January 28 with a Prayer Vigil in St Peter's Papal Basilica. Participants from all over the world, as well as consecrated persons living in Rome, are invited to take part. For two days - January 29 and February 1 - all forms of Consecrated Life will come together in the Paul VI Hall for some reflections and sharing. On February 1, the meeting will be enriched by the Pope's audience. During the week, the various forms of Consecrated Life will have separate meetings. The conclusion of the event will be a *Vultus Misericordiae* Pilgrimage and a Eucharistic Celebration in St Peter's Papal Basilica presided by Pope Francis on Tuesday February 2.

The relevant information regarding the participation in the specific meetings of the various forms of Consecrated Life may be found on our website www.congregazionevitaconsacrata.va; booking is also done online.

The number of participants is determined by the capacity of the various halls where the meetings will be held. For this reason, we ask Institutes to send members from different parts of the world and from different age brackets.

I take this opportunity to send my heartfelt regards in the Lord.

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