

CICIAMS PRAYER

Dear Lord

Thou Great Healer, You have said: whatever you do to the least of my Brethren, you did it to me. Guide us in our service of the sick, the marginalized and the destitute. Teach us to see Your image in each of them. May Your love shine forth in our lives. Let our minds, hearts and hands always radiate that love in lessening pain and in bringing comfort, joy, peace and healing wherever needed. Grant us the grace to serve You in all we do, to be rich in good deeds, to be generous and willing to share with each other and in loving and serving humanity. For the power, the mercy, the glory and the joy are yours,

Amen

ORIGIN & HISTORY

In 1928 at Basle, Switzerland, Presidents of Catholic Nurses Associations met and decided to create an international Catholic Professional Nursing Association. In 1933, the first congress was held in Lourdes with 10 countries.

C..I.C.I.A.M.S. is a name coined from the initial letters of the same title in French - Comite International Catholique des Infirmieres et Assistantes Medico-Sociales. Today CICIAMS has more than 60 member countries in the regions of Africa, Asia Europe and North America

WHY CICIAMS

It was brought into being because it is not a profession like other professions. It has a special greatness as it is directly in the service of the human person. The nurse assists from his birth to his death to the more painful and delicate hours of man's existence. The Church since its origin was always bent on relieving every human suffering. It was one of the first to open hospitals and to recommend care for patients.

It was normal that Catholic nurses should continue through the centuries this attitude of charity bringing in it, with the technical knowledge required today by the scientific progress, the same deep ideal of respect and love for man. It is only normal that they should group to think together, support and stimulate this ideal in the light of Christian principles.



Florence Nightingale
Founder of modern nursing

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC NURSES & MEDICO-SOCIAL ASSISTANTS

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WHO IS A CATHOLIC NURSE ?

She is a person who because of her baptism goes through life translating the Gospel teachings in all her professional activities.” A Catholic nurse is aware of the obligation of her baptism. She has the duty of sharing her faith and spreading the good news of the gospel not by preaching, but by leading a life dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ, the divine healer. In the case of a Catholic nurse, it is “Nursing”.

The Catholic nurse is able to confront the culture of death like abortion, euthanasia and to defend and promote the culture of life, respect the unborn, the terminally ill, the aged, the disabled and the marginalized .

Informed

by the moral and social teachings of the Church,

CICIAMS is committed to :

Promoting the Christian and professional values in nursing care with National and International Associations around the world.

Giving Christian witness in our lives through guiding and supporting healthcare workers internationally.

Coordinating the work of member associations in their efforts to evangelize the ethos and ideals of the nursing profession.

Promoting the initiation of and participation in professional research and development towards the achievement of optimum care and well-being

Developing a positive vision of life from conception to death.

Respecting the religious convictions of others and accepting their rights to practice their beliefs.

MEMBERSHIP

1 Full Members

All national associations of Catholic Nurses approved by the local Bishops Conference and the local Registrar of Societies

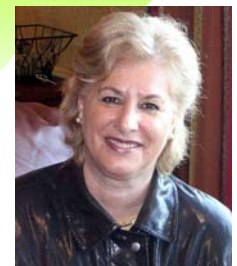
2 Associate Members

Professional Catholic associations and Catholic Colleges of Nursing who do not qualify for the conditions laid down in the CICIAMS regulations for full membership

Catholic persons of high standing representing the Nursing Profession.



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