

The journey
forward—
hearing
God's call



NRVC
National Religious
Vocation Conference

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear NRVC members, friends, and benefactors,

POPE FRANCIS, during one of his Wednesday audiences in September 2021, spoke of his apostolic journey in Budapest and Slovakia, summarizing it as follows: “It was a pilgrimage of prayer, a pilgrimage to the roots, a pilgrimage of hope.”

Our NRVC journey follows a similar pilgrimage of prayer, roots, and hope. As I reflect upon this past year as NRVC National Board Chair, I have witnessed the abundant hope, energy, and spirit of our members at all of our gatherings, but particularly at our biennial Convocation held in Spokane, WA. We came together to celebrate, learn, pray, and encourage one another in our ministry to be ambassadors of vocations to religious life.

Though we honor our roots, we are an organization that is continually evolving. We do not dwell in the past. Our mission is to be catalysts for the full flourishing of religious life. That mission—and our vision to set the world ablaze with the fire of God’s love—guided NRVC staff, board, and members at every meeting, workshop, and gathering. We prayed with this vision and we worked with the passion this mission evokes in each of us. The NRVC’s 2022 journey saw us bring into focus several key areas:

Commitment to membership

- We welcomed Sister Dina Bato, S.P. as Director of Membership to replace Sister Charlene Herinckx, S.S.M.O.
- We devoted time, energy, workshops, talks, presentations, and webinars to the spirit of collaboration and cultivation of relationships with national organizations focused on youth and young adults as well as the many organizations within religious life.

Commitment to diversity and belonging

- Enhanced by our diverse culture we felt the call toward new approaches to expressing our commitment to dignity, justice, and belonging.
- Our desire to model what we wish to encourage in others has led us to employ the Intercultural Development Inventory and brought renewed urgency

to the solidification of the Incorporating Cultural Diversity in Religious Life Committee to further diversity in religious life.

- The board welcomed a revitalized passion of the African American Vocation Committee, who reaffirmed that interculturality and forward-thinking are key aspects of NRVC; that no one should be an afterthought; that our concern must be for who needs to be included at the table; and to act in a spirit of invitation.
- NRVC updated the Code of Ethics and Curriculum for Vocation Directors and received a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation for Embracing Intercultural Humility.
- The NRVC Board continues to be accountable to our membership. We encourage and invite participation of each member in our mission, vision, and purpose, so that we may adequately reflect the whole and shape our future together.

Commitment to our generous supporters

- NRVC is grateful for the financial support of benefactors, including members, leaders, and foundations, who support the Misericordia Scholarship Fund and Leadership Appeal, Convocation and workshops, and programs, resources, and publications.
- We thank the Board and staff for their personal dedication, integrity, and creative input. As a membership organization NRVC is always moving, growing, and changing!
- Finally, we are grateful to each one of you, members and friends of the NRVC, for sharing the gift of yourself. We see great hope in our present and future because of you!

God calls us from the future, waiting for us. Let us continue our journey: in prayer, in rootedness in our vocations, and in hope—always in hope. Let us continue to dream and move



forward as pilgrims and pioneers do—breaking new ground, taking risks, and believing that God will lead and guide.

Sister Mindy Welding, I.H.M.
Outgoing NRVC Board Chair



THE NRVC STAFF WORKS HARD to hone its executive function. While we are all directors with specific duties and areas of expertise, which keep the NRVC humming, we are also responsible for the overall vitality of the organization.

The team model adopted in 2019 requires that each team leader step back from his or her respective day-to-day responsibilities and tend to the interconnectedness of the parts. As leaders we are charged with ensuring that the NRVC not only remains effective and responsive to our members but continues to seek opportunities to connect with other organizations all in an effort to fulfill our mission. The NRVC staff keeps the important task of being “leaderful” front and center through operational and visioning meetings.

Operational meetings

The NRVC team has monthly operational meetings where directors report on their respective duties and devote time for discussion and asking the hard questions any CEO would ask of its leaders. It is imperative that our team interactions be constructive and transparent. Our culture as a team, what we value, our level of comfort with risk, and our ability to face conflict are among the factors we grapple with so that we can hold one another and ourselves accountable as directors and leaders.

