

"TELLING IN OUR OWN LANGUAGES THE
MIGHTY WORKS OF GOD" ACTS 2:11



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project

OF THE DICASTERY FOR COMMUNICATION
WITH AND THROUGH

SISTERS

Dear Sisters,

The world needs to hear your story!

The world needs to hear you tell your own story!

As the world is once again plunged into the darkness of war on the heels of the darkness of the pandemic, your lives and ministry can be a source of light. Why? Because where humanity is hurting, **you are there**; where there is darkness, **you are bringing hope**.

Many people still don't know how much great work is done by the religious orders around the world. Whether running schools and hospitals, caring for the sick, rescuing victims of human trafficking, or supplying employment for the destitute, the religious orders provide essential services either in places where there is little other provision, or for people for whom there is little other support. You sisters are able to do this without blowing your own trumpet and often at great cost to yourselves, announcing this way the mighty works of God.

With the support of the Hilton Foundation, the Dicastery for Communication is initiating a project aimed at building a dynamic **global network of sisters' voices** in the Vatican Media, while at the same time demonstrating how sisters are contributing to the Church's work.

We hope to become partners with you so that the world might be offered the testimony of your lives and mission.

Paolo Ruffini
and the Team of the Dicastery for Communication

Through this project, the Dicastery would like to offer Catholic women religious three opportunities:

1 STORIES TO BE PUBLISHED BY VATICAN MEDIA

We invite you to suggest/write stories with women religious as witnesses of the “**mighty works of God**”, so they can be shared via the various Vatican media platforms.

Stories can be sent to sisters@spc.va

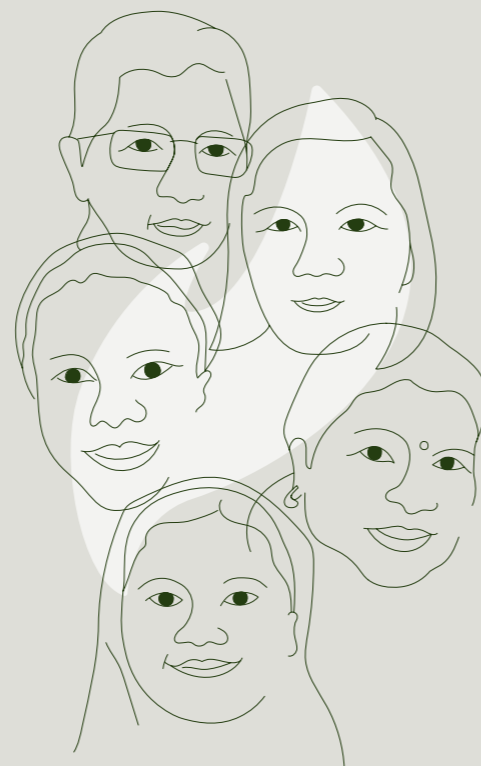
We kindly ask you to follow the instructions below.

- Original **languages**: Italian, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German
- Possible **topics**:
 - Stories about the work of women religious, especially on social issues and missionary activities;
 - Stories on women religious whose heroic virtues have been recognized or for whom a miracle has been approved for beatification or canonization;
 - Stories about the activity of various networks of religious such as UISG, CLAR, LCWR, Talitha Kum, etc.;
 - Reflections regarding general ecclesial or social issues, history of consecrated life.

*You can also propose one or more sisters for **interviews** regarding the above topics or particularly interesting vocation stories.*

- Article **length**: 5,000 characters maximum (introduction, body and closing).

All articles sent to us are subject to editing.



- Articles should be accompanied by **photos** with these characteristics:
 - Horizontal;
 - They should not be out of focus;
 - The photos should be accompanied by description and credit;
 - It is assumed we have the right to reproduce on all the Vatican media channels any photos received;
- Articles can also be accompanied by short **videos** (the required characteristics will be given on an as needed basis).

Please, forward all useful information regarding author and/or women religious mentioned in the article (names, places, contacts...) as well.

