Consecrated life is at the very heart of the Church as a decisive element for her mission, since it ‘manifests the inner nature of the Christian calling’ and the striving of the whole Church as Bride towards union with her one Spouse”.
(Vita Consecrata 3)

“Consecrated persons are a sign of God in the different areas of life, they are leaven for the growth of a more just and fraternal society, they are the prophecy of sharing with the least and the poor. Thus understood and lived, consecrated life appears as what it really is: a gift from God, a gift of God to the Church, a gift of God to his People! Every consecrated person is a gift for the People of God on its journey”. (Pope Francis)

Opening
29 November 2014
Prayer Vigil
Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major
7:00 PM

30 November 2014
1st Sunday of Advent
Eucharistic Celebration
Papal Basilica of Saint Peter
10:00 AM

Conclusion
30 January 2016
Thanksgiving Prayer Vigil
Papal Basilica of Saint Peter

2 February 2016
World Day of Consecrated Life
Eucharistic Celebration
Papal Basilica of Saint Peter
**International Meetings in Rome**

With a Papal Audience

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**Itinerary of Events Throughout the World**

**2014**

- **Worldwide prayer chain in Monasteries**
  - Starting Stations:
    - Mount Angel Abbey - Saint Benedict, OR (USA)
    - Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation
    - Monastery of the Assumption - Asmara (Eritrea)
    - Congregation of Casamari of the Cistercian Order
    - Shantivanam Ashram - Shantivanam (India)
    - Camaldolese Congregation of the Order of St. Benedict
    - Protomonastero Santa Chiara - Assisi (Italy)
    - Order of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare
    - Monasterio de Santa Catalina - Arequipa (Peru)
    - Second Order of the Order of Preachers
    - Monasterio de la Encarnación - Avila (Spain)
    - Discalced Carmelite Nuns of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
  - Coordination: CIVCSVA

- **Memory of Saints and Martyrs of the Consecrated Life**
  - Stations:
    - In each Nation: Places of particular apostolic significance or witness.
    - In Rome: Santa Maria in Aracoeli, Mamertine Prisons, Imperial Fora, Coliseum.
  - Coordination: CIVCSVA, Episcopal Conferences and International and National Conferences of Major Superiors

- **A Church going forth**
  - Paths of evangelical significance decided upon and implemented through interaction among Apostolic Institutes, Societies of Apostolic Life, Monastic Life, Secular Institutes, the Order of Virgins, and New Institutes.
  - Coordination: CIVCSVA, UISG, USG e CMIS

- **Research and Sharing Workshop**
  - Organized by Pontifical Universities directed by Institutes of Consecrated Life on themes and questions regarding consecrated life in the 50 years since the Second Vatican Council.
  - Coordination: CIVCSVA and Pontifical Universities directed by Institutes of Consecrated Life

- **Via pulchritudinis**
  - Artistic languages in Consecrated Life for the contemplation and proclamation of truth and beauty: exhibits, journeys, experiences.
  - Coordination: CIVCSVA, Episcopal Conferences and International and National Conferences of Major Superiors

**2015**

- **26 September**
  - Events dedicated to:
    - Consecrated life in the Church today
    - Gospel prophecy hope

- **22/25 January**
  - Common events:
    - Thanksgiving Vigil
    - Papal Audience

- **8 December**
  - Common events:
    - Eucharistic Celebration presided over by the Holy Father

- **26 January/2 February**
  - Events dedicated to:
    - Consecrated life in communion
    - “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)
    - A common foundation with a diversity of expressions

- **2016**

- **23/25 September**
  - Common events:
    - Apostolic Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life
    - New Institutes and New Forms
    - Monastic Life
    - Secular Institutes
    - Order of Virgins
    - Thanksgiving Vigil
    - Papal Audience
    - Eucharistic Celebration presided over by the Holy Father