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Women religious working to end human trafficking outside of the White House

Women Religious Convene to Consider their Role in Combating Human Trafficking

LCWR partnered with the Bakhita Initiative: US Catholic Sisters United Against Human Traffickers to bring together women religious from around the country deeply involved in the fight against human trafficking for two-and-a-half days of discussion and planning. The meeting was designed to increase collaboration in order to better minister to those caught-

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LCWR Officers Meet with Vatican Representatives

During the week of April 15, LCWR president Florence Deacon, OSF; president-elect Carol Zinn, SSJ; and executive director Janet Mock, CSJ; met with representatives of both the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) and the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL).

Present at the meeting with CDF were prefect Archbishop Gerhard Ludwig Müller, secretary Archbishop Luis Ladaria, and other members of the CDF dicastery, as well Archbishop J. Peter Sartain. In the course of the meeting, the LCWR officers reviewed the activities of this past year since receiving the report of CDF's doctrinal assessment of LCWR in April 2012.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, Archbishop Müller informed the group that he had met with Pope Francis who "reaffirmed the findings of the assessment and the program of reform for this Conference of Major Superiors." The CDF office also shared this information with the public in a press statement that was picked up by media outlets throughout the world. Following the meeting, LCWR made a statement on its website stating, "The conversation was open and frank. We pray that these conversations may bear fruit for the good of the Church."

At CICLSAL, the LCWR officers met with prefect João Braz de Aviz; the new secretary José Rodríguez Carballo, OFM; and seven other members of the dicastery staff including Hank Lemoncelli, OMI. According to Janet Mock, "LCWR was received with gracious hospitality and members of the dicastery listened attentively to the concerns of the LCWR leadership."

