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PREAMBLE

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) is part of an Ecumenical current of grace. It was born by the sovereign will of God in the Catholic Church in 1967 and emerged as a fruit of the second Vatican Council. In India, CCR came into being in 1972.

Today it is estimated that there are more than 120 million people worldwide who will testify to a life changing experience of the Holy Spirit through their contact with the CCR. However, this grace of the Holy Spirit with a worldwide character and many expressions is not a single unified movement. It does not have a founder or founding group but is a sovereign work of the Holy Spirit. It is a current of grace that allows individual groups, communities, activities and ministries to express themselves in different ways with different forms of organisation.

One of the characteristics of CCR is the wide variety of expressions, communities and ministries that form 'unity in diversity'. The various expressions and realities in CCR may be at different stages of development with differing emphasis. Nevertheless, they share in the same fundamental experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit and espouse the same general goals.

Generally, CCR focuses on relationships and networks rather than rigid structures. Therefore, patterns of informal relationships can be found at local, regional, national and international levels. These relationships are often characterised by free association, dialogue and cooperation. The nature of leadership in CCR is characterised by service rather than governance that demands obedience and conformity.

In 1972, the first International Communications Office (ICO) was established in Ann Arbor, USA in order to facilitate communication between the various Charismatic Realities which were rapidly emerging in the Catholic Church worldwide. Then in 1976, the ICO was transferred from USA to Malines-Brussels and the ICCRO (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office) was opened in 1978. This office was then moved to Rome in 1981. Then in 1985 at the invitation of the Holy Father Pope Paul VI, the ICCRO was established in the Vatican.

In 1990, a network of CCR international covenant communities was recognised at Pontifical level as a private association of the faithful, under the name of 'Catholic Fraternity of Covenant Communities and Fellowships'. Its mission was to consolidate the bonds of these communities to the Catholic Church and to encourage evangelisation.

In 1993 the Pontifical Council for the Laity granted Pontifical recognition to ICCRO, approving its Statutes as an international organism of service. The name changed from ICCRO to ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services), thus emphasising that it was a pastoral ministry/service to the CCR worldwide rather than merely an administrative office.

For many years ICCRS and the Catholic Fraternity worked together presenting seminars on various topics specific to Charismatic Renewal. Together they organised the 50th anniversary of the CCR in Rome at Pentecost 2017. In April 2016, Pope Francis appointed a team to work on the new 'One Single Service' and to carry things forward until its realisation with the accompaniment of the Pontifical Council of the Laity, Family and Life.

An announcement from the Pontifical Council on 31st October 2018 said that the Holy See has erected a new body, CHARIS (Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Services) consisting of 18 members for providing a new, single, international service for the needs of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Church. CHARIS has been erected by the Holy See, with Public Juridical personality according to Canons 116-123 of the Code of Canon Law. It is governed by these statutes and, by analogy, by Canons 312-320 of the Code of Canon Law, as well as by the other universal norms of Church law.

Earlier ICCRS was recognized as a body for promotion of the CCR with a juridical personality according to Canon 116 of the Code of Canon Law. However, CHARIS was erected as a public juridical personality as it is a direct initiative of the highest ecclesiastical authority, the Holy Father Pope Francis. Secondly, it has the specific mandate of imparting teachings in relation to and in the service of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

CHARIS is the international service organism for all expressions of the CCR. It promotes and strengthens communion among all charismatic realities, fostering a sense of the worldwide family of Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Central Goals of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

The central goals of the CCR include:

1. To help Catholics experience a 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit', that is a personal experience of the graces of Christian discipleship, namely:
 - a. Intense love for and commitment to Jesus as one's personal Saviour and Lord
 - b. A child like trust in God the Father.
 - c. An openness to the guidance and gifts of the Holy Spirit, and
 - d. A warm commitment to the Body of Christ, the Church.
2. To help Catholics understand and use the Charismatic gifts which are a source of strength for Christians in the carrying out of their mission and in their pilgrimage towards holiness.
3. To help Catholics discover the beauty and power of prayer, both collective and personal, with special emphasis on the prayer of praise and worship, faith filled intercession and participation in a weekly prayer meeting with fellow believers.
4. To promote evangelisation in the power of the Holy Spirit (including re-evangelisation of the baptised, the evangelisation of non-Christians and evangelisation of culture and social structures), by proclaiming the gospel in word and deed, and by bearing witness to Jesus Christ through personal testimony and those works of faith and justice to which each is called.

