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Ministerial Public Juridic Persons:

A Focused Conversation

As religious institutes plan for the future of sponsored ministries, establishing a new Public Juridic Person in the Church to assume sponsorship is becoming a strong trend for consideration. During this session, we will explore the possibilities, processes, and pros and cons of this alternative model of ministry sponsorship.

*A thoughtful conversation led by
Sr. Deborah Cerullo, SSND, JD, JCL and Sr. Kelly Connors, PM, JCD, Ph.D.
for those discerning the future of sponsored ministries.*

Why attend?

- Consider whether the MPJP model may be right for your sponsored ministries.
- Understand key issues that arise both before and after an MPJP is created.
- Engage a timely conversation relevant to the future of ministry sponsorship.

Who should attend?

- Leaders discerning this model for ministries sponsored by one institute or several institutes together.
- Those working through governance and operational questions after an MPJP has already been established.

What will I learn?

- The questions that should guide discernment of a possible MPJP model
- The process of petitioning the appropriate ecclesial authority
- Formation and structural supports that encourage the healthy development of new sponsorship models

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Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

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