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following the Second Vatican Council have seemingly left only two categories: the communities of nuns, whose central role has been described as contemplative, and those communities whose objectives, as well as the spiritual end of all religious institutes, contain a central commitment to external works.

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