5. To foster an ongoing growth in holiness through proper integration of these Charismatic emphasis with the full life of the Church, through participation in a rich sacramental and liturgical life, appreciation of the traditions of Catholic prayer and spirituality, ongoing formation in Catholic doctrine and participation in the pastoral plan of the local Church.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal in India

These goals and projects that follow from them have marked the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in individuals, prayer groups, communities, local, diocesan and regional service teams and ministries. In order to serve the needs for communication, co-operation and co-ordination a National Charismatic Office (NCO) was started in Mumbai in 1974 and started publishing the national magazine CHARISINDIA in the same year. In 1977, a National Service Team was constituted with Fr. Fio Mascarenhas SJ as the Chairman. Archbishop Samineni Arulappa of Hyderabad agreed to be the Episcopal Advisor to this Team. In 1980, Fr. Gino Henriques CSsR was elected Chairman of the NST and subsequently in April 1988, the NCO was shifted to Bangalore. Bishop Valerian D'Souza of Pune succeeded Archbishop S. Arulappa as Episcopal Advisor to the NST. In 1990, Fr. A. J. Thamburaj SJ was elected Chairman of the NST. In 1993, Fr. Fio was again elected the NST Chairman while Bishop Gali Bali of Guntur became the Episcopal Advisor. Mr. Cyril John was the first layman to be elected Chairman of the NST in 2001 while Bishop Valerian D'Souza took up the advisory role for the second time. The National Charismatic Office was relocated to Delhi in July 2001. Prof Constantine B. Fernandez was chosen Chairman in 2010 and Fr. Jose Anchanickal in 2013. Bishop Francis Kalist took over as Episcopal Advisor in 2012. Cyril John was again chosen Chairman of NST in 2016. Joy Antony succeeded him as Coordinator of NSC in 2019.

In September 1996, the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) officially granted recognition to the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services (NCCRS) as a National Catholic Organisation with all the privileges and responsibilities of such a body. It also approved its Statutes, which states that the NCCRS is made up of the National Service Team and the National Charismatic Office, that the main objectives of the NCCRS are 'the service and promotion of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in India', and the NCCRS serves the Renewal by being 'a center of unity',

communication and co-operation. Later in 1999, the CBCI accorded full recognition to NCCRS with the mandate of coordinating all Catholic Charismatic Renewal activities in India.

In pursuing its goals and objectives NCCRS seeks to offer helpful service to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the country. NCCRS attempts to garner wisdom, insight and experience from around the world and in turn makes it available to the whole country. When NCCRS presents teaching or pastoral advice, issues guidelines, or offers insight training, it does so as a servant body. The relationship between NCCRS and the regional and local expressions of the Renewal in no way limits the relationship between Catholic Charismatic Renewal groups and their local Bishops.

In keeping with the mandate given to CHARIS at the international level, NCCRS offers its service to all renewal activities in the country, including structural formation and accountability as provided in this Statutes.

A. NATURE

Art. 1. The National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services (NCCRS) is at the national level, the principal coordinating body of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and all realities of the Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in India. Its mission is 'service and promotion of the CCR' all over India under the Holy Spirit's action and in close contact with the CBCI. NCCRS relates to the CBCI primarily through its Episcopal Advisor.

Art. 2. NCCRS has a special concern for the faithfulness to the Catholic Church of the members, both individuals and groups, and for their obedience to the Pope and the local hierarchy, according to the Church's teachings.

Art. 3. While preserving its Catholic identity, NCCRS maintains fraternal bonds with all Catholic Charismatic realities, believing in the shared possession of the Holy Spirit. But NCCRS does not initiate any national ecumenical activity without obeying the Church's norms on this issue, first having consultation, where required, with the CBCI or the Diocesan Bishop.

Art. 4. In order to be of service to all the realities, individuals and groups within the CCR, NCCRS makes a special effort to respond to, relate to and co-operate with all those who are in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and seeks to serve them.

Art. 5. In giving these services, NCCRS bears in mind that in each place the CCR is under the Diocesan Bishop. However, NCCRS wields influence on the CCR nationwide by reason of the service it provides mandated in these Statutes.

