



Fr. Krzysztof Gierat, CMF, of the Polish Province of the Claretian Missionaries (Congregation of Missionaries, Sons of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary), has been serving in the *Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life* since April of 2019.

Fr. Gierat's main responsibility is to review and evaluate the constitutions of religious congregations which have been submitted for the dicastery's approval.

Fr. Krzysztof was born in Dębiny, Województwo kujawsko-pomorskie, Poland in 1965. He made his First Profession as a Claretian on September 8, 1985, in Jelenia Góra and his Final Profession in Wrocław on the same date in 1989. He was ordained a priest on May 18, 1991, in Wrocław. He earned his Doctorate in Canon Law at the Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski in 1999. During the Provincial Chapter of Poland in 2004, he was elected Provincial Superior and served for two terms (2004 – 2010 and 2010 – 2016).

Fr. Krzysztof has been assisting the Constitutions Ad Hoc Committee since September of 2021. His role is to give advice regarding the work of updating our Constitutions and to suggest the best ways to present proposed changes to the Chapter delegates, so the Chapter work goes as smoothly as possible. He especially turns his attention to intended changes that might not be accepted by the dicastery after the Chapter in order to avoid delay in their approval.