



CURIA GENERALIZIA DELLA COMPAGNIA DI GESÙ

**Promulgation of the revised
Statutes on Religious Poverty in the Society of Jesus
and Instruction for Administration and Finances**

2023/13

TO ALL MAJOR SUPERIORS

Dear Brothers and Friends in the Lord,

GC 36 mandated Father General to “... implement revisions of the *Statutes on Religious Poverty in the Society of Jesus* and the *Instruction on the Administration of Goods*, with particular attention to the use of contemporary financial instruments and to the norms on sources and uses of the Common Fund.” (D.2 No. 18)

Keeping in mind this mandate given by GC 36, I appointed a commission to do a complete review of the *Statutes on Religious Poverty* and the *Instruction on the Administration of Goods (SOP-IAG)* in January 2020. The commission was then asked to recommend to me the appropriate changes. The commission had to adjust to the limitations imposed by the global pandemic. For a year, it dedicated time on Saturdays through Zoom meetings, painstakingly working first through the *Statutes* and then the *Instruction*. Finally, the commission presented to me the revised documents in December 2021. I sincerely thank all the members of the commission who generously contributed to the revision of these documents. Later on, I took up these documents with my Council for further discernment and reflection.

Meanwhile, I also initiated a process of examination (Letter dated 27 September; 2021/15) of our way of living the vow of poverty across the global Society in which all the Conferences, Provinces, Regions and communities took an active part. The reports received from the Major Superiors confirm that the process was carried out thoroughly and bore much spiritual fruit. The fruits gathered from this process are reflected in my introduction to the revised *SOP-IAG*.

Now that the revision is complete, I am glad to be able to promulgate the revised documents, which are renamed *Statutes on Religious Poverty in the Society of Jesus and Instruction for Administration and Finances (IAF)*. At this point, I would like to remind all members of the Society that these documents are not meant only for Jesuits in administration but also for all members of the Society of Jesus. Hence, I urge all Jesuits to become familiar with these documents, and above all to imbibe and put into practice the spirit of the Statutes on Religious Poverty.



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Further, I urge each Major Superior to take appropriate steps to familiarize himself and the Jesuits under his responsibility with the *Statutes on Religious Poverty in the Society of Jesus* and *Instruction for Administration and Finances*.

May Our Lady of the Way be our companion and support as we try to deepen our religious life, following Jesus poor and humble.

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