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On Discovering the Statutes of the Regnum Christi Federation

Dear Sisters in Christ,

By now, we've all heard and likely celebrated in some way the definitive approval of the Regnum Christi Federation! In fact, with the date of this letter we can even say "*It's so last year!*". Despite the passing of time, many questions exist and many more will likely come. In this letter, I've been asked to share perspective and ideas to begin discovering the richness of beauty in the simple words of our new statutes.

For perspective, I invite you to a patient and joyful discovery! Depending on when you started the renewal clock, the process that led to the approval of our statutes lasted 10-15 years. Now as we begin the journey to discover and understand what these statutes actually mean, we must appreciate that it will involve a considerable amount of time and resources to transmit the years and years of discernment we experienced. This is the patience of discovery☺!

Regarding the statutes themselves, we've received letters of introduction and a detailed essay. Locally, we hosted a Mass of Celebration and a weekend convention, and we recently enjoyed a worldwide celebration at the Feast of Christ the King! Seeing in print the long-awaited word *approval* made sharing smiles and greetings at these events take on new meaning. This is the joy of discovery☺!

In prayer then, with patience and joy as our companions, there are several ways to begin our journey, both individually and/or together in teams. Be creative and consider ways to enjoy these moments as more than just a study circle! Not sure where to start? Among the options listed, I'd recommend:

- 1) Reading the letters of introduction from our leaders. Their joy is contagious and will inspire you further!
- 2) Skim through the Statutes, Rule of Life and the essay to familiarize yourself with the content and layout.
- 3) Listen to the audio conference. Inspired by the thoughts of Fr Brett Taira, LC, you'll be prepared to enjoy the materials more fully.

Hold the Date: Saturday, April 4 for "The State of the Movement": A morning dedicated to discovery of the Regnum Christi Federation Statutes. Resources for this purpose from the International Commission are currently in translation and will be the first of many secondary documents that will reflect and expand upon the Statutes.

Print (Read and Reflect) the Statutes and supporting documents: The decree, letters of introduction, and the statutes themselves including Rule of Life for the laity can all be found here: <https://www.regnumchristi.org/en/the-regnum-christi-federation-receives-statutes-approval/>



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Regnum Christi Essay: Fr. John Bartunek, LC, RC Essay entitled *What is Regnum Christi?: A Regnum Christi Essay Introducing the Statutes of the RC Federation and the Rule of Life for Lay Members* (Amazon.com). As our convention guest last fall, Fr Bartunek's essay is a well-balanced reminder of where we've been and what has happened while at the same time inviting us to consider what is yet still ahead.

Heart of the Statutes Audio Conference: Fr. Brett Taira, LC, gives a conference talk to members in the Chicago area on the *Heart of the Regnum Christi Federation*. It's a deep reflection on only two statutes, numbers 7 and 8, that helps reveal the heart of the statutes.

<https://soundcloud.com/brett-taira-lc/heart-of-the-regnum-christi-federation>

Territorial Governance: Get to know your leadership! You'll notice some local names among in our territory's leadership. With the statutes taking effect this fall, our territory began transition to a Territorial Directive College and named a Mission Support Team. This letter also shares plans for a new Regnum Christi Handbook and a new Regnum Christi Prayer Book.

<https://www.regnumchristi.org/en/a-letter-from-the-territorial-directive-college/>

More Questions: Keep a journal of your questions and reflections. Share these thoughts with your teams and let them be your guide for the journey. In due time, our leaders will provide answers to our more practical questions, like "*Who are the patron saints of the Movement?*" or "*Do we still call Regnum Christi a movement?*" or "*What will be different about the Prayer Book?*"

We're invited to continue on the discovery of identity for questions that involve us more personally, like "What is our charism?" and "What does promise of self-giving mean?" Our answers will differ, yet still express unity in who we are.

All in all, one thing is certain... It's a blessed and exciting time to be a Regnum Christi member! I pray you find this summary of resources fruitful. Please know that I'm available to assist you and look forward to seeing you in April!

Yours in Christ,

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