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To the Presidents of the Conferences of Major Superiors

We reach you with a brief summary of what we talked about during the on-line meetings we have had in recent days on the journey ahead of us in preparation for the *Jubilee of Consecrated Life* to be held on **October 8th-9th 2025 in Rome**.

The letter that Pope Francis addressed to H.E. Mons. Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization on February 11th 2022¹ was the inspiration for this journey.

The Jubilee is the year of reconciliation, conversion and sacramental penance and, consequently, of solidarity, hope, justice, and commitment to the service of God in joy and peace with one's brothers and sisters. It is called a "Holy Year", not only because it begins, takes place and ends with solemn sacred rites, but also because it is intended to promote holiness of life. In fact, it has been established to consolidate faith, foster works of solidarity and fraternal communion within the Church and society, and to call and stimulate believers to a more sincere and consistent profession of faith in Christ, the only Saviour. In the letter, the Pope helps us to understand the motto he has chosen for the coming jubilee, which is: "Pilgrims of Hope" and invites us to make 2024 a great "symphony of prayer".

With the desire to respond to the Pope's "*desiderata*", we thought of a proposal for consecrated persons that would combine the word hope with the word peace, having three paradigms as a background:

- Commitment to the "last" - listening to the cry of the poor
- Care and custody of creation - protection of the environment
- Universal brotherhood - solidarity

The title of the Jubilee of Consecrated Life will be "Pilgrims of hope, on the way to peace", precisely because it seems to us that peace is the strongest urgency of our time.

Alongside this, we have considered a path that would interweave the universal dimension with the local dimension following these stages:

➤ PREPARATORY STAGE IN THE NATIONS. *The thirst for reconciliation*

To identify the thirst for reconciliation that is in the world, we invited the Conferences present in the on-line meetings to identify within their own countries:

- either the areas where the need for reconciliation is strong,
- and the small steps or seeds of reconciliation that already exist.

¹ Letter to which you can have access in the different languages at the following address:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/letters/2022/documents/20220211-fisichella-giubileo2025.html>

We suggested that this preparatory work of gathering responses to the needs and seeds of reconciliation be carried out by a small group in which *the different forms of consecrated life are present* so as to have an interpretation that starts from the experience of consecrated persons and not from a sociological study.

On **October 12th 2023** at 9.30 a.m. and at 4 p.m. (Rome time) we will meet again via zoom with one or two representatives per country for a first presentation and analysis of the work done within each country. Everyone will be able to choose which time to attend (according to the own time zone) but it is necessary to register by filling in the form at the following address: <https://forms.gle/gtHnqkmYbpjBoGzj9>

➤ **PREPARATORY STAGE IN ROME** *The mandate*

From February 1st to 4th 2024, a number of representatives of the different forms of consecrated life from each country (possibly a religious man, a religious woman, a member of a secular institute and a woman belonging to the *Ordo virginum*) are convened here in Rome. The exchange of reciprocal experiences will result in a mandate to return to their own countries as signs of reconciliation among men. (*Further details on participation will be given in the zoom meeting in October*).

➤ **JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN YOUR OWN COUNTRIES** *February 2nd 2025*

It will be the consecrated persons of the country who will think up and organise a journey that will culminate in the celebration of the national jubilee of consecrated persons on **February 2nd 2025** (on World Day of Consecrated Life). Again, the desire is that this journey will serve to offer a prophetic witness to the world through paths and initiatives, actions and choices that speak to everyone and that involve not only consecrated persons.

➤ **JUBILEE OF CONSECRATED LIFE** *October 8th-12th 2025*

The Jubilee celebration for all consecrated men and women is indicated in the Jubilee calendar for **October 8th and 9th 2025** through the visit and prayer at the tombs of Apostles Peter and Paul, passing through the Holy Door and, we hope, the meeting with the Holy Father. In the following days, **until the Angelus on Sunday October 12th**, we will experience the joy of communion: we will have times in order to share the individual forms of consecrated life and times to live all together, to share and witness the beauty of our vocation to the world.

Looking forward to meeting on October 12th 2023, we greet you fraternally in the Lord.

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For the meeting on October 12th we will use the following link
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82730811494?pwd=UGhhL0pMSThhQjYvSGNqSU9yUzZZUT09>
Meeting ID: 827 3081 1494 Passcode: 121023