Additionally, we regularly ask ourselves, is the executive function present at our meetings? In the end the individual director reports must come together as a whole and reflect the NRVC and its mission.

Visioning meetings

Built into the team model are quarterly visioning/strategic meetings where the team spends a half day reviewing the four pillars of our model: mission driven, leaderful, accountable, and member focused. The days are packed full with making sure we don’t mistake the map for the territory, asking ourselves to look at what we need to “quit” to allow for innovation, and embracing our differences as strengths in the larger framework.

The various works of Amy Herman, Annie Duke, and Tony Hsieh were among the business writings that influenced our 2022 meetings. We challenged one another, delved into the difficult issue of succession planning, conducted 360 performance evaluations, and made executive decisions that affected the organization in large and small ways.

Team leaders are committed to being proactive and having clear decision-making processes that align with the NRVC’s mission to provide outstanding service to every member and serve the wider church in supporting vocation ministry and promoting vocations to religious life.

During one of its Visioning meetings, NRVC team leaders discussed the Ted Talk “Can Art Amend History?” by artist Titus Kaphus, in which art is used to emphasize the need to know history and wrestle with the past “while speaking to the diversity of the present.” (https://www.ted.com/talks/titus_kaphar_can_art_amend_history)



GOD CALLS US BY NAME, not by number. Hearing God's call is a lifelong pursuit of being attentive to the voice of God. Sometimes, in an age of fast-paced schedules and instant technology, we can forget the sound of God's timeless voice. As vocation ministers, before we meet inquirers and discerners, we need to pause to hear God continuously calling our own name in a gentle whisper. In all of our principle duties and responsibilities, it is assuring to recognize that our vocation is not a once-in-a-lifetime call, because God's call is endless.

At the NRVC, we specialize in vocation ministry with the confident humility that God continues to call women and men throughout their lives. Vocation ministry is a ministry of active listening. Just as ministers who dedicate their lives to ending generational hunger, poverty, and illiteracy, without counting and measuring success, we are also called to accompany women and men who seek a deeper relationship with God, to live the Gospel values, and look to vocation ministers to provide discernment on how to respond to God's call. Vocation ministry continues to evolve with each generation because our culture, world, and Church continue to change.

Building relationships, keeping connections

The biggest challenge in vocation ministry is remaining hopeful, positive, and professional, particularly in a North American culture that measures success in numbers, values competitiveness, and equates accumulation with happiness. Building relationships with all those who support vocation ministry is one of the primary roles of mission integration. To increase NRVC visibility and advocate for vocation directors, we focused on having a presence at annual events and meetings of partner organizations who support vocations and religious life. Conference exhibits provide the space to showcase resources and meet with leaders, current and former members, and potential stakeholders.

Religious life fills me with great hope because while communities are certainly undergoing challenges, there is something new emerging. . . . It brings me much joy to be part of this journey, helping to birth the next stage of religious life.

—SISTER CECILIA ASHTON, O.C.D., from "Call to religious life: newer entrants' stories," Religious Life Today webinar series

Places we've been in 2022

- A Nun's Life Ministry, Let's Talk about it, Asking the questions, living into the answers, webinar
- Asociación de Hermanas Latinas Misioneras en America Assembly
- Brothers Think Tank
- Communicators for Women Religious Conference, Uniting for the Heart of Mission
- Conference of Major Superiors of Men Assembly, One in the Mission of Christ: Co-Responsibility in Religious Leadership
- Conference of Major Superiors of Women Religious Assembly, Living a Eucharistic Life
- Leadership Conference for Women Religious Assembly, Mystical Wisdom: Following Spirit's Beckoning, with Sisters Marichui Bringas, CCVI, Nicole Trahan, F.M.I., and Mary Yun, O.P.
- National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors Conference
- National Conference of Vicars for Religious Conference, Mutuality and Communion
- NRVC Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors presented in Rome for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and in Ireland for Vocations Ireland
- Religious Brothers Day, virtual celebration with CMSM, RBC, and RFC
- Religious Brothers Conference, Religious Life Going Forward.
- Resource Center for Religious Institutes Conference, A Synodal Church: Together in Service to the Church.
- USCCB, Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations annual meeting, Multicultural Vocations in the Church. Archbishop Charles Thompson served as the NRVC episcopal liaison until December 2022, when Bishop Earl Boyea, USCCB-CCLV Chairman, appointed Bishop Austin Vetter as the NRVC episcopal liaison.
- USCCB V Encuentro Ministerial Vocation Video Series
- Vocations Ireland Conference Keynote Address, Unwavering Hope amid Changing Demographics

