Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

2018 Religious Life and Ministry Survey

Please respond to each question for the unit (congregation/monastery, province, region, delegation) for which you are responsible as a major superior.

1. For what level of governance do you serve as major superior? Select one:
   - □ Congregation/Monastery
   - □ Province
   - □ Region
   - □ U.S. Delegation
   - □ Other (please specify): __________________________

2. What is the canonical status of your unit or of the institute/society of which your unit is a part?
   - □ Religious Institute of Diocesan Right
   - □ Religious Institute of Pontifical Right
   - □ Monastery
   - □ Other (please specify): __________________________

3. Gender of your institute/society: □ Female □ Male

4. Is your unit an international institute/society or part of one?
   - □ Yes □ No
   4a. If yes, in what countries is the institute/society active: ____________________________________________

5. Is your unit a missionary institute/society or part of one?
   - □ Yes □ No

6. Is your unit a contemplative institute/society or part of one?
   - □ Yes □ No

7. If responding for a men’s institute/society: Is your institute/society
   - □ Lay
   - □ Clerical
   - □ Mixed clerical and lay

8. Does your institute/society include members of an Eastern Catholic Church?
   - □ Yes, the entire institute/society
   - □ Yes, some members
   - □ No

9. If yes, which one? ___________________________________

10. If responding for a men’s institute/society: Does your unit include men serving permanently as deacons?
    - □ Yes, how many? ________ □ No

Please indicate the number of members of your unit (as of December 31, 2017):

   _________ 11 In initial formation
   _________ 12. In final/perpetual vows/commitment

Please indicate the number of members of your unit in each age category.

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<th>Initial Formation</th>
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<td>13a. Under age 25</td>
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<td>14a. 25 to 44</td>
<td>14b. 45 to 64</td>
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<td>15a. 45 to 64</td>
<td>15b. 65 to 84</td>
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<td>16a. 65 to 84</td>
<td>16b. 85 or older</td>
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Please indicate the highest level of education achieved by each member of your unit.

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<td>_______ 18a. _______</td>
<td>18b. Some college or less</td>
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<td>_______ 19a. _______</td>
<td>19b. Bachelor’s degree (e.g., B.A., B.S., S.T.B.)</td>
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<td>_______ 20a. _______</td>
<td>20b. Master’s degree (e.g., M.A., M.S. S.T.L., J.C.L.)</td>
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<td>_______ 21a. _______</td>
<td>21b. Doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., S.T.D., J.C.D., M.D.)</td>
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<td>_______ 22a. _______</td>
<td>22b. Number with an advanced degree in a ministry-related field (e.g., M.A.P.S., M.A.T.S., M.Div., D.Min.)</td>
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Please indicate the number of professed members (temporary and perpetual/solemn vows) in each category (include study, sabbatical, family care, congregational administration or ministry).

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<th>Number in Part-time Ministry</th>
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<td>Active in full-time ministry</td>
<td>23a. _______</td>
<td>23b. _______</td>
<td>23c. _______</td>
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<td>Active in part-time ministry</td>
<td>24a. _______</td>
<td>24b. _______</td>
<td>24c. _______</td>
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<td>Retired to a ministry of prayer and presence</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>25. _______</td>
<td>25c. _______</td>
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Please indicate the number of members of your unit currently active in full-time and part-time ministry (with or without compensation) in each area and the number of members you believe interested in serving in each ministry (or would have, if such a ministry were available to them). This second, educated guess on your part is only to gauge the level of interest in these ministries. Please respond only for active full members of your unit – not those in initial formation or those who are retired to a ministry of prayer and presence (e.g., no longer active in ministry).

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<td>Religious institute administration (e.g., superior/prior or prioress, leadership team)</td>
<td>26a. _____</td>
<td>26b. _____</td>
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<td>Religious institute ministry (e.g., vocations/formation, retreats, spiritual direction)</td>
<td>27a. _____</td>
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<td>Diocesan administration (e.g., chancellor, vicar, department head, canon lawyer/judge)</td>
<td>28a. _____</td>
<td>28b. _____</td>
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<td>Parish administration (e.g., pastor, associate, parish life coordinator, administrator)</td>
<td>29a. _____</td>
<td>29b. _____</td>
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<td>Parish ministry (e.g., DRE, liturgist, catechist)</td>
<td>30a. _____</td>
<td>30b. _____</td>
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<td>Education institute administration (e.g. college president, dean, principal, school administrator)</td>
<td>31a. _____</td>
<td>31b. _____</td>
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<td>Education ministry (e.g., professor, teacher)</td>
<td>32a. _____</td>
<td>32b. _____</td>
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<td>Hospital/health care administration (e.g., presidents or vice presidents of a hospital, nursing home, clinic)</td>
<td>33a. _____</td>
<td>33b. ______</td>
<td>33c. ____</td>
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<td>Health care ministry (e.g., physician, nurse, technician)</td>
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<td>34b. ______</td>
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<td>Social service administration (e.g., director, program administrator)</td>
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<td>35b. ______</td>
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<td>Social service/justice ministry (e.g., direct services, advocacy).</td>
<td>36a. _____</td>
<td>36b. ______</td>
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<td>Chaplaincy (hospital, nursing home, college, or school)</td>
<td>37a. _____</td>
<td>37b. ______</td>
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Please indicate if your unit holds membership in the following. Check all that apply:
☐ 38. Council of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM)
☐ 39. Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR)
☐ 40. Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)
☐ 41. International Union of Superiors General (UISG)
☐ 42. Other national or international organization(s), e.g., federation, association, or NGO, specify: ____________________________.