B. OBJECTIVES

Art. 6. The general objectives of NCCRS are:

- a) To help deepen and promote the grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit throughout the Church;
- b) To promote the exercise of charisms not only in Catholic Charismatic Renewal but also in the whole Church;
- c) To encourage the spiritual deepening and holiness of people who live the experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit;
- d) To encourage commitment to evangelisation, particularly through the new evangelisation and the evangelisation of culture, while respecting religious freedom;
- e) To encourage cooperation between communities born from Catholic Charismatic Renewal, with a view to making the experience of particular communities available for the good of all;
- f) To promote the ecumenical dimension of Catholic Charismatic Renewal and foster the commitment to serving the unity of all Christians;
- g) To identify and promote specific topics that can help deepen the grace of Pentecost;
- h) To encourage networking and cooperation between realities within Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the areas of formation, evangelisation and so on;
- i) To promote service of the poor and social action through Catholic Charismatic Renewal;
- j) To organise training and formation opportunities, according to the needs expressed by the National Advisory Council, Regional and Diocesan Service Teams;
- k) To enable Bishops, priests and religious to deepen their experience of

Catholic Charismatic Renewal and to participate more fully in it;

- l) To foster communion among persons involved in various realities within Catholic Charismatic Renewal; with ecclesial movements that do not refer to this current of grace; and with other Christian Churches and Communities, especially those living the experience of Pentecost;
- m) To organise major events, colloquia and leaders' gatherings, in order to share and exchange the various experiences flowing from the Holy Spirit.

Art. 7. To achieve the above-mentioned objectives, NCCRS commits itself to fulfil the following services:

- a) Visits by the Coordinator and other members of the NSC to other realities of the CCR in India like the retreat centers, ministries and communities for building up the spirit of communion and fellowship and for rendering any help that may be required.
- b) Communicating regularly with CCR/ministry/community leaders in India through letters, emails, CHARISINDIA magazine and other publications and other means of communication.
- c) With the view to fostering communion with the Regional and Diocesan Service of Communion, the NSC will organise annual visit and meeting with them to facilitate better coordination and evolve a common vision.
- d) NCCRS will promote and strengthen communion among charismatic realities such as ministries, retreat centres, schools of evangelisation, covenant communities, youth, couples and family apostolate, and predominant charismatic media initiatives and publishing houses which are rooted in charismatic spirituality and are recognised at the Pontifical or national level.
- e) Organising national conventions and conferences for all members as well as initiatives and proposals for events at the regional and local levels supporting.
- f) Preparing theological and pastoral studies about CCR and gradually developing them in such a way that the subjects for an adequate catechesis for the CCR groups will be covered.

- g) Promoting other writings and publications on CCR in different parts of India and facilitation of their translation into other languages.
- h) Maintaining frequent contact with the CBCI through the Episcopal Advisor.

C. STRUCTURES

Art. 8. Prayer Groups/ Community Gatherings

Prayer groups/ community gatherings are the basic units for fellowship and growth. These groups generally meet once a week. Weekly meetings for prayer and sharing provide a continual support that is needed for growth in prayer life and also in holiness.

- a) Prayer groups / community gatherings have common elements like – praise and worship, listening to the Lord, exercising the gifts, sharing the Word of God, intercession and fellowship.
- b) Prayer groups/ community gatherings are encouraged to meet in smaller groups called cell groups which are useful for more intimate sharing and growth. A cell group consists of three to five members.
- c) Prayer groups could be established in parishes, seminaries, convents, colleges, hostels, factories or place of work, etc. In multilingual parishes, prayer groups may be established for separate language groups and in that case a parish co-ordination of the different prayer groups is to be formed. There will be only one parish prayer group in a particular language.
- d) A Prayer group is led by a prayer group leader assisted by a Core Team consisting of 3 to 7 members. The term of office of the leader and the Core Team is three years. Before the expiry of the term, the matter is reported to the Diocesan Service of Communion and a member/ team from the diocesan team facilitates discernment of the new Core Team. From the new Core Team, a leader is chosen. For the sake of continuity, it is desirable that some members of the old team continue on the new Core Team for a second term. The term of office of the leader will be concurrent with the term of the Core Team. The prayer group will function under the guidance of the parish priest.
- e) Prior to elections in the prayer group announcement is made in the parish regarding the day, date and time of the elections at least one

week in advance. In the election meeting, after praise and worship, and sharing of the Word appropriate to the occasion, nominations are invited from the assembly for the core group for the number based on the total number of participants in the Prayer Group. Each participant is asked to write down the said number of names in the ballot paper supplied. This is tabulated and after discernment by the diocesan team in charge of the election procedure, the names of Core Group members are announced. The core group members then meet and elect the Coordinator of the prayer group.

