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Decree

The System of the Parish Cells of Evangelization dates back to 1987, when the Rev. Don Piergiorgio Perini introduced in Italy a pastoral method learned from Reverend Msgr. Michael J. Eivers, in the United States. After its introduction, in the parish of Sant'Eustorgio in Milan, it began to form numerous parish cells of evangelization in different countries of the world. The system provides for the formation of small groups of believers who gather to deepen the Christian life as a life of faith and evangelization, fortifying through prayer, spiritual and doctrinal formation, and mutual sharing of concrete experiences of evangelization.

The commitment of the members of each cell for the evangelization of their environment, for a personal conversion to Christ also contributes to the profound renewal of parish life.

On 29 May 2008, The Body of the International Service of the Parish Cells System of Evangelization was set up. On 2 April 2009, the Pontifical Council for the Laity recognized the Body of the International Service of the Parish Cells System of Evangelization as a structure at the service of the Parish Cells System, for the support and development of this international instrument of evangelization, equipping said organization with private legal personality, and approved its statutes *experimentally* for a period of five years.

Given the consolidation and development of the system of the cells during this five-year period and the role played by the International Service Body;

In view of the fundamental importance for the Church to reinvigorate the missionary identity of the lay faithful and to solicit pastors in the consciousness of its task of turning the parish into a Community of ardent faith, where members are "*agents of evangelization*" and the parish a "*center of constant missionary outreach*" (cfr. Francis, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 28);

Having regard to Articles 131-134 of the Apostolic Constitution *Pastor Bonus* of the Roman Curia;

The Pontifical Council for the Laity decreed:

1. confirmation of the approval of the Body of the International Service of the Parish Cells System of Evangelization, with private legal personality, a norm of the canon 116.2 of the Code of Canon Law;
2. The approval of the statutes, modified in writing are today duly authenticated by the Department and deposited in its archives.

Given at the Vatican, April 12, 2015, the Feast of Divine Mercy.



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President