



Member Message November 19, 2020

Dear Mothers and Sisters,

We are delighted to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed Sr. Mary Bendyna, OP to succeed Sr. Mary Christine as the new Executive Director of CMSWR! Sr. Mary is well known to many of you from her work in conducting the CMSWR Annual Survey and her bio may be found [here](#).

At their recent meeting, the Board discussed the need for us to have Spanish translations in our Vocation Directory for Communities who are accepting Spanish speaking candidates. If your community is prepared to receive Spanish speaking members and you would like to have a Spanish translation of your Community's entry on our website, please translate the entry for your Community as it appears in the current [Vocation Directory](#) and send it to the [Office](#). We will be happy to include it in the Spanish section of the CMSWR website. Please include a photo as well. When the print version of the Vocation Directory is next published we will be sure to include both English and Spanish entries for your community.

En la última reunión, la Junta Directiva habló de la necesidad de traducir la información vocacional al español para aquellas comunidades que están aceptando candidatas de habla-hispana. Si su comunidad esta aceptando candidatas de habla-hispana y desean tener la traducción al español de la información de su comunidad en nuestra pagina web, por favor traduzcan la información vocacional que actualmente está en nuestro Directorio Vocacional y envíenlo a nuestra Oficina. Nos gustaría incluirlo en la sección en español en nuestra pagina de CMSWR. Cuando imprimamos la próxima versión de nuestro Directorio Vocacional incluiremos las entradas enviadas por su comunidad en español y en inglés. Muchas gracias.

Make sure to take a look at the virtual pilgrimages Sister M. Regina Pacis, FSGM has prepared for you. A link to Sister's spiritual pilgrimages may be found [here on our website](#).

On November 4, Our Holy Father published an amendment to canon law regarding the process by which a new religious community may be erected. The document changes canon 579 of the Code of Canon Law to read: "Diocesan bishops, each in his own territory, can erect institutes of consecrated life by formal decree, **with prior permission in writing from the Apostolic See.**" (emphasis mine) The full Motu Proprio may be found [here: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20201101_authenticum-charismatis.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20201101_authenticum-charismatis.html)
We continue to keep all of you in prayer.

In Christ,

Sister Mary Christine Cremin, 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.

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