CMSM Statement on the Conclusion of the CDF Mandate Regarding LCWR

SILVER SPRING, MD (April 17, 2015). On behalf of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM), we join the leadership of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), Archbishop Peter Sartain, and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) in their renewed confidence in LCWR’s mission and the dedicated ministry that its members provide to the Church.

The joint final report on the implementation of the Doctrinal Assessment of the LCWR and Mandate of the CDF illustrates the good will, graciousness, and commitment to the Gospel that all parties have displayed since the assessment mandate was initiated. The willingness of these leaders to dialogue serves as a strong example for all ecclesial communities as they proclaim and live the Gospel message with joy.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we religious brothers and priests maintain our pride in sharing our vocation and ministry with all of the women religious in the United States. We celebrate and applaud their devotion to those in need, especially our sisters and brothers at the peripheries of society.

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