



PRESS RELEASE

XXI Plenary Assembly of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG)

Rome, 6-10 May 2019

From 6-10 May, the XXI Plenary Assembly of the UISG will take place at the Ergife Hotel in Rome. The theme is **“Sowers of Prophetic Hope.”** Sr. Carmen Sammut, msola, in a video announcing the Assembly, said that this theme urges us to consider how women religious can be signs of hope *“in a world of division and war”* and *“for the many women and children who suffer”*.

Around **850 Superiors General** from 80 different countries **will participate**. Together they will seek responses to these questions. There are **13 official languages** and around **40 invited guests** which include presenters, representatives of continental Conferences of men and women religious and Vatican Dicastries, and others who lead organizations that partner with the UISG.

Reflections will touch on important themes such as **interculturalism, the future vision of religious life, the integrity of creation (Laudato Si’), interreligious dialogue**. For the first time there will be the possibility of following the principal conferences in the original language via **live streaming** (some are in English and others are in Spanish), by connecting to the platform <https://zoom.us/join/622-095-529>. More information on the Plenary Assembly and the program is available at: www.uisg.org/Plenary2019.

On 10 May, the Superiors General will meet with Pope Francis in a private audience. During that audience, the Pope will launch the “Nuns Healing Hearts” Campaign in honour of the 10th anniversary of Talitha Kum

Taking advantage of the presence of Superiors General from all over the world, the UISG will offer **7 workshops** before and after the Plenary Assembly. These workshops will take place on 2, 3, 13 and 14 May in the UISG Centre for Religious Life at Regina Mundi (Lungotevere Tor di Nona, 7). The themes are: Canon Law, Protection of Minors, Communication, and New Approaches to the Provision of Care for Children.

The **UISG (International Union of Superiors General)** is a worldwide organization of Superiors General of canonically approved Congregations of women religious. It is an international forum where Superiors General share experiences, exchange information and mutually accompany one another in carrying out their service. Currently there are **1900 members from more than 100 countries, representing more than 450,000 women religious throughout the world**.

Journalists who have not received an invitation directly from the UISG Communication Office can request accreditation for the Plenary Assembly by filling out an online form: <https://bit.ly/2UAp7d1>. Only after having received a confirmation by e-mail will it be possible to access the Plenary Assembly.

The following UISG members will **meet the press accredited to the Holy See Press Office on 2 May at 1:00pm in a Meeting Point**:

- Sr. Carmen Sammut, msola, Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa and UISG President (English and French)
- Sr. Anabela Carneiro, hsc, Superior General of the Hospitaller Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Italian, Spanish, Portuguese)
- Sr. Donatella Zoia, sps, Superior General of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood (Italian, English)

This meeting point will be streamed via <https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican>.

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