In 2016, at the request of representatives of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), Pope Francis established a Papal Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women.

**Yes  No**
☐ 43. Were you previously aware that the International Union of Superiors General had requested that Pope Francis establish the Papal Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women?
☐ 44. Are you aware that the Papal Commission has been formed and has met?
☐ 45. Do you think it is theoretically possible to sacramentally ordain women as deacons?
☐ 46. Do you believe the Church should authorize sacramental ordination of women as deacons?
☐ 47. Do you believe the Church will authorize sacramental ordination of women as deacons?
☐ 48. If the Holy See authorizes the sacramental ordination of women as deacons, do you believe the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) would implement such?
☐ 49. If the Holy See authorizes the sacramental ordination of women as deacons, do you believe your diocesan bishop (or the bishops in the dioceses where you minister) would implement such?
50. In your opinion, how important would the sacramental ordination of women as deacons be for the Catholic Church?  
☐ Not at all  ☐ A little  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ Very much

51. In your opinion, how important would the sacramental ordination of women as deacons be for your institute/society?  
☐ Not at all  ☐ A little  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ Very much

52. How aware are you of any history of women ordained as deacons?  
☐ Not at all  ☐ A little  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ Very much

53. Do you think the ordination of women (religious or not) as deacons would be beneficial to the Catholic Church’s mission?  
☐ Not at all  ☐ A little  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ Very much

54. Do you think the ordination of women (religious or not) as deacons would create a greater call for women to be ordained as priests?  
☐ Not at all  ☐ A little  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ Very much

If responding for a women’s institute/society (Questions 55 and 57):  
55. Do you think the ordination of women as deacons will bring more candidates to your institute/society?  
☐ Yes  ☐ Maybe  ☐ No  ☐ Don’t know

56. How many members of your unit do you think would be interested in being sacramentally ordained as deacons?  
☐ Not at all  ☐ A little  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ Very much

57. How many members of your unit under the age of 60 do you think would be interested in being sacramentally ordained as deacons?  
☐ Not at all  ☐ A little  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ Very much

If responding for a men’s institute/society (Questions 58 and 59):  
58. Do you think the ordination of women as deacons will bring more candidates to women’s institutes/societies?  
☐ Yes  ☐ Maybe  ☐ No  ☐ Don’t know

59. Do you think the ordination of women as deacons would cause you to recommend women to women’s institutes/societies, independent of their ministerial interests?  
☐ Yes  ☐ Maybe  ☐ No  ☐ Don’t know

For all:  
Are your answers influenced by the writing and/or speaking of the following on the topic of women deacons. Check all that apply.  
☐ 61. Brian Bucher  ☐ 69. Roger Gryson  
☐ 62. Sara Butler, MSBT  ☐ 70. Gloria Marie Jones, OP  
☐ 63. Joan Chittister, OSB  ☐ 71. Gary Macy  
☐ 64. William Ditewig  ☐ 72. Kevin Madigan  
☐ 65. The Ignatius Press 2005 report  ☐ 73. Aimé-Georges Martimort
Please respond as fully as you wish to the questions below.

76. How would you define the diaconate? What is a deacon?

| □ 65. Gerhard L. Muller | □ 74. Phyllis Zagano |
| □ 66. Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ | □ 75. Other:________________ |
| □ 67. Sandra Schneiders, IHM |

77. **If responding for a women’s institute or society:** If the diaconate were opened to women as an ordained ministry, what would be the internal benefits, concerns, challenges of ordained members for your institute or society?

78. **If responding for a women’s institute or society:** If the diaconate were opened to women as an ordained ministry, what would be the external benefits, concerns, challenges of ordained members for your institute or society.

79. **If responding for a women’s institute or society:** If the diaconate were opened to women as an ordained ministry, would you, your councilors, and/or chapter consider allowing members to be ordained. Why or why not?

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80. For all: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please provide the information below for the person completing this survey so we may contact you for clarification about your responses. None of the information you provide for this survey will be released at the individual level; all responses will be held confidential. All results will be reported in the aggregate.

Name and Title:__________________________________________________________

Institute/Order (and Province if applicable):________________________________

Telephone:________________________________________________________________

Email address:________________________________________________________________

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.
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