

You are certainly aware that to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the promulgation of the Apostolic Constitution *Provida Mater Ecclesia* (February 2, 1947) and the Motu proprio *Primo Feliciter* (March 12, 1948), the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL) has sent to all the Bishops of the Latin Church a **Letter** on the vocation of the Secular Institutes.

The Dicastery, then, saw to the **publication** in book form of this Letter, together with the document on which it is based, **under the title *Consecration and secularity***.

Please note that the publication in the following languages: English, French and Spanish, is available here at the Dicastery and can be obtained directly from our offices. Otherwise, one may ask for it by writing to ufficiovitaconsacrata@religiosi.va.

Since we intend to have this Letter sent to all local Churches in the world, we have not set a price; we only ask, if possible, for a free contribution, convinced that those who can afford contributing will make up for those who cannot.

Moreover, we ask the Secular Institutes (and/or the Conferences of Secular Institutes) to hand directly the Letter to the Bishops of the Dioceses where they are present and to make it known to their members and to all those who might be interested.

Regarding mailing arrangements: in those **Countries where there is an organism of communion** between the Secular Institutes (Conference, Union, etc.) we ask you to kindly follow this procedure:

- After having asked each Institute making up the Conference how many copies they would like to have, please send to this Dicastery the **total number** and the name of a **contact person** (plus telephone number and address).
- This Dicastery will then send the copies to the Nuncio who will be asked to kindly forward the copies to the contact person. It will then be up to the Conference to see that the copies are distributed to the Institutes.

Please also note that you may affect your financial contribution by writing a cheque; the beneficiary is CIVCSVA, and send it to

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Lastly, we would like to inform you that the Italian version of the Letter *Consecration and Secularity* is available in the bookshops (e.g. Libreria Editrice Vaticana and others).