

Religious could be attending from Holland, Scandinavian countries, Belgium, France,



Luxemburg, Spain, Portugal, Malta, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Translation is provided.

Costs for single room:

Full period: £170 + admin of £15
For One night and Thursday: £40
For Thursday & meals: £25 + admin of £10 for each
For Wednesday night to the end of the Conference on Friday: £60 + admin of £10 for each.

Cheques made payable to Focolare Trust. Please note that the costs are indicative. Final costs may go up or down depending on how many attend and if we have to book costly nearby hotel rooms.

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*An Invitation to Consecrated Men and Women to learn about
the Spirituality of Communion in a Short School of Life*

19 February 2019 – 22 February 2019

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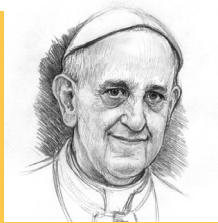


- **Arrivals** for those who wish to come for the full period on the Evening of Monday 18 February from 5pm is for those who know the charism of the Focolare Movement already.
- **Arrivals** for those who wish to attend one day of the conference is for those who have no previous experience of the Focolare Charism of Unity. Arrive on Wednesday 20 February by 6pm for an evening meal. Or arrive for a start at 10:00am on Thursday 21 February. Anyone is welcome especially younger consecrated people. Those who come for one day are welcome to stay until after lunch on Friday.

There are thousands of men and women Religious in the Church whose religious lives have been enhanced by the light of the charism of unity supporting the various charisms of consecrated people.



In his letter **To all consecrated people on the occasion of the year of consecrated life** of 21 November 2014 Pope Francis wrote among other things:



- Be men and women of communion!
- The old saying will always be true: “Where there are religious, there is joy”
- The apostolic effectiveness of consecrated life depends on the eloquence of your lives, lives which

radiate the joy and beauty of living the Gospel and following Christ to the full.

- I am counting on you “to wake up the world”, since the distinctive sign of consecrated life is prophecy.

- Men and women religious, like all other consecrated persons, have been called “experts in communion”.

- Communion is lived first and foremost within the respective communities of each Institute.

- I also hope for a growth in communion between the members of different Institutes.

- Communion and the encounter between different charisms and vocations can open up a path of hope.
- No one contributes to the future in isolation, by his or her efforts alone, but by seeing himself or herself as part of a true communion which is constantly open to encounter, dialogue, attentive listening and mutual assistance.

- Consecrated men and women are also called to true synergy with all other vocations in the Church, beginning with priests and the lay faithful, in order to “spread the spirituality of communion, first of all in their internal life and then in the ecclesial community, and even beyond its boundaries”.



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Consecrated people already have some experience of what Pope Francis writes. The one day gathering is to learn something new and find new hope.

