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To all members of consecrated life,

We contact you with a summary of the journey ahead in preparation for the *Jubilee of Consecrated Life* to be held on 8-9 October 2025 in Rome.

The letter that Pope Francis addressed to H.E. Mons. Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization on 11 February 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 Savior. 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".

Wanting 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 concepts as a background:

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

The title of the Jubilee of Consecrated Life will be "Pilgrims of hope, on the path 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 ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL. *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:

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

¹ The letter can be consulted in various 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* to have an interpretation that starts from the experience of consecrated persons and not from a sociological study.

➤ PREPARATORY STAGE IN ROME *The mandate*

From 1 - 4, February 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 and women.

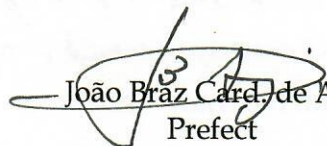
➤ JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN ONE'S OWN COUNTRY *2 February 2025*

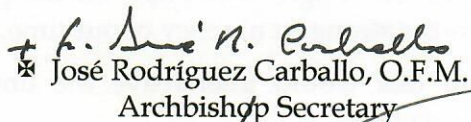
It will be the consecrated persons of the country who will think up and organize a journey that will culminate in the celebration of the national jubilee of consecrated persons on **2 February 2025** (World Day of Consecrated Life). Again, the desire is that this journey will serve to offer a prophetic 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 *8-12 October 2025*

The Jubilee celebration for all consecrated men and women is indicated in the Jubilee calendar for **8 - 9 October 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 12 October**, we will experience the joy of communion: we will have times of sharing for the individual forms of consecrated life and times to be lived all together, to share and witness the beauty of our vocation in the world.

We entrust this journey to the Lord that it may bear fruit and take this opportunity to greet you fraternally in the Lord.


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