

# Towards Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation



The Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR) is a coalition of Catholic Sisters, Brothers, priests, and their partners in mission who are committed to collaborating on collective advocacy efforts that aim to address the root causes of human and environmental suffering by holding political leaders accountable for defense and promotion of the human rights of all people and for the health and well-being of the planet. It is governed by representatives of 22 organizations that represent Catholic congregations of women and men Religious at the United Nations.



## Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 commitments made by all 193 Member States of the United Nations. The SDGs aim to end extreme poverty, inequality, and climate change by 2030. While this agenda presents an unprecedented opportunity for all nations to respond to these challenges together, a *just* and *inclusive* implementation of the SDGs requires independent action and monitoring by non-governmental and faith leaders within every nation--and within the halls of the UN.



## Vocation to Systemic Change

The global body of women and men Religious have been working on missions that are now reflected in the 17 SDGs. Inspired by the Gospel, Catholic Social Teaching, our charisms, and our congregational ministry priorities, we have also established our life and ministries among the most vulnerable and oppressed communities in the world, those who could most easily be excluded from the promises of the SDGs. Called by faith to establish more just economic, social, and environmental systems, we are well positioned to guide global and local leaders in fulfilling the promises of this agenda.



## Justice Coalition of Religious

Recognizing the adoption of the SDGs as a call to mission, the Religious NGOs at the UN undertook two years of planning and research to devise a strategy for how they could maximize their contribution to the Goals' implementation and monitoring. We knew we could be more effective if we gathered voices and ministry experiences of Religious and their partners from around the world to speak with a unified voice and take collective action at the UN and wherever we are present. JCoR was launched in 2017 to offer training and support for this global collaboration.

We have begun organizing in Latin America, East & Southern Africa, and India. See reverse for more details about how to get involved in JCoR's programmes and collective advocacy actions!

The Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR) and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) invite all Catholic Sisters, Brothers, priests, and their associates and ministry partners in West India to join free, three-day, in-person workshops on rights-based advocacy in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals.

These workshops will be participatory and action-oriented with an aim of building practical skills for advocacy at the state and national levels as well as within the United Nations system. Each one will be tailored to the context of the state in which it is being offered and will culminate in the participants' collaboration in the design and enactment of a joint campaign to advance justice in their state on an issue of their choosing.

## Topics will include:

- SDGs as a global framework for uniting ministries and advocating for justice and peace
- India's development trajectory
- Understanding social marginalisation and exclusion
- The rights-based framework
- Advocacy and documenting for advocacy
- Ecological justice
- The Constitution and Social Justice
- Monitoring and evaluation using the SDG framework
- Call for mission - opportunities, threats, and challenges



## JOIN OUR UPCOMING WORKSHOP FOR RELIGIOUS IN GUJARAT:

**Dates:** 28-30 November 2024  
arrival: 27 November evening  
departure: 30 November after 4pm

**Local sponsor:** Gujarat  
Religious  
Sisters  
Forum



**Location:** [Manresa Adhyatmik Sadhana Sadan](#), Vadodara, Gujarat

## REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

<https://forms.gle/4ztogEJ633yDmMUz6>

## Queries:

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## Learn more about JCoR:

[www.jcor2030.org](http://www.jcor2030.org)

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**Thus far, 180 Catholic Religious have participated in the seven JCoR workshops that have been held in the western region of India.**

“*[The workshop] was an eyeopener for all of us who attended the program. The four facilitators challenged us in our understanding on a variety of topics and introduced us to practical skills needed for advocacy at state, national and international level.* -Sr. Lisa Pires, PBVM

*It was very educative and insightful. There is an urgent need to awaken the consciousness of all, including Religious to issues like migration, human rights, advocacy, and the SDGs. The resource persons were excellent and deeply inspiring. I learned so much from the workshop.* - Sr. Meena D'silva, FMA, Provincial

*It helped me to realize the issues that need our immediate attention as consecrated persons. Religious in India can come together, under the banner of JCoR, to collectively respond to social and political challenges facing the nation and to attain the SDGs.* -Andrew Dantis, CSSR, Social Work Professional