

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 has 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 the communities of the Catholic Fraternity as of June 9, 2019?

The communities of the Catholic Fraternity will continue to be linked to their local Bishop. They will be represented, in the International Service of Communion of CHARIS, through a commission called Koinonia, formed by members of the International Service of Communion who also belong to charismatic communities. The Koinonia commission will strive to listen to

the wishes of charismatic communities and to offer the services they need. This commission will also be in charge of preserving, building and deepening the communion among all the charismatic communities.

9. What will happen with the ICCRS Office and with the projects planned for 2019-2020?

The ICCRS/CF Office will continue to function as the CHARIS Office, in the Palazzo San Calisto, after June 9, 2019. The projects planned by ICCRS will be respected and organized by CHARIS (e.g. training courses, theological commission ...).

10. What should the National Service Committees do to adapt to CHARIS?

Where they exist, they will become the National Services of Communion, integrating representatives of all the charismatic realities present in the country.

All members of these Services will have the same rights. The National Services of Communion do not have their own statutes, but are under the general one of CHARIS approved by the Holy See.

Where these Committees do not exist, it will be necessary to create a National Service of Communion as described above.

In countries where there are different realities representing the Charismatic Renewal, all these realities will be represented in the National Service of Communion and none will have greater power than the others.

CHARIS remains available to the leaders of the various countries to help them form a National Service of Communion.

The Episcopal Conferences will accompany, with their benevolence, the National Service of Communion of their country.

If you have any further questions or need any help we can be contacted at: info@charis.international