



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF  
SACRED VIRGINS

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# THAT WE MAY BE ONE

CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
NEW RITE OF  
CONSECRATION OF  
VIRGINS

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25<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020

ROME, ITALY

Consecrated Virgins and Diocesan Officials are cordially invited to participate in our 2020 International Symposium of the *Ordo Virginum* in Rome themed “That We May Be One”. This Symposium is inspired by the “Banquet of the Ten Virgins” by St. Methodius. Following the fictitious banquet in which the virgins “had all kinds of food and a variety of festivities, so that no delight was wanting”, each virgin was asked to “pronounce a discourse in praise of virginity.”

In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the revised Rite of Consecration of Virgins, we, too, will gather, break bread together, and experience a variety of festivities to strengthen our fellowship and mutual support, and deepen our appreciation of our holy calling. Together we will explore our shared identity and patrimony throughout the ages as sacred virgins. There will be a pilgrimage to *Ordo Virginum* sites in and around Rome. We will discuss our worldwide experiences of formation, fellowship and methods of facilitating communion and communication around the globe.

**Location:**  
Basilica of St. Cecilia and  
adjoining Monastery.

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**Lodging and Meals:**  
Lodging and meals responsibility  
of participants however, light  
refreshments will be provided.

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**Registration:**  
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# PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

## 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020: Welcome

3pm – 7pm Arrivals for Those Staying in Economic Accommodation

## 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020: “Working Toward a Shared Identity”

10:00 am	Opening Mass: Conventual Mass with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
12:00 noon	Welcome & Introduction
12:15 pm	Small Group Discussion: “Working Toward a Shared Identity”: Exercises 1 & 2
1:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Presentation: Unity in Diversity Part 1
3:00 pm	Small Group Discussion: “Working Toward a Shared Identity” Exercises 3 & 4
4:00 pm	Presentation: Unity in Diversity: Part 2
4:45 pm	Coffee Break
5:15 pm	Presentation: Working Through the Existential Identity Crisis of the <i>Ordo Virginum</i>
5:45 pm	Open Discussion and Q&A
6:00 pm	Announcements & Close
7.15 pm	Vespers with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
Evening	Optional Gathering: Dinner

## 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020: “The Radiant Face of the Church: Ongoing Formation”

6.45 am	Lauds with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
7.20 am	Mass with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
8:30 am	Breakfast
10:00 am	Welcome: Charity, the Love of Christ, Ourselves, and Others
10:15 am	Workshop: Our Cup Overfloweth
11:15 am	Coffee Break
11:30 pm	Workshop: Overcoming Challenges in Ongoing Formation
12:00 pm	Open Podium: Our Experiences as Formators and Formed
12:30 pm	Presentation: Diverse Formation Models
1:15 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Workbook Group Exercise: Looking with Fresh Eyes at ESI: A Vision of Initial and Ongoing Formation
2:45 pm	Coffee Break
3:00 pm	Presentation: Personal and Moral Integrity in a Disintegrated World
4:00 pm	Open Discussion and Q&A: Personal and Moral Integrity in a Disintegrated World
7.15 pm	Vespers with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
Evening	Optional Gathering: Dinner

## 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020: “Communion and Fellowship”

6.45 am	Lauds with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
7.20 am	Mass with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
8:30 am	Breakfast
10:00 am	Presentation: Strengthening the Bonds in and with the <i>Ordo Virginum</i> : Part 1
11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:15 am	Presentation: Strengthening the Bonds in and with the <i>Ordo Virginum</i> : Part 2
12:00 noon	Presentation: Who is Our Neighbor from a CV Perspective?
1:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Group Exercise: Facilitating Fellowship, Multi-Level Transparency, and Communion
3:00 pm	Open Discussion: Global Happenings
3:30 pm	Closing Announcements
7:15 pm	Vespers with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
Evening	Optional Gathering: Dinner

## 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020: “Patrimony of the Order of Virgins”

6.45 am	Lauds with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
7.20 am	Mass with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
8:30 am	Breakfast
10:00 am	Presentation: Liturgical Treasures
11:00 am	Presentation: It’s All in a Name
11:45 am	Coffee Break
12:15 pm	Presentation: Heroines of the <i>Ordo Virginum</i> .
1:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Workbook Exercise & Discussion: Who is your CV heroine and why? Opportunity for open sharing of participants’ personal <i>Ordo Virginum</i> pilgrimages, artifacts, anecdotes etc.
2:45 pm	Resources for Facilitating International Collaboration and Research
3:00 pm	Closing Announcements (for those doing the pilgrimage)
Free Afternoon	Real and Virtual Pilgrimage to Significant <i>Ordo Virginum</i> Sites: Choice of self-guided pilgrimage or watching an indoor video/slideshow of the sites
6:15 pm	Optional: <i>Lectio Divina</i> with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica (in Italian only)
7:15 pm	Vespers with the Benedictine Nuns at St Cecilia’s Basilica
Evening	Optional Gathering: Dinner

### Registration Information:

100€ Registration Fee Only. Meals and Lodging not provided but a list of suggested places for accommodations, meals, and grocery stores will be given. Workbooks (not included) should be obtained and utilized prior to the Symposium.

For those who have need of very inexpensive lodging, we have arranged for shared accommodation which may include sofa or bunk beds. Total cost for Economic Shared Accommodation (23 May-28 May) is 175€ which includes the Registration fee. A limited number of full or partial scholarships for registration and lodging will be available for virgins in need. Donations accepted for this purpose. Any excess funds will be used to house virgins for the Vatican conference 28-31 May or donated to the Hildegard International *Ordo Virginum* Library Endowment.

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