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## TO THOSE ACCOMPANYING THE SSCC SECULAR BRANCH

### Copies to Major Superiors

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We the Spiritual Animation Team send you greetings. As you know, we have gathered in Rome for our second meeting. In this letter, we want to share with you some points that we think are important for the development of the SB, and where you have a special role to play.

Initially, we thank you from our hearts for the service you render to the SB. In the annual evaluations the SB value your service in a very positive way.

In our letter to the coordinators, a copy of which you will have received, we have highlighted what appear to be successes and challenges. We have alluded to some specific aspects. In general, we ask you to continue accompanying the SB and also to help them to implement some of the recommendations made by the animation team, for example, updating the Index, communication, to make known the SB, the impact of reflection on the formula of the commitment, etc.

Returning specifically to those who are accompanying the SB, we want to share these points with you:

- 1. We note a lack of support in some sectors and weak support in others.** The evaluation of the SB also picks up this negative point. Some sectors lack religious sisters and brothers to accompany them. Other sectors are lamenting the fact that there are those who accompany in name only. It is a difficulty that must be addressed by their Major Superiors. To you, brothers and sisters, who have been asked to carry out this service, we urge you to please take this service to heart for the good of all.
- 2. The formation of those who are accompanying the SB.** This is vital. The Team, wishes to offer help as far as we possibly can. In our action plan (*Objective 3, means 3*), the team is offering you the resources and tools for spiritual animation and ongoing formation. We expect you to share with us your doubts and concerns. Your reactions are all welcome. However, please remember that in our SSCC Roman Website there is a Library Section of "Documents on the SB" formation material. It would be better for you to familiarize and use

this. In this vein, we ask you to send us the different material that your sector produces so that it can be made available to all.

The spiritual animation team has also considered that together, we could give some further thought to the role of the one who accompanies. It is true that we have some guidelines in the Statutes of the SB and some recommendations of the General Chapters of 2006 (<http://www.sccpicpus.com/en/documentation-on-secular-branch>)

In order to help clarify the role of those sisters and brothers who accompany the SB, and from their personal experience, the Team has put the following questions:

1. *What are the key attitudes (4 or 5) that the person who accompanies the SB should have?*
2. *What are the key resources of help you need to carry out this service? What are the difficulties you experience?*

Please send your responses **before January 15, 2015** to the following e-mail address: [seculsscc@gmail.com](mailto:seculsscc@gmail.com)

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters. This will help us widen the discussion on the "role of the one who accompanies the SB.

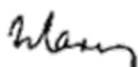
**3. The Index of the SB.** We believe this is an important instrument that requires continual updating. Taking into account that there is a high mobility of brothers and sisters who accompany the SB, we ask the different Major Superiors to communicate this change to the team. This e-mail address has been created especially for the SB: [seculsscc@gmail.com](mailto:seculsscc@gmail.com)

**4. Communications:** we appeal to you, as to our Lay SSCC sisters and brothers, to please send news of your new sectors (publications, articles, magazines, newsletter ...).

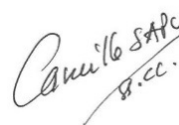
Again, thank you so much for the openness in agreeing to accompany our brothers and sisters of the SB. We await with great interest your various responses to the questionnaire, your reactions and are open to whatever you may want to share with us.

May the Spirit of the Risen Lord keep us always open to the Mission

On behalf of the Spiritual Animation Team,



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