

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is CHARIS?

CHARIS is a new body of international service for all the expressions of the current of grace that the Charismatic Renewal is. CHARIS is not an association of the faithful or a federation of associations. It is a service offered to all the existing charismatic realities

2. What does CHARIS mean?

CHARIS is the acronym for Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service. The word *charis* is Greek, and means “grace”. The word “charism” comes from it.

3. How was CHARIS born?

CHARIS was born from the will of the Holy Father that the Church have a new single service that benefits all the expressions of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

4. What does it mean when we say that CHARIS has public juridical personality?

Public juridical personality means that CHARIS is erected by the Holy See through the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, on the initiative of these ecclesiastical authorities, and that *CHARIS acts in the name of the Church* in serving all the expressions of Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

5. Does it mean that the Charismatic Renewal acquires a public juridical figure?

No, it does not affect the legal or canonical status of the different expressions of the CCR, therefore they do not change their status.

6. Are all the expressions of the Charismatic Renewal required to accept this new Service?

No, CHARIS is a service body, not a governance body.

7. How will things move forward?

In December 2018, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life will erect CHARIS and will

approve its statutes, that will come into effect on June 9th 2019, Solemnity of Pentecost. Until then, Catholic Fraternity and ICCRS will continue to exist and operate as normal.

8. What happens with communities of the Catholic Fraternity from June 9th, 2019 and to all programmed services for 2019-2020?

The Communities of the Catholic Fraternity will continue to be linked to their local Bishop. They will be represented in CHARIS structures and will be able to become networks of communities. The services already programmed for 2019-2020 will be respected and organized by CHARIS.

9. What happens to ICCRS/CF office after 2019-2020 and what happens to the services programmed by ICCRS for 2019-2020?

ICCRS/CF office will carry on working in Palazzo San Calisto as CHARIS office, from June 9th, 2019. The services programmed by ICCRS will be respected and organized by CHARIS.

10. What do the National Service Committees need to do to adapt to CHARIS and when?

National Service Committees need to include all the different charismatic expressions in each country in a *National Service of Communion*. Equally, all charismatic expressions in each country should start, from now on, organizing meetings among themselves to foster communion. It is hoped that things will be established or moving in this direction by Pentecost 2019.

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