

Beginning of the Second Part of the General Assembly of Regnum Christi

- The purpose of the General Assembly is to agree on the text of the Statutes of the Regnum Christi Federation. That text will then be submitted for ratification by the supreme governing authorities of the consecrated branches (the General Chapter of the Legionaries of Christ and the general assemblies of the Consecrated Women and the Lay Consecrated Men of Regnum Christi). The final ratified Statutes will be submitted to the Vatican for its definitive approval.
- The Statutes of the Regnum Christi Federation will express the points of convergence of all the vocations that make up Regnum Christi with regard to mission and identity, spirituality, members, organization, and government.
- The first part of the Regnum Christi General Assembly was held in April 2018. The second part is from November 27 to December 5. It brings together 90 delegates from 14 countries and from all the entities that make up Regnum Christi: Legionaries of Christ, consecrated women, lay consecrated men and lay members. In total, 29 of the delegates (31%) participate *ex officio* and 62 (69%) were elected by the members of their own branches.
- The General Assembly will also approve the rule of life for the lay members who will be individually associated with the future Regnum Christi Federation, and it will also offer guidelines for its implementation.
- The General Assembly was preceded by the final sessions of the General Chapter of the Legionaries of Christ and the general assemblies of the Consecrated Women and the Lay Consecrated Men of Regnum Christi. Each submitted their considerations regarding the <u>Draft Statutes</u> of the Regnum Christi Federation to the General Assembly
- You can follow the General Assembly on social media through various hashtags: #asambleaRC2018 #RegnumChristi2018 #RCassembly2018

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Since 2010 Regnum Christi has been on a path of renewal, guided by the Holy See, with the intention of finding the appropriate canonical form. Starting today and ending December 5, 90 representatives from the different vocations that make up the Regnum Christi Movement – Legionaries of Christ, consecrated women, lay consecrated men, and lay people – are meeting in Rome for the second part of the <u>General Assembly</u>. Jesuit Father Gianfranco Ghirlanda, an expert in canon law who was appointed by the Vatican to assist with the process, is also participating.



In the process of developing a canonical configuration for the Regnum Christi Movement, the purpose of the General Assembly is to agree on the text of the Statutes of the future federation that will be submitted first for ratification by the supreme governing authorities of the consecrated branches and then to the Holy See for definitive approval.

Prior to this second part of the General Assembly of Regnum Christi, the supreme governing bodies of the <u>Legionaries of Christ</u>, the <u>Consecrated Women</u>, and the <u>Lay</u> <u>Consecrated Men</u>, gathered separately to give their perspective on the third draft of the Statutes and offer their considerations to the General Assembly of Regnum Christi where all the members – lay people included – will discuss them.

The Statutes, a point of convergence

The General Statutes will be the nexus where all that the different vocations have discerned over the course of the entire process will come together; conclusions about charism, mission, spirituality, governance, canonical configuration, lay participation, and organization of apostolic activity will all be distilled in this document.

The discernment of each of the vocations (Legionaries, consecrated women, lay consecrated men, and lay people) converge on the following elements: the existence of a common charism, a recognition of the identity of each vocation, the unique contribution of each of these vocations to Regnum Christi, the autonomy of each of the consecrated branches, and the federation as the best canonical configuration to express, protect, and promote the common charism.

Lay people will have a voice and a consultative vote

All the consecrated branches expressed the desire that lay people participate, even if at present we cannot find an adequate canonical solution for this desire. The government of the future federation, as it is currently in the draft Statutes, will have the three consecrated branches govern collegially. Lay people will participate and have a voice in the government, but their vote will be consultative rather than deliberative.

Make-up of the General Assembly

Twenty-nine of the delegates (31%) participate *ex officio* and 62 (69%) were elected by the members of their own branches.

The General Assembly is made up of 90 <u>delegates</u> from 14 countries: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, El Salvador, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Philippines, Spain, United States and Venezuela. Thirty-six Legionaries (40%, 16 *ex officio,* 20 elected); 30 lay people (33%, 1 *ex officio,* 29 elected; 13 women, 17 men); 18 consecrated women (20.3%, 6 *ex officio,* 12 elected); and six lay consecrated men (6.7%).

Resources

- Photo gallery

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- <u>Documents</u> related to the process
- Website related to the process: <u>www.regnumchristi.org/rcstatutes/en/</u>
- <u>Statistics</u> for Regnum Christi (2017)
- Hashtags for social media: #asambleaRC2018 #RegnumChristi2018 #RCassembly2018

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