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LCWR, CDF have 'open' meeting

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Today in Rome, the president and executive director of the LCWR met with the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Holy See?s delegate for the doctrinal assessment of the LCWR. The LCWR called the meeting "open" and direct. Following is the LCWR's statement.

A statement from the Vatican Press Office is here: **Vatican: CDF, LCWR have open, cordial meeting** [1]

> **Statement of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious Regarding Meeting with CDF**
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> [Silver Spring, MD] On June 12, LCWR president Sister Pat Farrell, OSF and executive director Sister Janet Mock, CSJ, met with Cardinal William Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), and Archbishop Peter Sartain. The meeting had been requested by the LCWR to address what the conference considered deficiencies in the process and the results of the doctrinal assessment of the organization released by the CDF in April.
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> ?It was an open meeting and we were able to directly express our concerns to Cardinal Levada and Archbishop Sartain,? said Sister Pat Farrell.
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> Sister Pat and Sister Janet will now return to the United States to discuss the meeting later this week with the LCWR board. As previously stated, the conference will gather its members in regional meetings and in its August assembly to determine its course of action in response to the CDF assessment.
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> No interviews will be given at this time.

Catholic News Service reported that Franciscan Sister Pat Farrell, LCWR president, spoke with journalists immediately after the meeting.

"We are grateful for the opportunity for open dialogue, and now we will return to our members to see about the next step" and decide how to proceed in light of discussions with the doctrinal office, Farrell said.

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