



TENDING THE VINEYARD

Stewardship of Religious Property

Educational Sessions for Strategic Property Planning

SESSION 5

General Procedures for Alienation of Real Property (Stable Patrimony)¹

1. Prior approval from the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL) is required when the net value of real property (stable patrimony) for which the request for alienation is made exceeds the following limits²:
 - a. \$5,705,000 for (Arch)dioceses with fewer than 500,000 Catholics
 - b. \$11,408,000 for (Arch)dioceses with more than 500,000 Catholics
2. Two valuations of property must accompany the request to CICLSAL for approval. Valuations can be in the form of an appraisal, tax value or value booked on the most recent audit.
3. CICLSAL imposes a tax on the actual purchase price of real property (stable patrimony) alienated. The tax as of 2007 was 0.1%, payable in euros and in person.
4. The supreme moderator of the religious institute/society must submit a letter to CICLSAL that includes prescribed items, including:
 - a. Specific information describing and in support of the request for alienation,
 - b. The results of votes of the provincial and general councils as applicable,
 - c. Two valuations of the property, and
 - d. The opinion of the bishop in whose diocese the property is located.

¹ Adapted from "Procedures and Documents for Canonical and Civil Administration in Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life," Lynn Jarrell, OSU and Dan Ward, OSB, August 2007

² Per June 3, 2015 Letter from the CICLSAL Prefect to conference of religious in the US

