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LCWR: If 'forced to compromise,' we will reconsider discussion

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Update: The full story has just been posted: **LCWR will continue dialogue, but not compromise mission** [1]

At the end of its annual assembly Friday in St. Louis, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious said it will proceed with discussion with the Vatican "for as long as possible" but will reconsider if the sisters are "forced to compromise the integrity of [their] mission."

About 900 representatives of the Catholic sisters have been in St. Louis since Tuesday for the assembly, considering the future of the organization after a Vatican rebuke in April that calls for LCWR to reform and place itself under the authority of three U.S. bishops.

NCR staff writer Joshua J. McElwee is covering the event, and we'll have a full story on the announcement, which was made at 2:45 p.m. Central time, a little later in the day.

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