



40° *Perfectae Caritatis*

CONSECRATED LIFE: APPRAISAL AND FUTURE ORIENTATIONS

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*Faithful to their profession
and leaving all things
for the sake
of Christ* (cf. Mk. 10:28)

*religious
are to follow Him*
(cf. Matt. 19:21)
as the one thing necessary
(cf. Lk. 10:42)

*listening
to His words*
(cf. Lk. 10:39)
*and solicitous for the things
that are His* (cf. 1 Cor. 7:32).

*It is necessary therefore
that the members of every
community,
seeking God solely
and before
everything else,
should join contemplation,
by which they fix their minds
and hearts on Him,
with apostolic love, by which
they strive to be associated
with the work of redemption
and to spread
the kingdom of God.*
(*Perfectae Caritatis*, 5)

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

INTERVENTIONS

**Present Reality regarding Consecrated Life:
Its Realization, Challenges, Perspectives**

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, CP, Presider
Secretary CIVCSVA

■ 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 Michelina Tenace
*Member of the Team “Aletti Center”
Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University
and at the Pontifical Oriental Institute.*

■ 18:30

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Men’s Religious Institutes

Br. 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, CP, Presider
Secretary CIVCSVA

■ 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

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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*

Asia

Sr. Julma Neo, FdC
General Councilor of the Daughters of Charity

■ 13.00

End of Morning Session

AFTERNOON SESSION

■ 15.30

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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

His Excellency,
The Most Rev. **Sean Patrick O’Malley, OFM Cap.**
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
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