- f) Core group members of the prayer group are members of the Deanery Core Team. The Deanery Team members of the Deanery meet and elect a Coordinator and a Secretary under the supervision of the team appointed by the Diocesan Service of Communion. The procedure will be same as above.
- g) The core team of a prayer group meets once a week regularly to prayerfully discern the conduct of that week's prayer meeting, to discern the prophecies that were announced and to prayerfully plan for the next prayer meeting.
- h) In cases where a youth prayer group exists in the Parish, the leader of the youth group will be a member of the Parish Core Team. The Parish Core Team will appoint one amongst them to be the elder of the youth group. This elder is expected to attend all the meetings of the youth group and to guide them.

Art. 9. Diocesan Structure

- a) The Diocese will have a structure called the Diocesan Service of Communion (DSC) which is constituted once in three years from among the leaders/ core team members of the prayer groups. If Charismatic realities with canonical recognition are present in the diocese, they will have a representation in the DSC. Where there are a number of such realities present in the diocese there could be a maximum of three such representatives and the representation could be regulated by rotation from among the realities.
- b) Dioceses where there are multilingual prayer groups, Diocesan teams are first formed for each of the language groups and then the diocesan teams meet together and choose a common Diocesan Service of

Communion. Each of the diocesan teams will have proportionate representation on this team depending on the number of prayer groups in each of the language groups. The Diocesan Service of Communion will decide on the common programmes for the diocese.

- c) The prayer group Core Team elections should be completed before the formation of the Diocesan Service of Communion.
- d) The local ordinary of the Diocese will appoint a priest as spiritual animator of the Diocesan Service of Communion.
- e) The Diocesan Service of Communion is expected to meet at least once a month to pray, share, review the activities and programmes conducted and to plan for the future programmes.
- f) Cooption of new members into the Diocesan Service of Communion shall be done only with the permission of the National Service Communion.
- g) The Diocesan Service of Communion is responsible for strengthening and growth of the parish prayer groups and hence there should be visit of prayer groups by the members of the diocesan team at least once a year.
- h) Members of all higher formations like Regional Service of Communion, National Service of Communion and International formations like Sub-Committee for Asia-Oceania and CHARIS will be ex-officio members of the Diocesan Service of Communion.
- i) The Diocesan Service of Communion is reconstituted once in three years under the guidance of a designated member/team of the National Service of Communion. This is to promote the spirit of communion within the CCR as envisaged in CHARIS. However, if there is a Regional Service of Communion, then a representative of the Regional Service of Communion joins to assist the NSC in the reconstitution.
- j) Members of the Deanery Teams of the diocese and special invitees if any, summoned together by the Diocesan Service of Communion form the electorate of the diocesan team. Where there is no Deanery structures, representatives of prayer groups, ministries, zonal leaders and representatives of other realities come together for discerning the Diocesan Service of Communion. The election is conducted by the

discerning team consisting of representatives of the National Service of Communion, Regional Service of Communion and representatives of the outgoing Diocesan Service of Communion. After praise and worship, sharing of the Word and instructions of the discerning team, members of the electorate gather in Deanery groups. After a preliminary introduction, each member of the deanery groups writes down seven names – three of their own deanery and four from other deaneries. The discerning team then collect all the slips and tabulate the entire names according to the votes gained by each one, with the name of the one who gained maximum on top and then in the descending order. Their consent to serve on the diocesan team is verified and after discernment thenames are announced. The team thus elected then meets and elects the Coordinator and the Secretary.

- k) Members chosen to the DSC and higher bodies should have a minimum of two years of association with the CCR/ Charismatic Realities and should have had the experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit as part of the Life in the Spirit Seminar.
- l) The DSC as well as the Regional Service of Communion (RSC) should give a notice of six months to the NSC prior to the date of reconstitution to enable the NSC to issue necessary guidelines and nominate its representatives to help in the process of discernment.

