

MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Baer, CSJ

FROM: Rose McDermott, SSJ

RE: *Sanatio*/Permission for Common Novitiate

DATE: September 27, 2000

Attached is a letter to Cardinal Somalo requesting a *sanatio* for the invalid novitiates of the ten novices and permission for the canonical erection of the novitiate. Please forward the letter to Phyllis Manda, CSJ. Have her put copy it on Federation letterhead and fill in the date, names of the novices and their respective institutes (if all have persevered so far) and the names of the superior generals of the novices and their respective institutes. This is important, as the novitiate of each of the young women has to be validated. Do not delay in sending this, as it takes a while to be processed in Rome. It would be tragic if the young women finished the year only to find that their novitiates are invalid.

Advise Phyllis to send this letter as soon as possible to the Congregation for Consecrated Life by Air Mail. Have her send me a copy of the same. Also, I would be grateful if she would send me of copy of the response from the Congregation for Consecrated Life.

If there is any question, call me. It is important first to validate the novitiate, then to proceed with the By laws of the Federation. I will begin working on them hopefully towards the middle of this month. We lost a professor here at Catholic University (Rev. James Provost), and we are taking on additional commitments until we have secured another professor. So I am a bit snowed under with teaching and theses obligations as well as consultations such as this.

I hope the recommended letter I sent for your own institute on August 3 is in Rome, as we do not want to send too much at once.

Do take care.

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