



DICASTERIUM
PRO LAICIS, FAMILIA ET VITA

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Your Eminence,

On December 8th 2018, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life erected CHARIS, the new international organism in the service of all the expressions that make up the current of grace that is Catholic Charismatic Renewal. On the same date, the Dicastery approved *CHARIS'* statutes, due to come into force on June 9th 2019, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

CHARIS' first moderator is Dr. Jean-Luc Moens. He will be assisted in this task by an International Service of Communion with eighteen members coming from different countries and from the many expressions of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. *CHARIS'* first ecclesiastical assistant is Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa O.F.M. Cap. With this letter, you will find the decrees given by this Dicastery concerning *CHARIS*. The Statutes and other useful documents are available on the website: www.charis.international/en.

At the same time as the official birth of CHARIS this coming Pentecost, the Holy See will suppress the two current international organisms serving Catholic Charismatic Renewal: *International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service (ICCRS)* and the *Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships*.

The birth of this new single service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal was first requested by the Holy Father Pope Francis in 2015, with the request renewed on several subsequent occasions. *CHARIS* will not exercise any authority over the many realities of Catholic Charismatic Renewal: each one of these will maintain its own identity and remain under the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical authorities on which it currently depends. Each of these realities, in order to better fulfil its own mission, will be free to take advantage of the many services *CHARIS* will provide. Indeed, *CHARIS* is fundamentally an organism in the service of others.

In addition to its International Service of Communion, *CHARIS'* statutes provide for Continental Services of Communion (arts. 12-14) and National Services of Communion (arts. 15-16). Each National Service of Communion should have representatives from the different realities and expressions of Catholic Charismatic

(documents attached)

Renewal in the country in question: including communities, prayer groups, evangelisation schools, religious institutes, publishing houses, particular ministries, ecumenical initiatives and youth initiatives etc.

In sending this information to the Bishops' Conference you preside, we wish to also confirm that any national association of the faithful or other national entity belonging to Charismatic Renewal that is recognised by the Conference should be present in the National Service of Communion, in the same way and with the same rights as any other reality or expression of Catholic Charismatic Renewal currently active in the territory covered by the Episcopal Conference. This has as its objective the reinforcing of communion among all the realities and expressions of Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

We thank you in advance for your efforts in promoting *CHARIS* within the Bishops' Conference and on the territory it covers. Naturally, we remain available for any questions you or your brother bishops might have concerning *CHARIS*.

Gratefully in Christ,



~~Kevin Cardinal Farrell~~
Prefect



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