Art.10. Regional Service of Communion (RSC):

- a) Regional Service of Communion are formed preferably on a State level where there are more than seven dioceses and at least four dioceses have Diocesan Service of Communion formed. In areas where in one State, there are only a few dioceses, neighboring states are clubbed together to form a region and a Regional Service of Communion is formed for the region.
- b) However, a Regional Service of Communion is formed only if the NSC discerns that there is a genuine need for an RSC for better coordination. The formation of an RSC would in no way restrict the responsibility and role of the NSC to help out the DSCs in their role of service and promotion of the CCR.
- c) A Regional Service of Communion is formed by election from among the representatives of the Diocesan Service of Communion and the Diocesan Contact persons/ Spiritual Directors appointed by the

Bishops under the guidance of a member/ team of the NSC and the tenure will be for three years. If Charismatic realities with canonical recognition have a presence in more than half the dioceses in the region, they will have a representation in the RSC. Where there are a number of such realities present in the region there could be a maximum of three such representatives and the representation could be regulated by rotation from among the realities.

- d) The electorate for the Regional Service of Communion is the members of the diocesan teams and the special invitees invited for the purpose recommended by the member diocesan teams and approved by the NSC conducting the election process. The team appointed by the NSC conducts the election process. The member dioceses are formed into groups of four and designated as sub regional groups. The first round of elections is conducted in the sub-regional groups and then the discerning term follows the same procedure as in the case of election of the Diocesan Service of Communion.
- e) The Regional Bishops' Conference may be requested by the NSC to appoint a Bishop or a priest to be the Advisor to the regional team. In regions where a priest is appointed as the Secretary of the Charismatic Commission by the Regional Bishops' Conference, he will automatically be the spiritual animator of the RSC.
- f) The Regional Service team in consultation and collaboration with the NSC will be responsible for the growth and consolidation of the renewal in all the Dioceses under its purview and this will be ensured by regular visits and organizing programmes as per local requirement.
- g) Regional Service of Communion will meet at least once in three months for one or more days as required.
- h) Members of the NSC and International bodies like the Sub-Committee for Asia-Oceania and CHARIS from that region will be ex-officio members of the Regional Service of Communion.
- i) Induction of additional members should be done only in consultation with the NSC.
- j) Keeping in view the spirit of communion, it is mandatory for the office bearers of Regional and Diocesan Service Teams to attend at least one national level program organized by the NSC in a year.

- k) Diocesan and Regional Service of Communion will send an annual report about their functioning to the NSC latest by 31st January in the following year.

Art. 11. National Service of Communion (NSC):

The goals, objectives and projects of NCCRS will be promoted by the National Service of Communion (NSC) through the National Charismatic Office (NCO).

- i. The NSC is composed of members from NCCRS. Where there are Charismatic Realities (see Art 7 d) with canonical recognition and presence at the national level, representative from such realities will form part of the NSC subject to a maximum of four such representations at a time. The NSC consists of a Coordinator, a Secretary and a maximum of fourteen other members including representatives from other realities, but excluding ex-officio members. However, as and when the NSC discerns the need to co-opt more members, it may do so, subject to a maximum of four members. A person who is coopted thus shall be deemed to have completed a full term in the NSC if he has served more than half the term of the NSC. The NSC has an Episcopal Advisor. Members of the International bodies like Sub-Committee for Asia-Oceania and CHARIS will be ex-officio members on the NSC. The coordinator of Youth United for Christ (YU4C) will be an ex-officio member on the NSC.

The duties of the office bearers of the National Service of Communion are as below:

ii. Coordinator

- a) Keep in contact with and consult other members
- b) To promote the work of unity in the Body of Christ
- c) Implement the decisions of NSC
- d) Convoke and preside over NSC meetings and other meetings called by NSC and prepare agenda after consultation with other members
- e) Represent NCCRS before the CBCI and its regional formations or Commissions

- f) Appoint office staff and assign their duties
- g) Authorise major expenditures by NSC members

iii. Secretary

- a) Attends all NSC meetings, minutes the proceedings and forwards the same to NCO after approval of the Coordinator for circulation to all members of the NSC
- b) Shall be available to the Coordinator and NSC members for writing letters, reports, articles and shall provide information, as necessary
- c) Assists in organising NCCRS conferences, programmes and NSC meetings – books venue, clarifies other important information
- d) Shall be in regular communication with the Coordinator and carries out instructions as per need

iv. NSC Members

- a) Are obliged to attend all NSC meetings;
- b) Must keep frequent contact with the Coordinator and National Charismatic Office and provide information when needed;
- c) Must send an annual detailed report to NSC on the status of CCR in the zone or region allocated to them/ reality they represent giving a real assessment of CCR;
- d) Must strive to reach CCR standards and be authentic examples as witnesses of their respective zones or regions;
- e) Must seek to represent NSC in their own respective zones or regions of concern and also to the other CCR groups in that area;
- f) Should be available to assist the progress of CCR groups through frequent consultation with their leaders.
- g) Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings will cease to be a member automatically.
- h) NSC members are elected for a three-year period. They can be re-elected only for another term, i.e. a consecutive period of three years.

