Dear Consecrated Women in Christ,

In a world where there truly is constant change, we sometimes must find new ways to carry out our mission. Thus, it is with a heavy heart that we have made the decision to close Mater Ecclesiae College at the end of this academic year. The difficulties and institutional changes over the past few years, as well as the reality of our current world, have resulted in fewer vocations and therefore a lower college enrollment, making maintaining our accreditation with NEASC unviable in the foreseeable future.

As our primary formation center in North America, Mater Ecclesiae has been home to many of you and for consecrated women from around the world. I know that for so many of you – like me – this is disappointing. But I hope at this moment we all can bring forth our warm memories of what has been a very significant place for us, especially as a place of personal encounter with Jesus Christ, our King and Lord.

Over the last two decades, Mater Ecclesiae College has served Christ and the Church by forming dozens of women who came to discern a call to consecrated life in Regnum Christi. Thanks be to God and also to the hard work of so many consecrated women working on the MEC team, more than one hundred of us received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious and Pastoral Studies from the College. You who passed through MEC’s doors are in ministry around the world, working with youth and adults, serving in parishes, and providing spiritual accompaniment to people seeking the love of Christ.

Although the college will close, this in no way implies an end to the formation of young consecrated women in North America. In fact, we are making plans for a new class of candidates next year here in the territory, and will let you know the location of that program when we have the details worked out. Our Regnum Christi charism is a gift and our mission responds to real needs of the Church and society. Continuing our formation program in a different venue can provide new opportunities to share this gift and to live out this mission. It can also allow for a more prudent use of our donor’s contributions in the future. As for those consecrated women currently in the studies stage, their formation continues to be a priority. We want to assure you that each of them will have the opportunity to complete her studies and receive a degree.

Please keep everyone at MEC in your prayers over this academic year. And let us especially pray to the Lord of the Harvest, and continue to encourage young women who are open to the call of a vocation to consecrated life in Regnum Christi. We understand that this news may provoke questions and we will communicate with you over the next months regarding the particular transition steps we will take.

God bless you and let us keep especially the women in the Greenville communities in our prayers during this time.

Sincerely in Christ and the Movement,

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