

Dear Friends

At the vigil of Pentecost 2017, during our Golden Jubilee celebrations the Holy Father reminded us that 'fifty years is a moment of life suitable to stop and reflect... and I will tell you: it is the moment to go on with more strength, leaving behind us the dust of time that we allowed to accumulate, thanking for what we have received and facing the new with trust in the action of the Holy Spirit'.

So we are now in a new season for Catholic Charismatic Renewal. As part of this, the Holy Father expressed the desire for ICCRS and Catholic fraternity to work towards establishing one new service for all the expressions of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. To this end, he appointed in April 2016 Pino Scafuro and Michelle Moran assisted by two secretaries Julia Torres and Oreste Pesare to enable the vision to become a reality. Indeed, at the Jubilee, the Constitutive Act was signed.

After Easter we sent all the supporting documents and the statute of the new body, which is called CHARIS, to all the leaders worldwide. Now we are publishing the documents as we wish to spread the communication about this important new service. We want everyone to share in the exciting vision. Now is the time to 'widen the space of the tent... to burst out to the right and left' (Isa 54:2). At The Olympic stadium in Rome June 2014 Pope Francis made it clear what he expects of us. Among other things, he asked us to 'share with everyone in the Church the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit'. It is our hope that the service of CHARIS will enable Catholic Charismatic Renewal to grow and develop and be equipped for our mission. Now is the time to build closer relationships and foster unity in diversity within the Charismatic family at the international, national and local levels.

We ask you to carefully read all these documents. The supporting texts enable you to understand the statute. Then, we encourage you be in contact with us directly so that we can receive your feedback and deal with any questions.

May we all continue to be led by the Holy Spirit in this exciting new season.