



Women Religious Theologians

Dear Sister

Greetings from Rome!

UISG recently launched a new initiative that gathered several Women Religious Theologians (WRT) from across continents and congregations. We are grateful to the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation for their support of this program.

After preparatory and online sessions and as Covid-19 allowed us to meet in person, we finally were able to bring together 25 sisters for a week in Rome, on June 2022, to share our contexts and theological disciplines' perspectives – Theology, Scripture & Canon Law. It was a great blessing and a beginning to build a network of sisters' theologians that can serve Consecrated Life in diverse ways now and into the future.

We are now accepting applications for a second group of sisters who are theologians. We aim to start meeting online after the summer until we meet in person in Rome from May 26 to June 2, 2024.

The eligibility criteria and expectations required of participants are set out below. Taking these into account, if you or someone you know are willing to apply, please do so by **filling out the online application form** at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UISG_theologians

The deadline is **June 30, 2023**. After this date, we will proceed with the selection of the participants and inform you soon after.

If you have questions about the program, please contact us on formation@uisg.org

May God continue to bless our lives with the joy of the Spirit.

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Sr Maria Cimperman, rscj (Coordinator of the UISG Synodality Initiative)

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Criteria for the eligibility of the participants:

- Be under the age of 60 by May 2024
- Have by now completed a PhD
- Complete and submit the Online Application Form which includes sending a letter from their Superior General supporting their participation in this initiative
- Be already committed to bringing their theological gifts into the contemporary questions of Consecrated Life
- Be willing in building a diverse network and community of WRT across the globe
- Submit an essay to show how their theological discipline can contribute to Religious Life. Example: Christology and community life; Scripture and the new understanding of vows

We expect the participants:

- To participate in the online meetings every month of every second month from September 2023 to May 2024
- To attend the entire Symposium: 26th of May – 2nd of June 2024
- To participate in online meetings as a follow-up after the Symposium
- To produce writings, research, formations, or teachings on Religious Life and their theological discipline