

Conclusion of the first part of the Extraordinary General Assembly of Regnum Christi

- The General Assembly is broken into two sessions. The first session was consultative and took place in Rome from April 9-18, 2018. The second will take place from November 27 to December 5, 2018.
- The purpose of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Regnum Christi Movement is to figure out what the canonical configuration of Regnum Christi as a whole will be. Once the delegates have approved it, the configuration can be proposed to the Holy See for final approval. The assembly also reviews the *Draft General Statute of Regnum Christi* proposed by the Regnum Christi General Committee and offers its recommendations.
- In the first session, initial agreement was reached on preferring a collegial form of government for the federation and on the participation of lay people at all levels of government through a consultative vote. On other topics where there was tentative agreement, such as the type of federation to be set up or how exactly it will be governed, more work is needed. The main topic on which there is not yet agreement concerns the operating of works of apostolate: if they should be governed by the future federation, by one of the branches, or organized in some other way.

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The first part of the Extraordinary General Assembly of Regnum Christi, held in Rome, has come to an end. In this first part, consultative by design, the assembly was to give its opinion on the *Draft General Statute* and on the proposed canonical configuration for Regnum Christi. From now until next November, when the second part of the assembly will take place, the Regnum Christi General Committee will prepare a new version of those chapters of the *Draft Statute* that have to be modified, based on the recommendations and reflections that came out of the first part of the assembly.

For the first part of the assembly, 91 representatives of all the branches of the Movement— Legionaries of Christ, Consecrated Women, Consecrated Lay Men, and lay people—came together for 9 days, and it became clear that there is strong agreement among the branches on a large number of the issues under discussion. They reached tentative agreement in areas that will require deeper assessment, while on other points it became clear that no consensus yet exists. It is the first time in the history of Regnum Christi that the members of all branches have gotten together to look at the issues that affect them all.

Convergence

The delegates issued a message to all Regnum Christi members at the end of the first part, which can be found [at this link](#). In it they affirm that: there is a common charism and mission; all members of the Movement are co-responsible for the safeguarding of the charism; the Legion of

Christ belongs inseparably to Regnum Christi; each of the vocations has a unique identity; the consecrated branches are legitimately autonomous; and a federation is the most appropriate canonical configuration at this time.

New areas of agreement and matters still under discussion

During the first part of the Extraordinary General Assembly, all branches expressed initial agreement on some new topics, such as the proposal to have a collegial form of government for the Federation and having lay members participate at all levels of government with a consultative vote.

On other points, such as the exact type of federation to be set up or the way it will be governed, initial agreement was reached but further study is required. There were also issues on which no agreement was reached and which will have to be worked on and pondered over the next few months. Notable among them is the question of how to allocate the works of apostolate, in other words, if in the future the works of apostolate Regnum Christi will be governed by the future federation, by one of the branches, or organized in some other way. The assembly proposed that the scenarios resulting from the different options be analyzed.

Path of reconciliation

At various moments the delegates expressed a deep desire to move forward on the path of personal and institutional reconciliation with the people who have been hurt or wounded by Regnum Christi and its members throughout its history, as well as on the path of internal reconciliation. They share some of their reflections in a [message on communion and reconciliation addressed to Regnum Christi members](#).

Composition of the General Assembly

The General Assembly is made up of 91 delegates from the following 14 countries: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Italy, Mexico, El Salvador, Germany, Spain, the United States, the Philippines, France, and Venezuela.

Of those, 37 (40%) are Legionaries of Christ (16 *ex officio*, 21 elected); 30 (32%) are lay people (1 *ex officio*, 29 elected; of those, 13 are women and 17 men); 18 (19%) are consecrated women (6 *ex officio*, 12 elected); and 6 (6.5%) are consecrated men (all 6 *ex officio*).

In total, 29 of the delegates (31%) participate *ex officio* and 62 (69%) were elected by the members of their own branches.

Resources

- [Message of the 2018 Regnum Christi Extraordinary General Assembly to Regnum Christi members at the end of the first session](#)
- Photo gallery: Access by clicking [here](#).

- For more information refer to www.rcstatutes.org
- [Communiqué of the First Part of the Extraordinary General Chapter of the Legion of Christ.](#)
- [Communiqué of the First Part of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Consecrated Women.](#)
- [Communiqué of the First Part of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Lay Consecrated Men to the Extraordinary General Chapter](#) (Spanish original).
- [Communiqué of the First Part of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Lay Consecrated Men to the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Consecrated Women](#) (Spanish original).
- Hashtag addresses on the social networks:
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