

## MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

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- ◆ Company of the Daughters of Charity
- ◆ Congregation of the Mission
- ◆ Congregation of Notre Dame de Montreal
- ◆ Congregations of St. Joseph
- ◆ Dominican Leadership Conference
- ◆ Fondazione Proclade Internazionale - Onlus
- ◆ Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Loreto Generalate
- ◆ International Presentation Association
- ◆ Medical Mission Sisters
- ◆ Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- ◆ Partnership for Global Justice
- ◆ Passionists International
- ◆ Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
- ◆ School Sisters of Notre Dame
- ◆ Sisters of Charity Federation
- ◆ Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
- ◆ Society of the Sacred Heart
- ◆ UNANIMA International



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*Justice at the heart  
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transformation*

## Our Story:

We are a coalition of 18 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 will begin to facilitate a series of workshops in three regions:

- Latin America and the Caribbean;
- the East African region comprised of Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe; and
- India.

These workshops will 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 will:

- 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.

In the months following the dialogues, workshop participants will stay in contact with one another and work together to plan and execute collective actions aimed at their selected target issue. Their messages and efforts will be reinforced by collaborative action on the same issue among their UN representatives in New York.

## Our Shared Future:

It is hoped that the JCoR dialogues and campaigns will 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 representatives in the UN's international forum. We plan to build on lessons learned from our initial systemic change workshops and to extend JCoR activities to our communities in many other corners of the globe in the years to come.



Members of the JCoR Board and Staff meeting in New York City, September 2018

(Back row from left: Guillermo Campuzano, CM; Veronica Brand, RSHM; Daniel LeBlanc, OMI; Margaret Mayce, OP; Janet Kinney, CSJ, Partnership for Global Justice  
Front row from left: Sheila Smith, RSCJ; Rohan Dominic, CMF; Cecilia O'Dwyer, IBVM; Teresa Blumenstein, New York Coordinator of JCoR; Eileen Reilly, SSND; Grace Ezeonu, SNDdeN; Jean Quinn, DW, UNANIMA International; Stacy Hanrahan, CND)