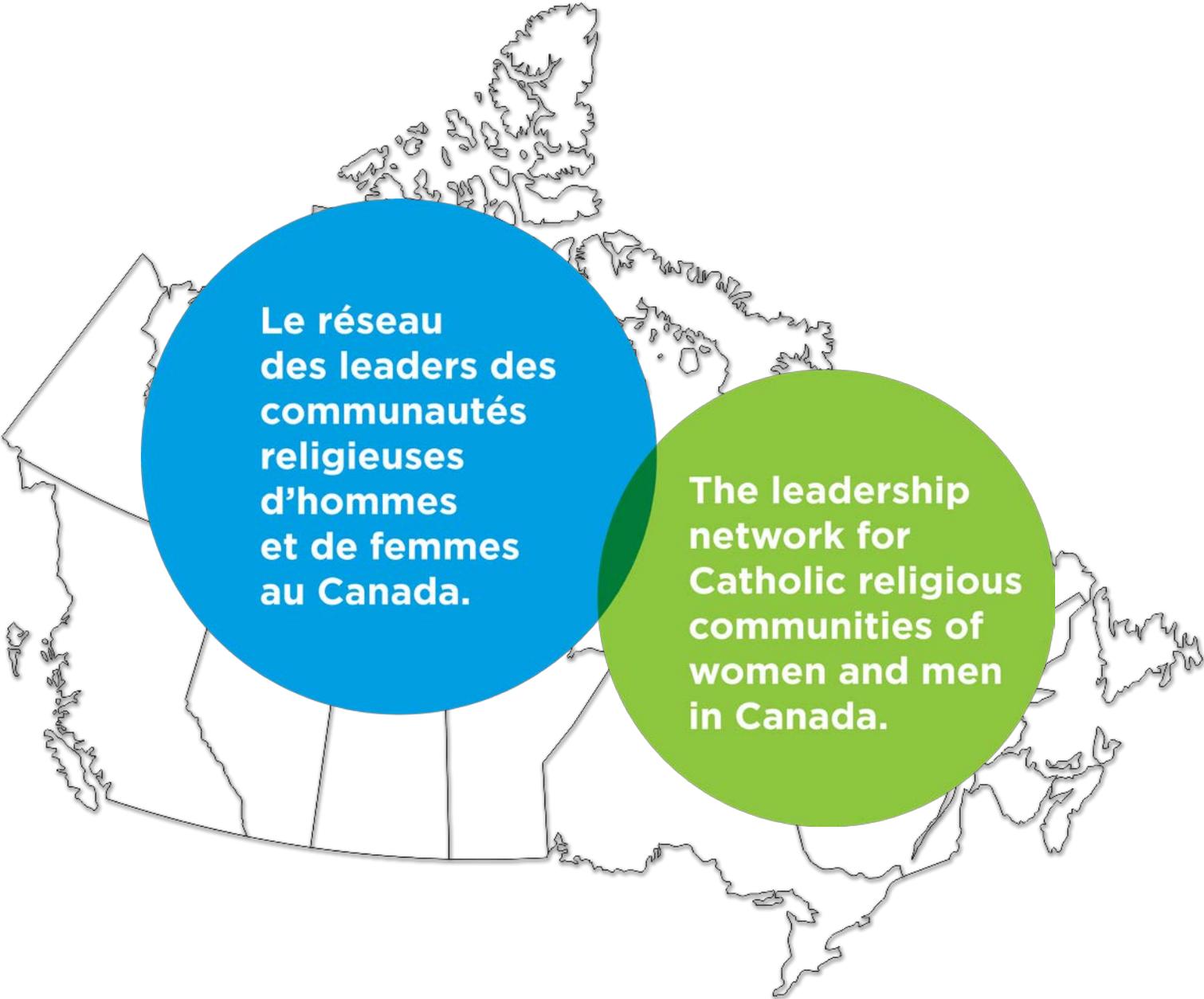




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**Le réseau  
des leaders des  
communautés  
religieuses  
d'hommes  
et de femmes  
au Canada.**

**The leadership  
network for  
Catholic religious  
communities of  
women and men  
in Canada.**

# The CRC

## Key Statistics (2018)

Number of Major Superiors:

Men: **76**

Women: **202**

Number of communities that are primarily francophone: **178**

Number of communities that are primarily anglophone: **68**

Number of religious women and men in communities that belong to the CRC: **12 220**

## Vision

To be the public voice and agency for leaders of Canada's religious communities in the exercise of their ministry, both within the Church and in society.

## Mission Statement

The Canadian Religious Conference both serves and speaks on behalf of the leaders of religious institutes and societies of apostolic life. The CRC's mission is to encourage its members to fully live out their vocation to follow Christ. The CRC supports its members in their prophetic witness to justice and peace, within both society and the Church. The CRC seeks to interpret faith and life with boldness, so that a new vision of the universe may become a reality.

