

Member Message June 25, 2020

Dear Mothers and Sisters,

Greetings in Christ! The Hilton Foundation has awarded the CMSWR a small grant of \$10,000 to be used to support our member congregations with expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. If your community has been adversely affected by the pandemic and could benefit from receiving a portion of these funds, please send me an email explaining how much you would like to receive and for what purpose. We will accept requests through July 6th. All responses will be taken into consideration in distributing the funds.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for information about the ways in which your community has been affected by the COVID-19 virus. We were able to put together a brief presentation to the Hilton Foundation which they indicated was moving and impactful.

Because "non-essential" travel from the US to Rome is prohibited for the foreseeable future, **we have postponed the Santa Croce course until February**, **2021**. Both the Santa Croce faculty and the sisters who were enrolled in the course have indicated that they will be able to participate in the course with the revised dates.

We have been gifted by the Becket Foundation with the services of an intern to update our social media communications. Maggie has been working closely with our office and has developed a simple questionnaire which is attached to this Message. The questionnaire is designed to get the information we need from each Member community so that we can highlight relevant information on our social media. Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire which you can find here: <u>https://forms.gle/</u>

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Plans for the Eucharistic Congress are progressing well; we look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia in October.

In Christ,

Sister Mary Christine Cremin, R.S.M. Executive Director