I appreciated the opportunity to hear from and to speak with experts. They were available and willing to answer questions, and information presented was invaluable. The issues that we deal with on a practical and gave insights into day-to-day basis.

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FACULTY

BERNADETTE KENNY, RSHM, JD, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE

An attorney in private practice in New York, exclusively representing Roman Catholic religious congregations and their sponsored ministries. She has consulted religious leadership on the civil law rights and obligations of members, and governance and management issues for non-profit corporations.

A member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Sister Bernadette holds a BA and MA from Marymount and Manhattan Colleges, respectively, and a JD from Fordham University School of Law where she served on the Adjunct faculty for 21 years.

KELLY CONNORS, pm, JCD

Sister Kelly is a member of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. She serves as a canonical consultant to various dioceses and religious institutes and speaks nationally and internationally on issues of Canon Law and Religious Life. She holds a BA from Providence College, an MTS from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, a PhD in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa, and a JCD from St. Paul University, Ottawa.

SHARON HOLLAND, IHM, JCD

Sr. Sharon retired from the Vatican Office for Consecrated Life (CICLSAL) in 2009. She now serves as Vice-President of her Congregation, President of LCWR, and continues as a canonical consultant to religious institutes and their sponsored ministries. She received a B.Mus. from Marygrove College, an MA in religious studies from the University of Detroit and a JCD from the Gregorian University in Rome. She is a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, MI.

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**AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9**

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Registration
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Opening Session
An overview
8:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Morning Session 1
Profession of Evangelical Counsels – Incorporation into Church and History
Kelly Connors, pm, JCD
10:35 – 11:50 a.m. Morning Session 2
Conduct of Individual Religious: Civil Law Implications
Bernadette Kenny, RSM, JCD
4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Afternoon Session
Rights and Obligations of Religious Institutes and their members
Sharon Holland, IHM, JCD

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Morning Session 1
Evangelical Counsel of Poverty
Kelly Connors, pm, JCD
10:35 – 11:50 a.m. Morning Session 2
Individual Civil Implications of Membership
Bernadette Kenny, RSM, JCD
4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Afternoon Session
Confidentiality and Privacy: Canonical and Civil Law issues
Kelly Connors, pm, JCD
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**TUESDAY, JUNE 14**

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Morning Session 1
Inviting to Membership: Canon and Civil Law Concerns
Kelly Connors, pm, JCD
Bernadette Kenny, RSM, JCD
10:35 – 11:50 a.m. Morning Session 2
When Members Can No Longer Belong
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4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Afternoon Session
When Members Don’t Fit: Case Studies
Faculty

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15**

7:00 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast and Departure

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If you need to arrive a day early to accommodate your travel plans, housing may be arranged on a space available basis with sufficient advance notice. There is no charge for an extra night’s housing the day before the Institute.

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June 4 Arrival: Time ________

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