



Prot. 15/2025

DECREE APPROVING THE "PROTOCOL OF THE PUBLIC ASSOCIATION OF THE FAITHFUL *MILITIA OF THE IMMACULATA* FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS AND VULNERABLE PERSONS, AS WELL AS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND THE REPORTING OF ABUSE"

I, Miquel Bordas Prószyński,

International President of the Militia of the Immaculata

Having regard to the provisions of canons 312–320 of the Code of Canon Law;

In consideration of that the Public Association of the Faithful "Militia of the Immaculata", erected by the Pontifical Council for the Laity on 16 October 1997, has the obligation to guarantee safe environments and absolute respect for the dignity of every person, in accordance with the canonical and civil legislation in force; being determined the Association to promote and ensure a culture of guardianship within the Association, and to form the members of the Association in chastity, respect and prudence in relations with all, but especially in relation to minors and vulnerable persons;

*In consideration of that the motu proprio *Vos estis lux mundi*, promulgated by Pope Francis on 25 March 2023, amending and updating the Apostolic Letter of the same title, dated 7 May 2019 on specific measures for the protection of legally comparable minors and adults, is applicable to moderators of international associations of the faithful;*

In consideration of that our Association was requested by the Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life (prot. 2022/15, of 21 January 2022), to provide updated information on the situation in our Association on the rules and procedures for reporting abuse, aimed at protecting minors and vulnerable persons, either with respect to our internal life, or in relation to our apostolate;

In consideration of that the National Centres of our Association were asked to provide information on the measures taken for the protection of minors and vulnerable persons in the internal life and apostolate activities of the Association (Protocol 1/2022 of 30 March 2022);



In consideration of that the Presidential Council, at its meeting on 23 May 2025, favourably examined the text submitted by the International President of the Protocol for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons, as well as for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Reporting of Abuse;

by virtue of the faculties conferred on me by the General Statutes of the Association and canon law, **I DECREE:**

FIRST.- The document entitled "*Protocol of the Public Association of the Faithful Militia of the Immaculata for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons, as well as for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Reporting of Abuse*", which constitutes an **Annex** to this Decree, is officially approved.

SECOND.- This Protocol will be mandatory for all members, assistants, employees, collaborators and volunteers of the Association. It shall be implemented by the International Centre and by each National Centre. The International Presidency of the M.I. shall be duly reported on its implementation, all in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Protocol **by July 15, 2026**. This is without prejudice to the fact that, since the approval of this Decree, any complaints provided for in the Protocol may be sent by email to protezione.minori@mi-international.org or by post to Centro Internazionale della Milizia dell'Immacolata, Via San Teodoro 42, 00486 Rome, Italy.

THIRD.- The present Decree and the annexed Protocol shall be sent to the Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life for his consideration, and shall be kept in the official archives of the Association.

Given in Rome, on 15 July 2025, the Liturgical Memorial of Saint Bonaventure.

Miquel Bordas Prószyński
International President