

During this [Year of Consecrated Life](#) , on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord this past February 2, the Church again invited all the faithful to celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life. As part of these celebrations, Pope Francis presided at a Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome, with many men and women from various forms of consecrated life also participating. The consecrated life refers to those in the Church who have dedicated themselves in a special way to the Lord as members of religious institutes, apostolic societies and secular institutes, and as consecrated virgins.

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