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# DIRECTORY OF SECULAR INSTITUTES WITH FOUNDATIONS IN THE U.S.A.

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"You are a mysterious confluence between the two powerful streams of Christian life, welcoming riches from both.

You are laymen, consecrated as such by the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, but you have chosen to emphasize your consecration to God with the profession of the evangelical counsels, assumed as obligations with a stable and recognized bond.

You remain laymen, engaged in the secular values, characteristics of, and peculiar to, the laity, but yours is a 'consecrated secularity' . . ."

Pope Paul VI, to Directors General of Secular Institutes. Nemi, Italy September, 1972.

# CARITAS CHRISTI

#### (Women)

Founded in Marseilles, France in 1937; approved as secular institute of pontifical right in 1955.

# Aim:

To form and give to the Church contemplative apostolic laywomen who, in every condition of life, strive to live as dedicated Christians in the midst of the world.

#### Address:

Rev. Austin Green, O.P. National Priest Assistant 7200 West Division River Forest, IL 60305.

# COMPANY OF ST. PAUL

#### (Lay People and Priests)

Founded in Milan, Italy, in 1920. Approved as a secular institute of pontifical right on June 30, 1950.

# Aim:

The members commit themselves to a community so that together they might better support and strengthen one another in living the Gospel; they may live or work in groups or individually and are encouraged to assume responsibility for their own vocation as well as participating in the community.

#### Address:

P.O. Box 6267 Washington, DC 20015.

# COMPANY OF ST. URSULA, DAUGHTERS OF ST. ANGELA MERICI ("The Angelines").

#### (Women)

Founded in Brescia, Italy in 1935; approved as secular institute of pontifical right in 1958.

#### Aim:

To sanctify the world by the presence of women consecrated to God by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, who do not have a habit, who keep their professional, social and family milieu, and lead a life completely dedicated to the apostolate, giving service to the parish. The Company is dedicated to the greater glory of God and brings the apostolic spirit with charity to the needs of youth and of others in the modern world.

#### Addresses:

Secretary, Via Martinengo da Barco, 8 25100 Brescia, Italy P.O. Box 4254 Grand Central Station P.O. New York, NY 10017.

# DE SALES SECULAR INSTITUTE

#### (Laypeople)

Founded 1940 in Vienna, Austria; approved as a secular institute of pontifical right in 1964.

#### Aim:

Personal sanctification of its members living in the world, devoted to God under the protection of the Blessed Mother according to the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. Apostolic work: visit the sick, give a helping hand to the poor, take up parish census, foster the Christian commitment within the parish, etc.

#### Address:

Rev. Joseph Griffin, OSFS, National Assistant DeChantal National Center 2019 Delaware Avenue Wilmington, DE 19806 (phone: 302-658-8246)

## DIOCESAN LABORER PRIESTS

Definitive approval as secular institute of pontifical right 1951.

#### Aim:

The specific aim of the institute is the promotion, sustenance and cultivation of apostolic, religious and priestly vocations.

Address: (Headquarters) 3706 15th Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20017

#### INSTITUTE OF THE HEART OF JESUS

(Secular Priests) Founded in France in 1791.

#### Aim:

To help secular priests to grow in union with Christ and others. Members pray with others regularly in an informal meditation, sharing insights, searching to discover, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, how priests can live the Gospel today; they look together, not only at their own personal lives, but also at the institutions of our times, in the light of the word of God. Through this group meditation, prolonged personal prayer, and the evangelical counsels, they seek to bear witness in the body of priests to the joy of community and to the strength and peace that come from contemplation. They seek together the will of the Father.

#### Address:

Rev. Stewart J. Platt 124 Keystone Avenue Campbell, OH 44405 (phone: 216-743-3735).

## INSTITUTE OF SECULAR MISSIONARIES

(Women)

Founded in Vitoria, Spain, in 1939; approved as secular institute in 1955.

Aim:

To work in and within the world for the integral good of mankind, concretely for the poor who need and claim most the Church's support at this time. This endeavor is taken within the spirit of the Beatitudes and in communion with the Church.

#### Address:

500 Wallace Avenue, #1 Covington, KY 41014.

# MISSIONARIES OF THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

Under this title are included three distinct and juridically separate institutes founded by the late Fr. Agostino Gemelli, O.F.M.

