



Press Release

Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious Announces Symposium on Religious Life

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Washington D.C. - The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR) announced today a Symposium on Religious Life, “To Wake Up the World” to be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, from November 13-14, 2015. The Symposium will be open to all clergy, religious and laity.

This national event sponsored by CMSWR marks a key event in support of the Year of Consecrated Life. Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, S.V., Chairperson of CMSWR, stated, “Our hope is that this event will not only deepen our love and understanding of the beautiful life to which God has called us, but also be a source of information and inspiration to others during this year of grace.”

The Symposium on Religious Life will feature a variety of exceptional speakers focusing on many aspects of religious life. The event begins on Friday, November 13th, 2015, with Mass at the Old Cathedral and a keynote address by Archbishop Augustine DiNoia, O.P. The prophetic nature of religious life will be explored by a number of experts at the Symposium including Sister Mary Prudence Allen, R.S.M., Sister Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., Rev. Christopher Collins S.J., Helen Alvare, Sister Mary Nika Schaumber, R.S.M., Re. David Meconi, S.J. and Sister Mary Timothea Elliot, R.S.M. These religious leaders will focus on theological perspectives, structures of religious life, and teachings of the Pope on religious life.

The goal of the symposium is to provide a series of presentations in one day that explore the prophetic nature of religious life as lived by the Church through the centuries. The symposium has been made possible in part by the generous support of the Knights of Columbus.

The CMSWR, located in Washington, D.C., was founded in 1992 with the canonical approval of St. John Paul II. The sisters of the CMSWR communities represent 125 communities nationwide with approximately 6,000 sisters. For more information, including registration links for the Symposium, visit www.cmswr.org.

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