



THE ITALIAN BROTHERHOODS

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The Italian Brotherhoods

Geographical distribution

In Italy there are approximately **7,000 Confraternities**, with over **2,000,000 members** including **Brothers and Sisters**, distributed as follows in the Territories:

- About 50% in the SOUTH
- About 25% in the CENTRE
- About 25% in the NORTH

The Italian Brotherhoods Organization

In many Italian Dioceses, for a homogeneous and more functional internal organization, the Confraternities are aggregated in

Centers / Federations / Brotherhood Unions

which are internal offices of the Curia structured as follows:

- Lay manager for administrative aspects
- Episcopal Delegate for spiritual aspects
- Board of directors

➤ The Confederation of the Confraternities of the Dioceses of Italy always has its birth

The Italian Confraternities and the Bishop

The Bishop (cann. 314 et seq.) accompanies the Confraternities in the most significant moments, directly and/or through the appointment of his own Delegate for the Confraternities:

erects / extinguishes the Brotherhood

approves the Statutes (ius proprio of the C.J.C. /CCEO Body)

authorizes processions

authorizes elections for the renewal of the Bodies

supervises the administration of the Confraternities subject to him (annual sending of reports and inventories to the Curia or replacement of the administrator in case of negligence, can. 1276 and 1279).

**Sollemnis
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Concordat between the Holy See and the Republic of
Poland

stipulated in Warsaw on 28 July 1993

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Article 4

- 2. The Republic of Poland also recognizes the juridical personality of all ecclesiastical, territorial and personal institutions, which have such personality in conformity with the norms of canon law. The ecclesiastical authority duly notifies the competent bodies of the State.
- 3. At the request of the ecclesiastical authority, other ecclesiastical bodies may obtain legal personality under Polish law

The Confederation of Brotherhoods of the Dioceses of Italy

In 2000, the Italian Episcopal Conference (C.E.I.) erected

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public canonical juridical person (cann. 298, 301 and 312-320 C.J.C.)

established among the Confraternities canonically recognized in the Dioceses of Italy
persona giuridica canonica pubblica (cann. 298, 301 e 312-320 C.J.C.)

- The Confederation counts well over 3,000 Brotherhoods among its members and, for about 20 years now, it has represented a point of reference for the Sodalities, also with regard to important projects launched.

Institutional activities of the Confederation

The **Confederation of the Confraternities of the Dioceses of Italy**, by statutory mandate, deals with

- coordinate and accompany the registered Brotherhoods in carrying out common activities (art. 2 Statute).
- organize Catechesis / Training
- organize, in agreement with the host Dioceses, of both Regional Paths and National Paths on an annual or biennial basis -
- organize Information (own means of communication TRADERE periodical, website with publications and subsidies, Facebook page).
- support in the conservation of cultural and archival assets of which many Confraternities have been custodians for centuries

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The Confederation of the Confraternities of the Dioceses of Italy also supports the Confraternities through its own internal commissions:

- Young Brothers of Italy Commission to support young brothers
- Legal Commission, on specific topics of interest to our associations such as Statutes and Regulations, Privacy, Cemetery niches, Third sector, etc..

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The purpose of the Confederation is not to overlap with the Dioceses or Bishops,

But say



Activate a virtuous process of homogenization of the rules and behaviors of the Friars and Confraternities in collaboration with the Offices of the Curias and the Diocesan Centres/Offices.

Activities of the Confederation 2023 - 2024

“ICONA Pilgrimage”

Pilgrimage among the Confraternities of Italy of the Marian Icon which depicts "Mary Mother of Hope and of the Confraternities" to rediscover the importance of prayer, belonging, the values of sharing and brotherhood, of works of charity, with the intention to deliver the Icon and the prayer intentions collected to the Pope on the occasion of the 2025 Jubilee.

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“Training construction site - towards the Jubilee 2025” project

- spiritual and administrative training aimed at the Confraternities, calibrated according to the recipients, in order to accommodate their specific requests
- activation of training sessions on the role and tasks of the Brotherhood and the Brothers

VI Pan-European Forum

Jubilee of the Brotherhoods 2025

May 15, 2025

Rome – VI Pan-European Forum

May 16/17/18, 2025

Rome - Celebration of the "Jubilee 2025"

The Confederation is taking action to raise awareness of participation among the registered Brotherhoods

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THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

AND

SEE YOU IN ROME IN 2025