

## COLLABORATION

“In the Church the charism of Magdalene has been lived, right from the beginning, according to the statutes of religious/consecrated life, taking on the traditional form of the profession of chastity, poverty and obedience, according to the specific spirit and nature of the fraternal apostolic community. The charism is also open to the participation of the laity, according to different modalities, which the practical experiences and documents of the Institute have sought to implement and clearly express. In the different ways of participating in the charism, we recognize its ecclesial character (which cannot be exclusively appropriated by anyone) and the priority of its aims and purposes regarding its application. We need, however, to give proper attention to those who identify themselves with the charism because they have assumed, according to their state of life, styles of daily living which nurture and keep the charism alive. In this way, the charism contributes towards the vitality of the Church and helps it to be sensitive to all the nuances of the Gospel.”

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