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Handout 8-B

Consecrated Religious Life Today

1. Write the name of the order that your group is researching:

2. Write a few points that describe the order's history, including any particular historical circumstances that shaped its beginning.

3. Write a few biographical points about the order's founder(s).

4. How has this order grown and evolved over time to meet the changing needs of God's people?

5. What are the order's current ministries or apostolic priorities?

6. Briefly describe the order's spirituality. Although some orders have made particularly unique contributions to Catholic spirituality—for example, Ignatian spirituality's focus on discernment—every order has spiritual principles and practices, rooted in the Gospel, that sustain its members and that are a gift to the wider Church.

7. Research some statistics regarding the order. For example, how many members do they have in the U.S. and around the world? How many people are currently in formation? In how many countries do they minister? How many schools, hospitals, or social ministries do they operate?

8. Write at least three other interesting facts about this order that have not already been mentioned on this handout.
