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## *Charting the roles of women in the Catholic Church*



### Current breakdown of male/female leadership in Vatican dicasteries

Pope Francis has called for “a more incisive presence for women” in the Catholic Church. At the most recent Consistory of cardinals on February 12 and 13, 2015, Fr. Federico Lombardi reported that the cardinals expressed the hope of “an increasingly active role” for women. Although Pope Francis stated the door is closed on the question of ordination for women to the priesthood, he has been emphatic in his call for a stronger presence of women elsewhere. He recently appointed Sr. Mary Melone, the first woman to date, to head a Pontifical University; Sr. Luzia Premoli, the first woman to be appointed as a member of the Congregation on Evangelization of Peoples, and has stated that women should take up positions of greater leadership within the Vatican. So how many women are in positions of leadership within the Curia? How many assert real influence? While it is difficult to accurately measure the level of influence women exercise, the chart below has been generated to further that discussion by showing the current roles women play now in Vatican congregations, pontifical councils, and other commissions, committees and offices.

### Secretariats, Congregations, and Pontifical Councils

There are two secretariats, nine congregations and twelve pontifical councils. Below is a chart indicating the number of Vatican officials broken out in terms of male/female roles from undersecretary and above.

Vatican Secretariat Congregations Pontifical Council	Males in leadership and titles		Females in leadership	
Secretariat of State	Secretary of State: Cardinal Pietro Parolin Secretary: Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher Undersecretary: Msgr. Antoine Camilleri	3		0
Secretariat for Economy	President: Cardinal George Pell Secretary General: Msgr. Alfred Xuereb	2		0
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith	Prefect: Archbishop Gerhard Ludwig Müller Secretary: Archbishop Luis Francisco Ladaria Ferrer Adjunct Secretary: Archbishop Joseph Augustine Di Noia Undersecretary: Msgr. Damiano Marzotto Caotorta	4		0

<p><b>Congregation for Clergy</b></p>	<p><b>Prefect: Archbishop Beniamino Stella</b> <b>Secretary: Archbishop Joel Mercier</b> <b>Undersecretary: Mons. Antonio Neri:</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life</b></p>	<p><b>Prefect: Cardinal Joao Braz de Aviz,</b> <b>Secretary: Abp. Jose Rodriguez Carballo</b> <b>Undersecretary: Fr. Sebastiano Paciolla</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Sr. Nicoletta Vittoria Spezzati, Undersecretary</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
<p><b>Congregation for Bishops</b></p>	<p><b>Prefect: Cardinal Marc Ouellet</b> <b>Secretary: Archbishop Ilson de Jesus Montanari</b> <b>Undersecretary: Monsignor Udo Breitbach</b> <b>Adjunct Undersecretary: Mons. Serge Poitras</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples</b></p>	<p><b>Prefect: Archbishop Fernando Filoni</b> <b>Secretary: Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai</b> <b>Adjunct Secretary: Archbishop Protase Rugambwa</b> <b>Undersecretary: Father Tadeusz Wojda</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>**Sr. Luzia Premoli was recently appointed a member of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>

<p><b>Congregation for Oriental Churches</b></p>	<p><b>Prefect: Cardinal Leonardo Sandri Secretary: Archbishop Cyril Vasil' Undersecretary: Rev. Fr. Lorenzo Lorusso</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments</b></p>	<p><b>Prefect: Cardinal Robert Sarah Secretary: Archbishop Arthur Roche Undersecretary: Rev. Pr. Corrado Maggioni Undersecretary: Msgr. Juan Miguel Ferrer Grenesche</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Congregation for the Causes of Saints</b></p>	<p><b>Prefect: Archbishop Angelo Amato Secretary: Archbishop Marcello Bartolucci Undersecretary: Fr. Boguslaw Turek</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Congregation for Catholic Education</b></p>	<p><b>Prefect: Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski Secretary: Archbishop Angelo Vincenzo Zani Undersecretary: Fr. Friedrich Bechina, F.S.O.</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for the Laity</b></p>	<p><b>President: Archbishop Stanisław Ryłko Secretary: Bishop Josef Clemens Undersecretary: Msgr. Miguel Delgado Galindo</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>

<p><b>Pontifical Council for the Family</b></p>	<p><b>President: Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia</b>  <b>Secretary: Bishop Jean Laffitte</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Fr. Carlos Simón Vázquez</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</b></p>	<p><b>President: Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson</b>  <b>Secretary: Bishop Mario Toso,</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Undersecretary: Flaminia Giovanelli</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for Christian Unity</b></p>	<p><b>President: Cardinal Kurt Koch</b>  <b>Secretary: Bishop Brian Farrell, L.C.</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Fr. Andrea Palmieri</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for Cor Unum</b></p>	<p><b>President: Cardinal Robert Sarah</b>  <b>Secretary: Monsignor Giovanni Pietro Dal Toso</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Msgr. Segundo Tejado Muñoz</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People</b></p>	<p><b>President: Archbishop Antonio Vegliò</b>  <b>Secretary: Bishop Joseph Kalathiparambil</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Fr Gabriele Ferdinando Bentoglio</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>

