

Thy Kingdom come!

CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR THE REVISION OF THE *STATUTES OF REGNUM CHRISTI*

Introduction to the Study Materials for the *Phase of Study and Reflection*

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I. What are the study materials?

The study materials are the basic material that the Central Commission offers to the members of the 1st and 2nd degree of *Regnum Christi* for their study and reflection. If the members absorb the contents of these packets they should be sufficiently prepared to undertake the task of revising the statutes. These will have to contain a clear and detailed description of the identity and mission of the lay members of the *Regnum Christi* Movement.

II. How are the study packets structured?

Each study packet is about twelve pages long. Some may be heavy going, since the teaching of the Magisterium on each of the themes is presented in summary fashion.

III. How are the study materials intended to be used?

The study materials can be used for personal study, as well as for group reflection among all the members of the Movement. They contain information which forms the basis for subsequent reflection. To contribute to the assimilation of this information on the part of the members of the 1st and 2nd degree the facilitators of the process can employ various means to support this process, such as presentations by experts, audiovisuals, group discussions, interviews, etc...

At the end of each study packet there is a list of questions which are intended to foster group reflection and discussion. The objective here is to help the participants concentrate on the essentials and see the concrete applications for their own lives. The group answers the questions for its own benefit. Therefore it is not necessary to respond to them all. The group moderator can choose those questions which seem to be most helpful for the participants. He can also present other questions which seem more appropriate. It is not necessary to send replies in to the Territorial Commission or to the Central Commission.

It is good to organize activities dedicated to the study of the themes which allow for group reflection and discussion while at the same time having one or two people present who can give answers to questions which may arise. These activities should be part of those that form part of the normal life of the sections, such as, for example, courses, study circles, team

meetings, etc... The local process leader together with the section directors should find the most appropriate way to hold these activities.

In each of the study packets various texts are recommended for those who want to delve more deeply into the theme in question. These texts are especially helpful for those who will guide the moments of study, give conferences or prepare presentations.

IV. Which themes are being proposed for study?

The Central Commission proposes five themes for study. For each of these a study packet has been prepared. The themes and their contents are the following:

Study Packet Title	Contents of the Study Packet
1. The Ecclesial Identity of the Laity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The lay person's place in the mystery of the Church. ▪ Who is the lay person and what are his defining characteristics? ▪ The lay vocation springs forth from the mystery of Christ and expresses it in a specific way. ▪ The mutual ordering between the common and the ministerial priesthood. ▪ The complementarity of the lay state and consecrated life. ▪ Rights and obligations of the laity.
2. The Lay Apostolate within the Mission of the Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The mission of the Church. ▪ The apostolate of the laity.
3. The Associations of the Faithful and the Ecclesial Movements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The right of association of the laity and the distinct forms of association within the Church. ▪ "Public" and "private" associations of the faithful. ▪ Movements and new ecclesial communities. The canonical situation of <i>Regnum Christi</i>.
4. The Church as Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Church in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council. ▪ The concept of communion. ▪ The ecclesiology of communion. The spirituality of communion.
5. The Charism and History of <i>Regnum Christi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is a collective charism? Introduction to the charisma of <i>Regnum Christi</i>. ▪ Some fundamental aspects of our charism ▪ Historical origin of the Movement <i>Regnum Christi</i>.

V. Where can the study packets be found?

The study packets are available on the official webpage of the Central Commission for the Revision of the *Statutes of Regnum Christi*: www.rcstatutes.org

A conference given on October 11, 2014, in Atlanta by Fr. Sylvester Heereman, LC, executive leader of the Central Commission, can also be found on the same website. Fr. Sylvester explains the process of revision of the *Statutes of Regnum Christi*. This conference could also serve as a useful tool to better understand the process as a whole and the place which the present study phase has within it.