Women Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ, founded in Italy in 1919 and definitively approved as an institute of papal right in 1953. It exists in 15 countries. The American branch began in 1950 and has spread to 25 states. Age at the time of entrance: 21 to 40.

Aim:

Through a consecrated life in the world to work in individual apostolates for the social reign of Christ.

Men Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ, founded in Italy in 1928 as an institute of diocesan law. Established in the USA in 1962.

Aim:

To spread the social reign of Christ through individual professions and occupations.

Priest Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ, approved as an institute of diocesan right, February 6, 1971; established in the USA, in 1954. Members are diocesan priests serving in the active ministry of their dioceses while promoting the social reign of Jesus Christ.

#### Spirituality:

In each of the three Institutes of Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ is that of St. Francis of Assisi.

Address:

Rev. Stephen Hartdegen, O.F.M. Holy Name College 14th & Shepherd Streets, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20017

# MISSION OF OUR LADY OF BETHANY

#### (Women)

Founded in Plessis-Chenet, France, in 1948; approved as an institute of diocesan right in 1965.

#### Aim:

To bring the mystery of Christ's redemptive love to the most rejected of society in a true fraternity of love and hope; to participate in the work of the whole Church to restore all things to our Savior and bring about the Kingdom, with first obligation to serve the woman prisoner and prostitute.

#### Address:

Sister Mary Joan, O.P. Dominican Sisters of Bethany 204 Ridge Street Millis, MA 02054. Fr. Michael T. Rooney 330 Common Street Dedham, MA

#### **OBLATE MISSIONARIES OF MARY IMMACULATE**

#### (Women)

Founded in 1952 at Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada, by Rev. Father Louis-Marie Parent, O.M.I.

#### Aim:

To bear witness to the charity of Christ.

Membership:

At present there are members in 29 countries.

#### Address:

Miss Claudette Cyr 91 Brookefield Street Lawrence, MA 01843.

#### PIUS X

#### (Men)

Founded in New Hampshire in 1940; approved as a secular institute of pontifical right in 1959.

#### Aim:

The general end is the perfection of its members. The specific purpose of the institute is the exercise of the apostolate in the world. Its members strive to achieve this two-fold aim through the effective practice in the world of the three evangelical counsels of perfection, and by making the promise to dedicate themselves totally to the particular apostolate of the Institute. The Institute also admits married or unmarried men as associate members.

#### Address:

Secular Institute of Pius X RFD #1, Box 119 A Manchester, NH 03104.

#### SECULAR INSTITUTE OF SCHOENSTATT SISTERS OF MARY

#### (Women)

Founded in Germany in 1926 by Father Joseph Kentenich; approved as secular institute of pontifical right in 1948.

#### Aim:

The institute belongs to the Apostolic Movement of Schoenstatt and shares the common aim with the entire international Schoenstatt work: the inner renewal of man and society. Primarily, the members—either as externs or interns—serve the Schoenstatt Apostolate, education and charitable works.

Addresses: Star Route 1, Box 100 Rockport, TX 78382.

W284 N698 Cherry Lane Waukesha, WI 53186.

#### SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

(Women)

Founded in Vienna, Austria in 1936; approved as a secular institute of pontifical right in 1953.

#### Aim:

To christianize the secular order. Members are consecrated to God through the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty. They pursue individual apostolates, seeking to manifest Christ in all the circumstances of their life and work. Spirituality is Ignatian.

#### Addresses:

2117 Renrock Road Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 2339 N. Catalina Street Los Angeles, CA 90027

P.O. Box 27215 San Francisco, CA 94127 P.O. Box 412 Stamford, CT 06904

#### **TERESIAN INSTITUTE**

(Women) Founded in Spain in 1911.

#### Aim:

To christianize society by means of Catholic education and instruction of girls and young women at all stages of development by teaching in every type of school, whether public, private or state controlled.

Address: 235 Cypress Street Newton Centre, MA 02159.

# VOLUNTAS DEI INSTITUTE

#### (Men)

Founded in Trois-Rivieres, Canada, in 1958; approved as secular institute of diocesan right in 1965.

#### Aim:

To serve the Church in every field of apostolate and in all locations indicated by legitimate authorities.

#### Members:

Members can be either married or celibate laymen, or priests incardinated to the local Church or to the institute.

#### Address:

Rev. Alfred Irving St. Brendan Church 60 Turner Avenue Riverside, RI 02915.

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