

ANNUAL BISHOP REPORTS

Regnum Christi serves the Church and thus we take the steps necessary to build and maintain open, responsive and respectful relationships with bishops in the territory, particularly those where there is an active Regnum Christi presence. As part of this effort, we prepare and send an annual bishop report. These guidelines set out the basics of the annual bishop reporting process.

What are bishop reports?

Ideally, Regnum Christi sends an annual report to the bishop to update him on Regnum Christi presence and activity in the diocese. This report may be requested by the bishop or may simply be a gesture of collaboration and respect on the part of Regnum Christi.

To which bishops should we submit an annual report?

Regnum Christi should be submitting reports to any bishop within whose diocese Regnum Christi has an active presence, including those dioceses where:

- There is a Legionary and/or consecrated community,
- Legionary, consecrated and/or RC lay members are actively working,
- The bishop has expressly requested a report, and/or
- Regnum Christi has an institutional or apostolic presence, such as a school, camp, etc.

In some cases, a locality may operate in more than one diocese and thus more than one bishop report is required of that locality.

What format should the bishop reports follow?

Regnum Christi seeks to be transparent, openly sharing the nature and scope of the Regnum Christi presence in the diocese, and as appropriate, showing its work in support of the bishop's priorities. Each bishop may have his own view of the information required.

We have provided a template of a bishop report. This template may be adapted to address the bishop's specific requirements, and adjusted to reflect that magnitude of activity in the diocese. For example, a bishop report where there is little activity may be less than a page, whereas a report from a major Regnum Christi center could be five or more pages.

Who delivers or sends the bishop report?

Generally, the Territorial Director of the Legionaries of Christ sends the report to the bishop unless there is a special reason for the locality to send it directly.

Who prepares the bishop report?

Preparing the bishop report is a collaborative effort within the locality and with the territory. Each locality would determine its own local process depending on the circumstances. Territory involvement is highlighted below. Some important points to consider in preparing the report include:

- Some bishops prefer to receive a separate report from the different federated entities. For example, one bishop may prefer to receive distinct reports from each of the Legionaries of Christ, the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi, the and lay members of Regnum Christi. Another bishop may request a single report for all Regnum Christi. By default, unless otherwise requested, we are assuming a single report representing all of Regnum Christi is sufficient.

- Given the importance of maintaining good bishop relations, the Legionaries of Christ have an office dedicated to supporting ecclesial relations. **All bishop reports must be emailed to this office (buzrelna@legionaries.org) for review and approval before they are sent to the bishop.**
- By default, we recommend that the RC local director take the lead in facilitating the collaborative effort to prepare the report. In cases where there is no RC local director for the diocese, a local section director can prepare the report.
- The general process for preparing the report is:
 - The locality / city prepares the report and emails a Word version of it to buzrelna@legionaries.org for review by the LC ecclesial relations office. The locality should include its recommendation on who should send the report to the bishop.
 - The LC ecclesial relations office reviews the report and requests edits / changes to the report as needed. It will also secure the appropriate territorial level approvals through the respective LC, CRC and Federation territorial secretaries. This approval includes approving the text of the report as well as agreeing on who should send the report to the bishop.
 - The agreed upon person sends the report to the bishop. Copies of the final report are maintained by the locality, RCD Support, and by the LC ecclesial relations office.

When do we prepare the bishop report?

We believe it makes most sense to align the preparation of the annual bishop report with the preparation of the Annual Locality Report submitted to the Territorial Directive College. Much of the information provided is similar in both reports. As such, unless requested otherwise by the local bishop, we recommend the annual bishop report be prepared and submitted to LC ecclesial relations office (buzrelna@legionaries.org) by the end of December for processing in January.