



THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC ORDINARIES OF THE HOLY LAND
Latins, Melkites, Maronites, Syrians, Armenians, Chaldeans, Custody of the Holy Land

**Meeting of Religious and Consecrated Men and Women in the Holy Land
on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.**

Dear Brethren, Religious men and women of the Holy Land,

Archbishop José Rodriguez Carballo, Secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life will meet with the Religious, and Consecrated Men and Women of the Holy Land on Wednesday May 3, 2017 at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

The reception will be at 15:15 followed by a time for testimonies for a maximum of one hour. There will be a break at 16:30 to 17:00. Then, Archbishop Carballo will talk about the anticipated outcomes of the Jubilee of Mercy for the Consecrated after having celebrated the year for Religious life. The meeting will conclude with Vespers celebrated at 18:15.

Simultaneous translation will be available. Anyone may be able to speak in one's own language.

The Jubilee renewed the works of Mercy; however, religious congregations have always put to practice the different works of mercy, either by the congregation's charism or by the commitment of either one of its members.

The testimony we asked for:

- 1/ Education of children: Fr Marwan, ofm, Bethléem
- 2/ The sick and those at the end of life: Sr Monika Duellmann, sjc
Hôpital Saint-Louis, Jérusalem
- 3/ Acceptance of people with disabilities: P. Marco Riva, Nazareth
- 4/ Visiting prisoners: Sr Susan Sheean, Fille de la Charité, Haifa
- 5/ Migrants and refugees: P. David Neuhaus

Each testimony should not exceed ten minutes and structured as follows:

- a/ what need has been perceived, old and new
- b/ What are the opportunities, challenges, legal obligations and actions in response
- c/ What results are to be achieved or what accomplishments are expected

We hope to see as many of you at this meeting. I wish you a happy Easter!

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