

*There are different  
gifts...*

## *Looking at Jesus*

*..but the same Spirit*

Consecrated Virginity  
Lived in the World  
(Canon 604)

Religious Life  
(Canons 573-746)

We are the Same .....

We are Different .....

We are One in Him

\*Sacred persons "set apart" for God alone  
\* wedding ring  
serving Christ and His Church  
\*prayer is first priority  
\*Liturgy of the Hours, the prayer of the Church  
\*several years of discernment, spiritual growth & development  
\*further expression of Baptismal commitment using the Sevenfold Gifts  
\*sharing Good News, Fruits of the Spirit  
doing Corporal \* Spiritual Works of Mercy

\*dates back to Apostolic times, repromulgated in 1970 by Official Decree  
\*no founder or foundress  
\*living as individuals in the world, secular milieu  
\*consecrated according the Rite, Chapter 16 of Roman Pontifical, Section A  
\*consecration is *RECEIVED* at the hands of the Diocesan Bishop  
\*Homily and Prayer of Consecration from the Rite guide for living the consecration in the world  
\*self-supporting  
\*membership in association is optional  
\*secular dress  
\*Miss N. \_\_\_ N., no initials after name  
\*Consecration is irrevocable

\*Orders founded c.900 -1300, and some the present date, by founders, foundress according to charism, needs of Church  
\*living in community: in convent or monastery  
\*three or more vows  
\*sister(s) make profession at the hands of superior  
\*belongs to Order, follows Rule, Constitutions, Customs  
\*goods held in common, specific apostolate, work is assigned  
\*religious habit, cross, crucifix, sign of community  
\*title *Sister, Mother, & initials of Congregation* after religious name  
\*dispensation possible

\* Brides of Christ, espoused to Him and His Church  
\*sign of contradiction to world, living the folly of Cross of Resurrected One  
\*living the "Be-Attitudes" as to follow Christ more closely  
\*living the Gospel as Christ was, poor, chaste, obedient  
\*intimate union with Living active Word  
\*"living icons", witnessing, building up Church, supporting one another for all to see