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2 TRAINING AT VATICAN MEDIA IN ROME

We invite you to send us the **CVs of women religious** who could be selected as **interns for a 3-month training program at Vatican NEWS / Vatican Radio in Rome** to take place in 2023. The exact period can be tailored according to the availability of the selected candidate and the different linguistic departments of Vatican NEWS / Vatican Radio.

3 FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO* FOR ONE YEAR

Requests for a free **online subscription(s) to L'Osservatore Romano** can be sent to sisters@spc.va

We kindly ask you to follow the instructions below.

1. Please indicate the following information in the request: first name, last name, email address, congregation and country of the subscriber.
 - Please, inform us if there are already active subscriptions in the communities of the congregation.
 - **Each email address will generate a subscription that can be used on 5 different devices.** This is why you may want consider to include community email addresses instead of individual ones.
 - Subscription requests sent **by the 20th of the month** will be activated at the beginning of the following month, otherwise, it will be activated the beginning of the successive month (for example, if a request is sent by September 20th, the subscription will be activated at the beginning of October; if after September 20th, it will be activated at the beginning of November, etc.).
 - Subscription requests are activated 10 to 20 days after receipt. Along with the credentials, you will also receive access to all the publications* through www.osservatoreromano.va
 - If you wish to set a new password, please follow the procedure at the bottom of the “forgot password”

- Selected candidates will be contacted for an interview;
 - Applications can be sent to sisters@spc.va.
- Requirements for candidates:
- BA or MA students, preferably in Communication or related subjects;
 - Advanced language skills in one of the following languages: Italian, English, Spanish, French (basic knowledge of Italian is preferable);
 - Basic computer skills (Microsoft Office and common internet browsers);
 - Letter of recommendation from the General/ Provincial Superior.



1. login page. This procedure can be done whenever you need to retrieve your password.
2. Online free subscriptions expire **one year** from the date on which you receive the credentials.

*The subscription includes the daily edition of *L'Osservatore Romano* in Italian; the weekly edition in English, French, Spanish, German and Portuguese; the monthly edition in Polish; and in addition, the monthly women's magazine *Women Church World* (this periodical is in Italian, English, French and Spanish, but many articles are translated into 7 languages and published in *L'Osservatore Romano*).

The challenge of Women Church World



Scan the code to read the newspaper



Ten years ago, Women Church World was born. For the first time, L'Osservatore Romano promoted and included a monthly magazine dedicated to women whose task is to report, narrate and comment on the status of women in the Church. There were three conditions that prompted and favoured the decision. The first was that discrimination against women existed even within the Church. The second was that the Church was particularly late in recognising the important role of women; in fact, there was an even stronger and more widespread patriarchy than in other sectors of society. The third was that, despite the aforementioned conditions, there existed a female world that had evolved and, although it had a strong sense of belonging, wanted to be more involved. It wasn't simply a matter of power—which did play a role then as it does now—but of affirming an identity, a culture, an experience of faith, of prayer, of social relationships that women had developed and that would be useful to all believers. In these 10 years, Women Church World has tilled, sowed, and cultivated a vast field that has shown itself to be more fertile than we supposed. It wasn't easy, therefore, to choose for this issue the topics and articles that would tell the story of the magazine, its research, its discoveries, and the protagonists of 10 intensely lived years. Rereading the issue, we saw that in the field we had tended, a plant had grown strong, and that some of the protagonists had shown themselves to be stronger, breaking stereotypes and revealing an energy that we had only suspected. They were the nuns and sisters. Women who consecrate their lives to the faith are a vanguard. Starting precisely from the choice they made, they want to change and are already changing the Church and the world. They fight against modern slavery, they work in countries at the center of conflicts, they become entrepreneurs by maintaining a community practice and thus revolutionizing the world of work. They write books, they examine biblical texts with new eyes, they practice discernment but are not afraid to rebel against injustice, not afraid to challenge the roles assigned to them. They recognise tradition but want change. And they do not hesitate to point to women as a matter to be addressed and on which society is behind, knowing how to distinguish between the authority of the Church and the authoritarianism of men. We dedicate this issue of Women Church World to these women.