

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

- ◆ Company of the Daughters of Charity
- ◆ Congregation of the Mission
- ◆ Congregation of Notre Dame de Montreal
- ◆ Congregations of St. Joseph
- ◆ Dominican Leadership Conference
- ◆ Edmund Rice International
- ◆ Fondazione Proclade Internazionale - Onlus
- ◆ Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Loreto Generalate
- ◆ International Presentation Association
- ◆ Loretto Community
- ◆ Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
- ◆ Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
- ◆ Medical Mission Sisters
- ◆ Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- ◆ Passionists International
- ◆ Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
- ◆ Salesian Missions
- ◆ School Sisters of Notre Dame
- ◆ Sisters of Charity Federation
- ◆ Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
- ◆ Society of the Sacred Heart
- ◆ UNANIMA International
- ◆ VIVAT International



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*Justice at the heart
of global
transformation*

Our Story:

We are a coalition of 23 Roman Catholic Religious organizations, all of which are accredited by the United Nations (UN). We came together shortly after the governments of the world adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a broad agenda for the alleviation of human and environmental suffering from 2015 to 2030. We knew the SDGs' just implementation would require independent monitoring within every nation as well as within the halls of the UN. We also knew that, as members of the body of women and men Religious who have been working toward the SDGs for centuries, we were well positioned to guide global and local leaders in fulfilling the promises of this agenda.

Following a year of planning and research, we formed the Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR) in 2017 to unite our voices and efforts in seizing this unprecedented opportunity.



Our Goal:

The common mission of JCoR's member congregations is to improve quality of life for people living in poverty.

The primary aim of the Coalition is thus to enhance collaboration among our members, at UN Headquarters and around the world, in our work to **address the root causes of poverty, destruction of the natural environment, and unsustainable development.**



Our Workshops:

We are working toward our shared goal by coordinating national, regional, and global efforts of Religious to call on their local and national leaders for a just, equitable, and rights-based implementation of the SDGs. In 2019, we began to facilitate a series of workshops in three regions:

- Latin America and the Caribbean,
- the East & Southern African, and
- India.

These workshops include a multi-day series of dialogues among members of different congregations followed by a longer-term campaign for systemic change in the region. The dialogues:

- focus on elevating participants' capacities for social, economic, and political analysis of the injustices they witness in their lives and ministries;
- provide a space for Religious to engage in the preliminary storytelling, skill-sharing, and strategizing required for any diverse group to organize for collective action; and
- conclude with the selection of a locally relevant injustice to be addressed collaboratively among participants within the region in partnership with their representatives at the United Nations.

Following the dialogues, workshop participants form a regional network of advocates who stay in communication and work together to plan and execute

collective actions to address their common justice concerns. The advocacy messages and efforts of Religious women, men, and their mission partners are shared with the JCoR team at UN Headquarters so they national and regional concerns and good practices may be reinforced by the collaborative advocacy action of JCoR members at the global level.

Our Shared Future:

JCoR dialogues and advocacy initiatives aim to open and enhance lines of collaboration and communication among Religious that will allow long-term coordination of local- and national-level actions with those being taken by their Religious NGO representatives in the UN's international fora. We are building on lessons learned from our initial systemic change workshops and hope to extend JCoR activities to our communities in many other corners of the globe in the years to come.

If you are a member of a JCoR organization (see reverse panel for list of member organizations), an activist or organizer in one of the regions we have selected for our workshops, or a member of a network of Religious operating in any of those regions, we want to get to know you better!

Please contact us using the information on the reverse side of this brochure if you are interested in learning more about the ways you can contribute and participate in our journey to a more just and equitable world!



JCoR Board Members meeting via video call in September 2021