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Women, Crisis and Resilience

Thank you so much Maria Lia, Lavinia. Congratulations on the Observatory! On behalf of the International Network of Catholic Women we are much honored to have been invited to this enriching and enlightening ecumenical and interreligious webinar with profound insights shared by all the distinguished speakers who preceded me.

Our International Network of Catholic Women was created more than a year ago coming together from all over the world... like we are doing today! In order “to strengthen bonds of fraternal friendship, to work for peace, solidarity and prosperity in the world”. As stated in our [Manifesto](#) on March 8th, 2021.

RESILIENCE speaks loud to us as we believe and defend the transcendence of the contributions of women in the search of creative and innovative solutions to the problems of our time.

RESILIENCE, as a unique and special gift from God to women, is a gift not only for the family, but also for society and the Church.

RESILIENCE leads every woman to give herself selflessly, to give herself to others and to be that social force that follows in the footsteps of all those women who have preceded us contributing to transform history.

RESILIENCE can have a twofold effect: on one hand it empowers women and as a result women go

beyond bouncing back and survival: they are transformed, reinforcing thus these strongholds of values and traditions women carry becoming a covenant for future generations.

On the other hand though, RESILIENCE can also make women more prone to ongoing unjust discrimination and violence. Women should not be called to suffer injustice of any kind. Relentless inequity damages the social fabric, leaving individuals and whole communities vulnerable. Resilience should not take us, women into hiding these sufferings. Peace of the world can only be achieved by starting with every woman's heart being at peace.

Lastly but most importantly RESILIENCE allows us women to live the JOY of the gospel, becoming a bright beacon of hope for the whole world.

Thank you! And God bless you all!

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