



## Member Message December 2, 2020

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Dear Mothers and Sisters,

Advent blessings!

We received the message below from the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life at the Vatican to pass on to all of you.

We are happy to send the enclosed Program for the online presentation of this Dicastery's document: **The Gift of Fidelity, the Joy of Perseverance, to take place on Tuesday, 10 December from 15:00 to 18:00 (Rome)**

For the first time, since the pandemic prevents us from giving a face to face presentation, we can offer the presentation not only to those in Rome but to a wider audience using the YouTube channel. We ask you to kindly share this invitation with all the consecrated men and women in your country.

The link to the event is located on this Dicastery's website at: <http://www.congregazionevitaconsacrata.va>. Click twice on the presentation icon and then click the flag representing the preferred language. Please see their flyer [here](#).

Pope Francis, in the recent Encyclical Fratelli Tutti, invites us to dream together: "Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation[...] We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together[...]" (n. 8).

We trust that the presentation of this publication will offer a space to dream together of a more faithful, more joyful, and more persevering consecrated life.

The GIVEN Institute would like to share with you their new initiative called **GIVEN Academy**. They are hosting an annual series of six trainings led by lay mentors and religious sisters in the GIVEN Network that will provide opportunities to develop actionable skills women need to fulfill their callings. Aligned with their six Forum specialties (Artistic, Catholic Professional, Secular Professional, Entrepreneurial, Care of the Human Person, and Post-Service), the presenters for each specialty have knowledge, expertise, and experience to share. Each training will be streamed live from the St. John Paul II Shrine and will include a live Q&A session in which participants will have the opportunity to connect directly with the lay mentor or religious sister leading the training! Registration for all six trainings is usually \$140 and includes a gift at the end of the series. **But they are offering FREE registration to the sessions to our Religious Sisters, as our gift to you!** Simply use the code RELIGIOUS2020 when you [register online here](#).

We continue to keep all of you in prayer.

In Christ,

*Sister Mary Christine Cremin, RSM*  
Executive Director



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