Secular Institutes

Using the student book, work with your group to answer the following questions. You will be asked to share at least one of your responses with the class.

1. Write the definition of a secular institute in your own words.

2. What are some of the ways in which members of secular institutes live the evangelical counsels of poverty, celibacy, and obedience?

3. What is the role of the "moderator" in secular institutes?

4. Compare and contrast secular institutes with Third Orders and associates of religious orders or congregations (see article 39, "Religious Life").

5. Briefly outline the history of secular institutes.

6. In your opinion, what are the modern needs of the Church and the world to which secular institutes can respond?