



MEMBER MESSAGE February 14, 2020

Dear Mothers and Sisters,

Good news to share: we have received assurances from the Hilton Foundation that they will partially fund the [Santa Croce program](#) and the [Domus Summer program](#). With that assurance, we are able to offer each of these programs for a cost of \$1,500 plus travel. There are still spaces available for the Domus Summer program so please consider sending one of your sisters (perhaps a sister celebrating a significant anniversary or a sister making a significant transition). We already have a cohort of 12 registrants for the Santa Croce program. If anyone is still interested in applying for this year's program, please let us know. We will let you know when registration is closed and begin a waiting list in case a current registrant becomes unable to participate when the program begins in the Fall.

We are moving ahead well with plans for the Eucharistic Congress in October. We have received significant funding from an anonymous donor as well as from some of our Member communities. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is being extremely helpful with the planning of the Congress. Understandably they are most immediately involved with upcoming installation of their new Archbishop. After the installation of Archbishop Perez on February 18th, we will be able to coordinate the opening of the registration portal with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and we will send you that information as soon as it is available.

In other news:

CMSWR Website and Social Media Platforms

Please continue [to send](#) any upcoming retreat information and/or photographs you would like shared on our CMSWR website and our Facebook and Twitter pages. We are receiving a slow increase in social media interactions with young women who are discerning and we want to provide them with retreat opportunities and information about our member communities.

Free Services and Mentors Request from [Vocationsoutreach.org](#)

The organization, [VocationsOutreach.org](#), based at Franciscan University of Steubenville, is run by laypeople who work to promote religious vocations and create resources for young adults who are discerning, as well as for parishes, and vocation directors. [Click here to see how they can help your community.](#)

CatholicTV.org has contacted the CMSWR and is offering to share any videos from our Member Communities. The videos need to be of professional quality and in either .mfx or .mov formats. If you have videos you would like aired on Catholic TV please contact Nicolette DeBernardi, Director of Programming at NDeBernardi@CatholicTV.org

Young Catholic Professionals Group has contacted the CMSWR with a request for help from our communities. Please see their message [here](#).

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Mary Christine, RSM
Executive Director

Vision Statement

The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious will be a collaborative body of life-giving women religious committed to "the full flowering" of religious life in the United States by placing our collective feminine genius at the service of the Church and one another. CMSWR will be a wellspring of hope and a trusted resource for the ongoing revitalization of religious life and the New Evangelization.