The conciliar document, *Perfectae Caritatis* initiated a time of significant change, presenting Consecrated life with the challenge of searching for new styles of communal living and apostolic service, profoundly modifying its way of being and operating in the Church and in the world.

On the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the publication of *Perfectae Caritatis*, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has organized a Symposium to consider the direction which consecrated life has taken, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to search for signs and orientations that may assist all consecrated persons to be “Witnesses of the transfiguring presence of God”.

(Pope Benedict XVI)
MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER

MORNING SESSION

9:00
Singing of “Veni Creator Spiritus”
Welcome by His Excellency, The Most Rev. Archbishop Franc Rodé, CM
Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life

9:30
The Significance of the Document Perfectae Caritatis at the Time of the Second Vatican Council and in the Life of the Church
His Eminence, Cardinal Georges Marie Martin Cottier, OP
Papal Household Theologian

10:30
Break

11:00
Testimony on the Editing of Perfectae Caritatis
Fr. Paolo Molinari, SJ
Professor Emeritus of the Pontifical Gregorian University
Peritus at the Second Vatican Council

11:45
The Unfolding of Consecrated Life from Perfectae Caritatis to the Present Day
Fr. Aquilino Bocos, CMF
Former Superior General of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Claretians)

12:30
Present Reality regarding Consecrated Life: Its Realization, Challenges, Perspectives
Oceania
Secular Institutes
Miss Dora Castenetto
Former President of the World Conference of Secular Institutes

13:00
End of Morning Session

AFTERNOON SESSION

16:00
Vespers
His Excellency, The Most Rev. Piergiorgio Silvano Nesti, OP, President
Secretary CIVCSIA

16:20
The Service and Lives of Religious During the Modern Period of the History of the Church (XVI-XVII Centuries)
Fr. Luigi Mezzadri, CM
Professor of Church History at the Pontifical Gregorian University

17:10
New Forms of Consecrated Life and Monasticism
His Excellency, The Most Rev. Velasio De Paolis, CS
Secretary of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura

18:00
Consecrated Life As Seen by an Outsider
Professor Michelia Tenace
Member of the Team “Aletti Center”
Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University and at the Pontifical Oriental Institute.

18:30
Present Reality regarding Consecrated Life: Its Realization, Challenges, Perspectives
Men’s Religious Institutes
Fr. Alvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, FSC
President of the Union of Superiors General

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

MORNING SESSION

9:00
Celebration of Terce
His Excellency, The Most Rev. Piergiorgio Silvano Nesti, OP, President
Secretary CIVCSIA

9:15
The Service of Authority: Driving Force and Animator of Conciliar Renewal in the Building of the Kingdom
Mother Antonia Colombo, FMA
Superior General of the Institute of the Daughters of Maria Auxiliatrix

10:15
Present Reality regarding Consecrated Life: Its Realization, Challenges, Perspectives
Women’s Religious Institutes
Sr. Therezinha Joana Rasera, SDS
President of International Union of Superiors General

10:45
Break

11:15
Latin America
His Excellency, The Most Rev. Paolo Mietto, CSI
Vicar Apostolic of Napo, President DEVIC

AFRICA
Fr. John B. Kwofie, CSSp
General Councilor of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit
Organizer of the Confederation of the Conferences of Major Superiors of Africa

13:00
End of Morning Session

AFTERNOON SESSION

15:30
INTERVENTIONS
Present Reality regarding Consecrated Life: Its Realization, Challenges, Perspectives

Oceania
Sr. Judith Moore, SMSM
Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary

Europe
His Excellency, The Most Rev. Amédée Grab, OSB
Bishop of Chur
President of the European Episcopal Conferences

North America
Archbishop of Boston

16:30
Proceed to St. Peter’s Basilica

17.00
Concluding Eucharistic Celebration in St. Peter’s Basilica
Principal Celebrant, His Excellency, The Most Rev. Archbishop Franc Rodé, C.M.
Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life