- i) In case a member who has already served a three-year term is elected as the Coordinator, he/ she will be eligible to be re-elected for a second term.
- j) The outgoing Chairperson may continue as an ex-officio member of the NSC for one year after having completed his/ her term of office.
- k) New members of NSC are elected by the existing members keeping in mind regard for the following criteria:
 - i. Is leader in the CCR or one of the realities with charismatic spirituality and has full commitment to the CCR;
 - ii. Represents CCR or an important Catholic Charismatic Reality with canonical recognition with a sizeable presence at the national level;
 - iii. Understands well the progress and evolution of CCR;
 - iv. Be capable of working with others, of good judgment and with imagination and creativity for the particular services of NCCRS;
 - v. Have good reputation and be committed to Christ and the Church.
 - vi. Should have attended at least one national program of the CCR during the previous two years.

v. Election Procedure:

- a) Every member of the NSC has a voice and vote in the election.
- b) Leaders of various Dioceses and Regions and other canonically approved realities and members of the National Advisory Council (NAC) are asked in advance to propose names of probable members to be on the NSC. The discussion then takes place between existing members of NSC followed by a time of dialogue, prayer and discernment by the existing members of the NSC. The existing members of the NSC vote by secret ballot. A panel of twenty names of probable members for the new NSC is then drawn up. The members then elect three members to assist the Episcopal Advisor in the final discernment of the new NSC. The Episcopal

Advisor together with the three elected members from the outgoing NSC then discern the new NSC. A member does not participate in the discernment of one's own re-election.

- c) The Coordinator and Secretary are elected by the newly constituted NSC from among them on an earliest opportune date. Elections of the office bearers are done from nominations approved by the Episcopal Advisor. For the post of Coordinator there should be two-thirds majority. If no one gets two thirds majority in the first round, a second ballot is taken. If no member gets a two-thirds majority, a third ballot follows and the result is decided by simple majority. The Secretary is elected on the basis of simple majority. In case, two thirds of the outgoing Service Team are re-elected to the NSC, then, the Coordinator may be elected with the available members as per Article 11 v ©, to ensure continuity of service. However, if only less than two thirds of the out-going Service Team are re-elected, then the out-going Coordinator shall continue to hold charge until a new Coordinator is elected with the newly elected NSC members present at the earliest opportunity.
- d) Election to prayer groups and zonal/deanery level leadership will be conducted in the year following the reconstitution of the National Service of Communion. Election to the Diocesan and Regional Service of Communion will be conducted in the following year after elections in prayer groups and zones. Election to the National Service of Communion will be conducted in the subsequent year.
- e) If the majority of the NSC members ascertain that the Coordinator or any member is not fulfilling his/her duties, then, after fraternal dialogue with him/ her and proper consultation with the Episcopal Advisor, the members, having presented it to the Lord, may in charity request the incumbent to resign.
- f) The NSC meets at least three times a year for two or three days or more. The meeting consists of prayer, discernment, sharing, reports on various regions and ministries and business sessions which could be staggered over the three meetings within a year.

vi. The Episcopal Advisor:

- a) **Appointment:** The Episcopal Advisor is appointed by the CBCI from a panel submitted to it by the NSC.
- b) **Functions:**
 - i. Attends meetings of NSC and its committees whenever required;
 - ii. Assists the NSC and its office on a theological and spiritual basis;
 - iii. Ensures that the central goals of CCR and NCCRS correspond to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and especially to the teachings and orientation of the Holy Father with regard to Charismatic Renewal;
 - iv. Promotes unity within the plurality of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Charismatic Realities at the national level;
 - v. Is consulted especially with regard to important decisions and programs: for example, the choice of the Coordinator, changes in the Statutes and Headquarters and so on.
- vii.
 - i. In case of any dispute or problem in the CCR at the Regional or Diocesan level, NSC has the responsibility to take initiative to solve it amicably through prayer and dialogue.
 - ii. In Dioceses or Regions where CCR is not active, NSC should take steps to initiate and strengthen the Charismatic Renewal by establishing prayer groups and service team.

