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News in Brief

L'Osservatore Romano announces that the supplement "*Donne Chiesa Mondo*" will be published in May

L'Osservatore Romano is pleased to announce that the monthly magazine, *Donne Chiesa Mondo* (*Women Church World*) will be regularly published in the month of May. The publication's Editorial Board includes: Francesca Bugliani Knox, Elena Buia Rutt, Yvonne Dohna Schlobitten, Chiara Giaccardi, Sharhzad Housmand Zadeh, Amy-Jill Levine, Marta Rodríguez Díaz, Giorgia Salatiello, Carola Susani, Rita Pinci (Coordinator).

Editorial staff: Giulia Galeotti, Silvia Guidi, Valeria Pendenza, Silvina Pérez.

Rita Pinci worked for more than twenty years as a correspondent for the daily *Il Messaggero*. She was central editor-in-chief and subsequently deputy director, the first Italian woman to hold these roles in a large national daily newspaper. She was deputy director of the web portal *Tcs-Hdp*, edited the magazine *Specchio* of *La Stampa*, and was deputy director of the weeklies *Panorama* and *Chi*. He has worked for *Huffington Post Italia*.

"I have followed *Donne Chiesa Mondo* (*Women Church World*) since it began, and I think the Church needs the gaze and voice of women who represent more than half of the faithful. I am not a theologian, a Church historian, an expert on Vatican issues. I am a journalist. I am a believer. I was asked to make my expertise available to a community and a newspaper that I have always read with interest, and I believe that it is a great human – before professional – opportunity for me, to be able to take part in this project. My contribution will be mainly that of coordinating the Editorial Board in its work which will be carried out in a collegial manner and in the spirit of sharing the diverse talents and skills of the women who will participate in it and with whom I am proud to share this stretch of the road in a pursuit that for me began even before the professional one, in the first years of university, when I began to share certain fundamental themes of the women's movement".

International Union of Superiors General: Sowers of prophetic hope

Sowers of prophetic hope is the theme of the 21st General Assembly of the UISG (International Union of

Superiors General), to take place in Rome from 6 to 10 May. The theme, as explained by Sr. Carmen Sammut, MSOLA, superior general of the Missionaries of Our Lady of Africa and president of the UISG, urges us to consider how women religious can be signs of hope in a world of division and war, and for the many women and children who suffer.

The UISG currently consists of 1,900 members from more than one hundred countries, representing 450,000 women religious throughout the world.

Around 850 superiors general from 80 different countries will participate in the assembly, along with around 40 invited guests including presenters, representatives of continental conferences of men and women religious and Vatican dicasteries, and others who lead organizations that partner with the UISG. The Assembly will consider themes such as interculturalism, the future vision of religious life, the integrity of creation (in the light of the Encyclical *Laudato si'*) and interreligious dialogue, and for the first time it will be possible to follow the principle conferences via live streaming in their original language, through the platform <https://zoom.us/join/622.095-529>

On 10 May the superiors general will meet with Pope Francis in a private audience, during which the Pope will launch the "Nuns Healing Hearts" campaign in honour of the tenth anniversary of *Talitha Kum*, the international network of women religious against human trafficking.

On 2 May, before the beginning of the Assembly, the UISG will provide further information at a "Meeting Point" in the Holy See Press Office.
