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LCWR Assembly Explores ‘Leadership Evolving: Graced, Grounded & Free’

More than 820 members and associates participated in the August 13-16 LCWR assembly in Orlando, where they discussed the call to women religious in the light of some of the most critical issues facing the global community.



insights into God and the universe in light of scientific understandings of the evolutionary process.

CDF Doctrinal Assessment

Three executive sessions were held during the course of the assembly where LCWR members discussed the doc-

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The assembly opened with a prayer ritual created by the assembly liturgist Mary Ann Mulzet, SSJ, which included a welcome from LCWR Region 5 chair Greta Jupiter, SSF and Monsignor John Geil, vicar general of the Orlando diocese. At the opening, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, and Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, the apostolic delegate for the doctrinal assessment of LCWR, offered remarks to the assembly. The conference invited Archbishop Sartain to the assembly so that he could meet the members, experience an assembly firsthand, and speak to and hear from the LCWR members about the doctrinal assessment findings and plan for reform.



Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò

Theologian Ilia Delio, OSF addressed the assembly on August 14, speaking on



Ilia Delio, OSF



Hilton Foundation Awards \$500,000 Grant to LCWR for Leadership Program

In early September, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation awarded the Leadership Conference of Women Religious a grant of \$500,000 over a period of three years to develop the Leadership Pathways Program. The purpose of this new program is to assist the members of the LCWR to strengthen and deepen their leadership capacities as transformational leaders as they enter a new age of religious life. The Leadership Pathways Program aligns with the Hilton Foundation’s strategic initiative, which seeks to develop leadership skills among women religious in the Global North.

In the midst of the dramatically shifting realities that leaders of women’s religious communities face today, a new model of leadership has been evolving among the membership. This new form of leadership is contempla-

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