

**ZOOM meeting with Dr. Vittorio Scelzo,
Director of the Office for the Elderly and Children
on July 31, 2024**

During his meeting with Jaime Tamarit in Rome last June, Dr. Scelzo had expressed the wish to meet Monique Ptak, the new president of VMI.

A Zoom meeting took place on July 31 between him, Monique and Jaime.

During the meeting, the President introduced herself. She recalled the collaboration started with the Dicastery since the international meeting in Santo Domingo in 2018 and the Congress in Rome in 2020 and which continued this year (invitations to online webinars, invitation to the meeting of movement moderators in Rome). She developed the areas of work planned by the Executive Committee for the coming months and she insisted on her desire to bring the Committee closer to the movements and its leaders through contacts that are now more frequent than the major statutory meetings, in order to better involve them in our work. She gave some examples to study: travel in Europe, frequent Zoom meetings especially with the most distant countries, sharing of experiences to be encouraged...

Dr. Scelzo was very sensitive to the above and recognizing the singularities of our association and the challenges that face us:

- **Spiritually accompanying several generations of elderly people in movements that are very far apart geographically from each other with very different histories and specificities**
- **Announcing the gospel to younger generations of seniors, much more individualistic, who have moved away from the Church in secularized societies**
- **Working intergenerationally**
- **Restoring vitality and changing our operating approaches in an environment that has changed a lot since the pandemic**
- **Reflecting on the transmission of responsibilities in our movements, being ourselves generations of elderly people who must pass the baton to perpetuate the association.**

He advised us to work on finding the "keypoints" that make and will make the unity of our association and that go hand in hand with our research to explain to our members the meaning of belonging to VMI.

Dr. Vittorio Scelzo confirmed his support, his listening and his availability to answer all our requests.