<p><b>Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers</b></p>	<p><b>President: Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski</b>  <b>Secretary: Msgr. Jean-Marie Mate Musivi Mupendawatu</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Msgr. Augusto Chendi</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts</b></p>	<p><b>President: Archbishop Francesco Coccopalmerio</b>  <b>Vice-President: Archbishop Bruno Bertagna</b>  <b>Secretary: Bishop Juan Ignacio Arrieta Ochoa de Chinchetru</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Msgr. José Aparecido Gonçalves de Almeida</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue</b></p>	<p><b>President: Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran</b>  <b>Secretary: Fr. Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Fr. Indunil Janakaratne Kodithuwakku Kankanamalage</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>

<p><b>Pontifical Council for Culture</b></p>	<p><b>President: Archbishop Gianfranco Ravasi</b>  <b>Delegate: Bishop Carlos Alberto de Pinho Moreira Azevedo</b>  <b>Secretary: Bishop Barthélemy Adoukonou</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Monsignor Melchor José Sánchez de Toca y Alameda</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for Social Communications</b></p>	<p><b>President: Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli</b>  <b>Secretary: Monsignor Paul Tighe</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Doctor Angelo Scelzo</b>  <b>Adjunct Secretary: Mons. Giuseppe Antonio Scotti</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization</b></p>	<p><b>President: Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella</b>  <b>Secretary: Archbishop José Octavio Ruiz Arenas</b>  <b>Undersecretary: Msgr. Graham Bell</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		<p><b>0</b></p>
<p><b>Total</b></p>		<p><b>74</b></p>		<p><b>2</b></p>

Other tribunals, commissions, committees, offices	Males in Leadership		Females in leadership or in positions of influence	
Synod of Bishops	Secretary General: Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri Undersecretary: Bishop Fabio Fabene Relators: Cardinal Peter Erdo Special Secretary: Bishop Bruno Forte	4		0
Tribunal: Apostolic Penitentiary	Major Penitentiary: Cardinal Mauro Piacenza Regent: Bishop Krzysztof Jozef Nykiel	2		0
Tribunal: Signatura Apostolica	Prefect: Archbishop Dominique Mamberti Secretary: Bishop Frans Daneels	2		0
Tribunal: Roman Rota	Dean: Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto	1		0
Apostolic	Camerlengo of the Holy Roman	2		0



<b>Camera</b>	<b>Church: Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran Vice-Camerlengo: Archbishop Giampiero Gloder</b>			
<b>Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See</b>	<b>President: Archbishop-Bishop Domenico Calcagno Secretary: Msgr. Luigi Mistò</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See</b>	<b>President: Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi Secretary: Bishop Lucio Ángel Vallejo Balda</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Prefecture of the Papal Household.</b>	<b>Prefect: Archbishop Georg Gänswein Regent: Father Leonardo Sapienza</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Office for the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff</b>	<b>Master of Ceremonies: Mons. Guido Marini</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Press Office of the Holy See</b>	<b>Director: Fr. Federico Lombardi</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Vice-Director: Doctor Angelo Scelzo</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Vatican</b>	<b>Bureau Chief: Doctor Miguel</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>

<b>Information Service</b>	<b>Castellví Villaescusa</b>		
<b>Central Office of Church Statistics</b>	<b>Head: Monsignor Vittorio Formenti</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church</b>	<b>President: Archbishop Gianfranco Ravasi</b> <b>Vice-President: Dom Michael John Zielinski</b> <b>Secretary: Prof. Francesco Buranelli</b> <b>Undersecretary: Monsignor José Manuel Del Río Carrasco</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pontifical Commission for Latin America</b>	<b>President: Cardinal Marc Ouellet</b> <b>Secretary: Prof. Guzmán Carriquiry</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology</b>	<b>President: Archbishop Gianfranco Ravasi</b> <b>Vice-President: Dom Michael John Zielinski</b> <b>Secretary: Prof. Fabrizio Bisconti</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pontifical</b>	<b>President: Archbishop Gerhard</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

<p><b>Biblical Commission</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ludwig Müller                  Secretary: Fr. Pietro Bovati                  Technical Secretary: Fr. Alessandro Belano                  Members: Fr Jean-Noël Aletti                  Fr Olivier Artus                  Dr Juan Miguel Díaz Rodelas                  Dr Christoph Dohmen                  Fr Abbot Denis Farkasfalvy                  Fr Francolino Gonçalves                  Cardinal Prosper Grech                  Fr John Chijioke Iwe                  Dr Thomas Manjaly                  Fr Fearghus O'Fearghail                  Dr Pahk Johan Yeong-sik                  Fr Brasil Pereira Ney                  Fr Donald Senior                  Fr Ramón Trevijano Etcheverria                  Fr Ugo Vanni                  Dr Henryk Witczyk                  Fr Carlos Zesati Estrada</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	
<p><b>Pontifical Commission</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">President: Archbishop Gerhard Ludwig Müller</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">0</p>

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