Year of Consecrated Life plans and tentative schedule

The Vatican has begun to announce plans for celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life, which begins in November 2014.

Three-pronged focus

* renewal for men and women in consecrated life,
* thanksgiving among the faithful for the service of sisters, brothers, priests, and nuns,
* invitation to young Catholics to consider a religious vocation.

Tentative schedule

* Nov. 29, 2014: Opening Prayer Vigil
* Nov. 30, 2014: Opening Mass with Pope Francis
* Jan. 22-24, 2015: Meeting of Catholic consecrated men and women and consecrated religious from other Christian traditions (to be held during the week of Christian unity)
* Second week of April, 2015: Conference on religious formation around the world
* Sept. 23-26, 2015: Event for young men and women in discernment and in the process of joining religious orders
* Dec. 18-21, 2015: Separate meetings for members of monastic orders and of secular institutes.
* Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 2016: Theological symposium on religious life
* Feb. 2, 2016: Closing Mass with Pope Francis on World Day of Consecrated Life