



## Charis European Service of Communion

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**From:** CHARIS European Co-ordinating Team ad interim

**To:** mailing list of EUCCRIL and other readers

[CHARIS](#) is now the unique Service of Communion for the current of grace which is the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. This is the first issue of the *European CHARIS Info Letter* (EUCHARISIL). We welcome all readers of the former *European Catholic Charismatic Renewal Info-Letter\** and all other readers.



[CHARIS](#) started with Pentecost 2019. Pentecost 2020 brings a quite different event because of the coronavirus. We are all called to pray together on Saturday, May 30, the evening before Pentecost on 10:00 PM, 22:00 h in the evening. Wherever you are at that moment, worldwide. Technically, it will be a mix of Zoom and YouTube. In the week before Pentecost you will receive the last news about this Vigil. [Click here](#) for the actual news.

### What is the development in Europe on the national level?

In many nations, people started to work for the formation of a *National CHARIS Service of Communion*. The European members of the *International Service of Communion* of CHARIS, Etienne Mellot and Paolo Maino are available to help. They have written a letter to all the (former) national contacts in Europe with a survey they get an overview of the situation. Answers are coming in. The *International Service of Communion* provided recently [guidelines for the national](#)

[level](#), including very helpful definitions of 'The Catholic Charismatic Renewal', 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit', 'Realities or expressions', 'Prayer Groups', 'National Network of prayer groups', 'Communities' and 'A ministry'.

### What is the development on the European level?

Etienne and Paolo have created an ad interim *European Co-ordinating Team*, to prepare a first meeting of the *European CHARIS Continental Service of Communion* next year. The composition of the *European Service of Communion* is given by [the statutes](#): Each *Continental Service of Communion* is composed of:

- 1.- one representative from each National Service of Communion;
- 2.- one representative from each Network of communities present in the region;
- 3.- one representative of each International network of evangelization schools present on the region;
- 4.- two representatives from specific ministries in the continent; and
- 5.- two Catholics under 30 years old.

If you think you are in one of these categories and you want to know more about it, please feel free to contact us. Like the statutes say about the national level: 'be as inclusive as possible and open to new and emerging realities. The model focuses on communion rather than government or structure.'

CHARIS European Co-ordinating Team ad interim,

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