



Custodia Œcumenicum Sanctæ Mariæ



Living a pilgrimage is to enter into the joy in setting off and even today witnessing God calls and sends a mission of men and women from all backgrounds, ages and physical conditions. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the subject of a devotion shared by most believers but it appears that the majority of shrines dedicated to her seems be the monopoly of a church. So the spirit of the Custodia Œcumenicum Sanctæ Mariæ is to bring together religious leaders of all churches to provide a moral and spiritual protection of Marian pilgrims worldwide.

Custodia Œcumenicum Sanctæ Mariæ is an auxiliary work, which refuses to be a movement among others. It limits its organization, its leadership and its "follow-up" at its sole purpose in order to gather around the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Christians around the world in a spirit of equality among all churches and, de facto, among all Christians.

The involvement of religious leaders who join the ecclesiastical college Custodia Œcumenicum Sanctæ Mariæ is essentially symbolic. Shares of material assistance pilgrims, especially dedicated to the sick pilgrims in distress, will be provided by the Guild of Hospital de Custodia, administratively attached to the body lay College Custodia.

Custodia Œcumenicum Sanctæ Mariæ is also serving movements, religious organizations, of all those who, while respecting the diversity of initiatives are concerned with the complementary strengths. "Concerning the above party," with its temporal and spiritual purpose, it proposes to all those to come to relax or to reconcile during the Marian pilgrimages around the world.

The approach of integrating Custodia is individual. Thus each authority wishing to join the Custodia would do in his name. However to avoid hegemonic temptations of a church, the number of religious authorities of the same church for the same country will be limited to two members.

It is by being brothers to every pilgrim that we will be at the heart of our mission.



**The Chancellor
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