DECREES

The Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has the task of intervening in all that is reserved to the Holy See regarding consecrated life (cf. Pastor Bonus n. 108, §1). In order to look into the quality of the life of religious women in the United States, the Prefect of this Dicastery, with the faculties granted to him by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, in an audience on November 17, 2008, has decided to nominate, and with the present decree nominates,

Reverend Mother Mary Clare MILLEA
Superior General of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Apostolic Visitor ad inquirendum et referendum

of the General Houses, Provincial Houses and Centers of Initial Formation
of the principal Religious Institutes of Women in the
United States of America.

Upon completion of this Apostolic Visitation, Mother Mary Clare Millea will have the responsibility of transmitting to this Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life a detailed report, based on the information gathered, indicating in its conclusion those suggestions which she deems appropriate.

During her Visitation, the Apostolic Visitor will also seek information from those Diocesan Bishops in whose Dioceses the abovementioned General Houses, Provincial Houses and Centers of Initial Formation are located.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Vatican City, 22 December 2008

Franc Card. Rodé, C.M.
Prefect

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Gianfranco A. Gardin, OFM Conv.
Archbishop Secretary