Art. 12. National Advisory Council (NAC)

- a) This is a representative body comprising of leaders of various expressions of the CCR from different geographical locations of the country including chairpersons of Regional/ Diocesan Service of Communion.
- b) The membership of NAC is updated periodically by the NSC.
- c) The NAC meets at least once in three years for one or two days.

- d) The NAC functions in an advisory capacity and helps the NSC to discern and focus its attention on the urgent needs and in updating its vision from time to time.

Art. 13. National Charismatic Office (NCO)

- a) The NCO serves the NCCRS and NSC providing the necessary administration to implement the NSC decisions. It is to be well equipped to accomplish its work and to preserve the archives. It should have the necessary personnel.
- b) The Administrator is chosen by the NSC members and may not be a member of the NSC.
- c) **The tasks of the NCO are as follows:**

1. Co-ordination activities:

- i. Keep in order and update area-wise NCCRS lists of leaders as well as other important information;
- ii. Undertake correspondence;
- iii. Update CCR leaders with information relating to important programmes and initiatives;
- iv. Be available to NSC Coordinator and members for writing letters, etc.;
- v. Organise NCCRS programmes and NSC meetings.
- vi. Co-ordinate printing and publication of books.
- vii. Publication and promotion of Charisindia magazine.
- viii. Any other work that may be allocated from time to time by the Coordinator or by the NSC.

2. Administrative and Financial activities:

- i. Maintain and update the accounts using modern methodology. The accounts could be further examined by the Ecclesiastical authority according to Canon 325.
- ii. Prepare the annual budget to be approved by NSC;

- iii. Prepare annual audited statement of accounts;
- iv. Raise (with permission and help of the NSC) financial resources required for NCCRS's mission;
- v. Reimburse expenditure incurred by NSC members and staff according to the guidelines given by the Coordinator/ NSC.
- vi. NCCRS Office is regulated by these Statutes and the directions of Coordinator and Secretary.

Art. 14. Others

- a) **Charisindia Magazine:** Charisindia Magazine is the official publication of the NCCRS. The Editor is appointed by the NSC and he is assisted by an Assistant Editor supported by an Editorial Team.
- b) **NCO Publications:** The NSC takes up publication of books that will help the growth of the renewal and keeps the pricing of these publications at the lowest possible level.
- c) **NIN:** The NSC also co-ordinates a National Intercessory Network. All requests for intercessory prayers are taken up by the Coordinating Team and passed to all centers of intercession.
- d) **NIC:** The NCO also presently houses a National Intercession Centre where intercession is carried out round the clock. All requests for prayers received here are passed on to the other intercession centres in the country through the NIN. The functioning of the NIC is overseen by the NSC.

Art. 15. Youth United for Christ – YU4C

This is the official Youth ministry of NCCRS in India. This is being coordinated by a team chosen from among the members from different regions as per the guidelines of YU4C approved by the NSC. The discernment of the team will be done under the guidance of a team formed by the NSC. The Coordinator of YU4C will be an ex-officio member on the NSC. The functioning of YU4C will be regulated by the guidelines approved by the NSC. All Catholic Charismatic youth realities in the region will form part of the YU4C.

Art. 16. Teens United for Christ – TU4C

This is the official teens ministry of NCCRS in India. Its functioning will be regulated by the Guidelines issued by the NSC.

Art. 17. Only Statutes for the CCR in India

This shall be the only Statutes for the whole country as far as the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is concerned since it is being approved by the CBCI. Regions and dioceses would function in the spirit of this Statutes and would only issue 'Guidelines' if required for its functioning. However, such guidelines prepared by regional/ diocesan service teams and amendments thereto should be sent to the NSC for approval. Guidelines prepared by the RSC or DSC found to be in contravention to any article in the NCCRS Statutes approved by the CBCI will be considered null and void.

Art. 18. Amendments

Amendments to the above Statutes as well as dissolution of NCCRS for grave reasons require consent by a majority of two-thirds of the NSC members before submitting the proposed amendments/ dissolution, etc., to the Episcopal Advisor for approval.

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