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Founded in 1973, the Community of the Beatitudes was, until June 29, 2011, an international private association of the faithful in which all of its members (lay and consecrated) had the same rights and obligations, and lived—according to their state of life—a common commitment of poverty, following the same rule of putting all of their goods in common and sharing living spaces.

On June 29, 2011, the Archbishop Robert Le Gall of Toulouse, established the Community of the Beatitudes as a “public association of faithful in view of becoming an ecclesial family of consecrated life,” thereafter under the authority of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, whose I am, with special powers, the delegate at the head of the Community. In this new canonical form, we now distinguish between two categories of members with the same legal personality: the full members (consecrated men and women) and associated members (couples, single lay men and women).

The first version *ad experimentum* of this new juridical structure expires after three years, which will be on June 29, 2014. For this reason, the lay members of the new ecclesial family are invited to review their civil situation (visas, tax declarations, etc.) on June 29, 2014, because canonically they are no longer members of full right in the Community of the Beatitudes (“non-profit organization” in the United States). According to their ecclesial status and official documents of the Community, they are financially independent and no longer live their commitment to poverty through putting their goods in common (as in the Statutes of Dec. 8, 2002).



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