



CONGREGATIO
PRO INSTITUTIS VITAE CONSECRATAE
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To the Major Superiors of the Institutes of Consecrated Life
To the Major Superiors of Associations and Movements

Dear All,

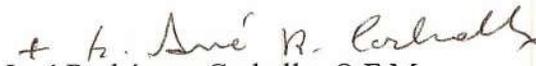
As we have already stated on various occasions, this Dicastery has embarked on a reflection process, made up of several stages, regarding the use of the terms 'consecration' and 'consecrated life', starting with a careful and critical discernment of the effective realities present in today's Church.

The first stage will be a Seminar entitled *Consecratio et Consecratio per Evangelica Consilia. Reflections, unresolved issues and possible pathways*, scheduled for the month of March, here in Rome. The aim of this gathering of canon lawyers, theologians and experts on the diverse forms of consecrated life will be that of reviewing the classical themes (*consecratio/consecratio per evangelica consilia/* the meaning of *consecrantur/* consecration of life and life of consecration), and seek what is common and what distinguishes the diverse forms of consecrated life, with special attention given to the unresolved *quaestiones* which require further reflection.

The second stage will be an **International Meeting** which will be held in Rome at the *Pontifical University Antonianum*, on **May 4 - 6, 2018**. This invitation is extended to members of all forms of consecrated life as well as to members of Associations and Ecclesial Movements who are interested in this topic. Our desire, in fact, is to present the fruits of the March Seminar and to involve those living their vocation to discuss the *quaestiones* which surfaced in the various areas (anthropological, charismatic, theological and juridical) with the aim of finding pathways for our journey in the future. Therefore, the Meeting will include sharing by all the participants and specific workshops for the *Ordo virginum*, the Monastic Life, the Apostolic Institutes, the Societies of Apostolic Life, the Secular Institutes, the New Institutes, the New Forms, the Associations and the Movements.

The Registration Fee is €180, which includes 3 lunches during the Meeting. Since the number of participants is necessarily limited, and in view of organizational demands, we ask you to register not later than **April 15, 2018**, by filling the registration form found on our website www.congregazionevitaconsacrata.va. Shortly, on the same website, we will publish the detailed program of the Meeting and other useful information.

May you experience this Lent as an appropriate time to return to the Lord with all your heart and all your life, I greet you fraternally.


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