

Thy Kingdom Come!

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To the Lay Consecrated Men of Regnum Christi

Dear friends in Christ,

I am very happy to inform you that the Holy Father has approved our canonical establishment as a society of apostolic life of pontifical right. Father Gianfranco Ghirlanda informed us of this today. On November 27 his excellency Archbishop José Rodríguez Carballo will celebrate a Mass for us during which he will present us with the decree of canonical establishment.

As established by the *Code of Canon Law* (see canons 114 and 116), once the decree of canonical establishment is signed, a society of apostolic life is constituted as such, and has *ipso facto* public juridical personality.

The Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi have also received their decree of canonical establishment as a society of apostolic life.

As you remember, our assembly in Chapala expressed the decision to take on the legal configuration of a lay society of apostolic life:

For the sake of communion in the Movement, at the service of which our Lord inspired the vocation of the lay consecrated men, and having in mind the objective of facilitating the establishment of a federation with the Legion of Christ and with the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi, this extraordinary general assembly has decided to ask the Holy See to establish us as a lay society of apostolic life. We have reflected and seen before God that this canonical figure respects well the demands of our specific vocation and even underlines our way of life as a community of apostles. Therefore we have adopted this resolution. We believe this is the step God is asking us to take at this moment. We are also aware of the legal consequences of this change, which will make us, if approved by the Holy See, a public entity in the Church. At the same time we maintain the consecration of life with private vows, as we have always lived it. (See <http://laicosconsagradosrc.org/comunicado-asamblea-general-extraordinaria/>.)

We should be very grateful right now: grateful to God, first and foremost; grateful to the Church that has accompanied us over these years; and to all the Regnum Christi members whom we consider to be our brothers and sisters. In recent years we have been learning to live communion and have realized that we all contribute to the fulfillment of a single mission. With this step we want to express, once again, that we consider ourselves fully members of Regnum Christi and want to continue contributing to the common mission.

We place the future of this new society of apostolic life and of all those called by God to bring it to life for the good of the Church and all people into the hands of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Your brother in Christ,

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Lay Consecrated Men of Regnum Christi

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