



Member Message January 24, 2020 Santa Croce Program for CMSWR Communities

Dear Mothers and Sisters,

The faculty of Santa Croce University in Rome has designed a program specifically for Formators and Superiors (or for potential future Formators or Superiors) from CMSWR communities. The courses were designed specifically for our Member communities and are designed to meet the needs which Major Superiors expressed during the phone survey which we conducted during the Spring/Summer, 2019.

The course will begin in September 2020 and conclude in June 2021. It will consist of two weeks of onsite classes in Rome from September 21 – October 2 and from February 1 – February 12, 2021. In the intervening months, the sister students will be assigned readings and asked to write papers under the supervision of the Santa Croce faculty. Papers and other assignments will be submitted by the sister students to the Santa Croce faculty by email. Final exams will be conducted at the end of each course (when the sister has submitted the completed work for the course) and will be done via email. Classes in Rome will be taught by Santa Croce faculty in the mornings; afternoons will have opportunities for visiting sacred sites in Rome and environs. The sister students will earn European credits which are transferable to any European Pontifical University.

A link to the course descriptions can be found [here](#). A link to the course schedule can be found [here](#).

After completion of the course, the Sister student will be asked to plan and structure a regional workshop around topics related to the material she has learned in the course. Some of the papers the sisters have written may also be posted on the CMSWR website after evaluation by the Santa Croce faculty.

Cost of the course, including room and board at the Domus and local travel in Rome is 2350 Euros, not including airfare. We will be requesting funding from the Hilton Foundation to assume a portion of the cost of the program but if a community is able to contribute a portion of the cost for an individual sister, that would be greatly appreciated.

To apply for the course click [here](#). You may also access this on the CMSWR website. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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.