The CRC's *Statutes and Regulations* were approved by the Holy See in 2016.

## Key Goals

1. To assist its members in exercising their leadership roles; and, to promote consecrated life, while respecting the autonomy, specific character and spirit of each community;
2. To promote an appropriate level of close collaboration among its members, as well as with lay people and Church authorities;
3. To establish suitable forms of coordination and cooperation with Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as with each bishop individually;
4. To assist its members in their relations with civil authorities.

## General Assembly

Major superiors, and the councillors they invite, gather for a General Assembly every two years, to identify priorities and to elect a new Administrative Council.

## CRC Priorities (2018-2020)

1. **Encourage** consecrated persons to live interdependently
2. **Give** a prophetic witness in the face of today's challenges;
3. **Explore** new forms of dialogue and communion;
4. **Promote** bold initiatives in favour of an integral ecology and an economy of communion.

## Administrative Council

The Administrative Council, which is elected by the General Assembly, has a two-year mandate and meets three times per year in different regions of the country. This allows the Council to meet with religious across Canada and to gain a better understanding of local issues, in order to adapt the services and support offered to CRC members.



### Members

1. **Brother Louis Cinq-Mars, OFM Cap** (President)  
Provincial Minister of the Capuchins
2. **Sister Francine Landreville, CND** (Vice-President)  
Provincial Superior of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame
3. **Sister Joan Cronin, GSIM** (Secretary-Treasurer)  
Superior-General of the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
4. **Sister Denise Kuyp, RNDM** (Councilor for Western Canada)  
Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions
5. **Sister Sandra Shannon, SP** (Councilor for Ontario)  
Superior-General of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Vincent de Paul
6. **Sister Françoise Drouin, FCSCJ** (Councilor for Québec)  
Provincial Superior of the Filles de la Charité du Sacré-Cœur de Jésus
7. **Brother Florent Gaudreault, FÉC** (Councilor for Québec)  
Provincial of the Brothers of the Christian Schools
8. **Sister Brendalee Boisvert, CSM** (Councilor for Atlantic Canada)  
Superior-General of the Sisters of Saint Martha of Antigonish

## Staff Members

The CRC's permanent staff, based in Montréal, is made up of both lay people and consecrated persons.

1. **Father Timothy Scott, CSB**, Executive Director
2. **Isabelle Côté**, Assistant to the Executive Director
3. **Ferdinand Djayerombe Vaweke**, Associate Director – JPIC
4. **Sabrina Di Matteo**, Associate Director – Ongoing Formation
5. **Jean-Michel Bigou**, Associate Director – Communications
6. **Sister Louise Stafford, FSP**, Publications Coordinator
7. **Nathalie Gauthier**, Financial Officer
8. **Renée Ntagungira, OMMI**, Coordinator for Donations Priority Service (in Quebec only)

## Services

The offices of the CRC organize and coordinate various events around theological, social and/or environmental themes. These events focus primarily on accompanying CRC members and partners in their commitments within the society at large.

### Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)

The office of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) works with local JPIC contacts in each community to reflect upon and act in favor of social justice issues (protection of Creation, fight against poverty and human trafficking, respect for the rights of women and Aboriginal peoples, etc.).

### Ongoing formation

The office of Ongoing Formation offers theological and spiritual resources to assist religious and their associates in their commitments to Church and society. It organizes training sessions, workshops and retreats.

### Communications

#### Goals

1. Foster collaboration and sharing among our members;
2. Offer support to our members in communications-related matters;
3. Disseminate information about the CRC's activities, and about Canada's religious communities;
4. Develop new relationships between the CRC, dioceses, bishops, other ecclesial bodies and the media.

In 2017, the CRC undertook a complete re-design of its visual identity and its printed and digital communications tools (banners, stationery, Web site, etc.), as well as of its database. The CRC communicates in various ways with its range of audiences, in both of Canada's official languages (French and English): monthly newsletters and quarterly bulletins; reports from the Board of Directors; e-mails providing a range of news (activities, press releases, etc.), and updates on social networks (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr).

As well, the CRC has recently created a group called INTERCOM, to facilitate mutual assistance and networking among communicators from the CRC's member communities. Finally, the CRC has inaugurated a French-language radio programme in Québec ("Vie religieuse aujourd'hui et demain" [Religious life today and tomorrow]), which provides a platform for consecrated persons and their associates to share about how they are involved in the Church and in society.

#### **Donations Priority (in Quebec only)**

Analyzing and evaluating requests for gifts submitted to Québec's religious communities by community and social organizations in Québec; drafting recommendations for our members regarding these requests.

#### **Theological Commission**

The Theological Commission is made up of eight theologians (all members of religious communities) meeting twice annually to prepare articles on themes of interest to religious communities.

#### **The Contemplative Committee**

The Contemplative Committee is a group of eight representatives from contemplative communities of women who meet on a regular basis to provide on-going support for their members and to organize an assembly of contemplative women every two years.



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