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DEFINITIONS

Associations of the Faithful:

A canonically erected group of individuals who freely associate to endeavor to live a more perfect life. For those listed here, it is the first step in their desire to be recognized as a religious community. (canons 298 – 311)

Hermitesses and Hermits:

One who has publically professed to live an eremitic or anchoritic form of consecrated life and observes an approved program of living. (Canon 603)

Order of Virgins:

Individuals consecrated to God by the Diocesan Bishop and dedicated to the service of the Church. (canon 604)

Secular Institutes:

An institute of consecrated life in which the members live in the world. (canons 710 - 730)

Sisters and Brothers:

Lay institutes of consecrated life canonically erected either by the Apostolic See or the Diocesan Bishop. (canons 573, 588 and 589)