



THE REDEMPTORIST WORLD: HOW IS IT ORGANIZED?

THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER:

What does C.Ss.R. stand for?

What is the motto of the C.Ss.R.?

How big is the congregation?

How are the Redemptorists organized?

- Units (Provinces, Vice-Provinces and Regions)
- Conferences



What are the units that make up the Redemptorist Conference of North America?

How many Redemptorists are there in North America?

Where are the General Offices of the CSsR located?

Who is the Superior General?



Who is the Conference Coordinator for North America?



How often are the superiors of the units, and of the Congregation, elected?

The official name of the congregation usually known as “the Redemptorists” is The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.

C.Ss.R. is Latin for *Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris*, which means “Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.” *Copiosa Apud Eum Redemptio* (With Him is Plentiful Redemption), from Psalm 130:7

There are currently about 5,300 Redemptorists in over 75 countries.

The basic level of organization in the CSsR is the unit—whether that be a Province, a Vice-Province or a Region.

There are five Conferences:

- North America
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Europe
- Asia-Oceania
- Africa and Madagascar

Conferences are non-juridical structures put in place to facilitate greater cooperation and greater missionary availability.

In North America, there are currently three Provinces: (Canada, Baltimore, and Denver) and one Vice-Province (Extra-Patriam).

There are about 600 Redemptorists in the Conference of North America.

The General Offices of the CSsR are in Rome. There you will find the offices of the Superior General and his General Council, as well as other offices that serve the CSsR on a worldwide level, and the Alphonsian Academy.

The present Superior General is Most Reverend Father J. Michael Brehl, CSsR. He is a native of Toronto, Canada, and was elected Superior General in 2009 and re-elected in 2016.

The Conference Coordinator is Fr. John (Jack) Kingsbury, CSsR. He is from the Baltimore Province, and is serving his second six-year term as Conference Coordinator. He is assisted in his ministry by a Conference Council, and by commissions and secretariats dedicated to important areas of Redemptorist life, such as formation and evangelization.

At the level of the Provinces and Vice-Provinces, elections ordinarily take place every four years. Therefore, the term of office is known as a “quadriennium.” At the level of the General government, elections take place every six years, and so the term of office is referred to as a “sexennium.”