Inviting engagement, creating access

The NRVC is a recognized leader for its intercultural approach to education and ongoing formation through our highly respected services and resources. The NRVC is best known for professional development and best practices to animate the elements of vocation ministry: invitation, accompaniment, and assessment. We foster an intercultural approach to vocation ministry in a spirit of collaboration, joy, and hope through workshops, webinars, resources, and documents to provide a framework for professional conduct.

Moving forward

The Spirit is never stifled. The entire Church and world are

living amid fierce realities while God is still calling women and men to holiness. This enduring call from God is what gives me hope for the future of religious life, and joy in living vowed communal life today. The NRVC mission boldly widens dominant narratives to include newer entrants, vocation discerners, and future generations. Perhaps because the NRVC mission focuses on moving forward in hope, we can more easily face challenges together by modeling solutions through a lens of possibilities. Let us continue



to pray for the grace to encourage one another to hear and respond to God's call with unwavering hope.

Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M.
Director of Mission Integration

Selection of our 2022 workshops, services, and resources

- Completed a \$200,000 "From Innovation to Impact" grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to build the capacity of NRVC and create sustainable solutions. The grant focused on expanding our membership and donor base, creating a framework for the organization's non-hierarchical leadership model, and extending the NRVC network by providing 140 Convocation and workshop scholarships. It also helped expand our growing relationships with Association of Latin American Missionary Sisters, Giving Voice, National Black Sisters Conference, National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors (Canada), National Conference of Vicars for Religious, and Vocations Ireland.

- Created a digital NRVC Member Guidebook to make essential documents easily accessible.

- Updated a board-amended NRVC Code of Ethics for Vocation Ministers and NRVC Curriculum for Vocation Ministry.

- Provided feedback to the draft of the USCCB Pastoral Framework for Youth and Young Adults.

- Participated in the Ministry Training Source *Study of Pastoral Leaders Serving Young Catholics: Examining Network Vulnerability Amidst a Web of Ministries*. NRVC offers special thanks to Sister Tracy Kemme, S.C., Brother Peter Lamick, C.S.V.,

and Brother Rafael Vargas, S.D.B. for their assistance in this project.

- Included four virtual workshops in 2022 Summer Institute offerings to serve 107 participants from the United States, Canada, Grenada, Ireland, and Trinidad and Tobago.

- Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors, presented by Brother Joseph Bach, O.S.F., Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M., Brother John Eustice, C.S.V., and Father Adam MacDonald, S.V.D.

- Ethical Issues in Vocation and Formation Ministry, presented by Rev. Raymond P. Carey

- Behavioral Assessment 1, presented by Rev. Raymond P. Carey

- Learning to Cooperate with Grace through the Inner Work of Transformation, presented by Mr. Ted Dunn

- Published a "Responsibilities of Community Members for Vocation Ministry" handout, along with an "Abundant Hope" handout and prayer card as part of our continued amplification of the 2020 NRVC/CARA *Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life*.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

In my role as director of membership, I work to ensure that members' concerns are heard and needs are being met in terms of onboarding and accessing the many services and resources NRVC provides. I strive to be a welcoming presence to all new and returning NRVC members and visitors. I'm here to connect you with other NRVC members, encourage participation and engagement in our various events, and steer you to resources available to help you promote religious vocations.

The NRVC continued our ongoing efforts to amplify the results of the *2020 Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life* with four more videos in the six-video webinar series, *Religious Life Today: Learn It! Love It! Live It!*, made possible by a generous grant from the GHR Foundation.

Religious Life Today webinar series

The full line up of videos can be accessed at <https://nrvc.net/webinars>:

- Webinar 1: "Fundamentals from call to charism to community living," featuring Sister Julie Vieira, I.H.M., Sister Katia Chavez, S.J.S., Brother Kyle Mena, F.S.C., and Father Luis Romero, C.M.
- Webinar 2: "Using all avenues to support vocation ministry," featuring Sister Donna Del Santo, S.S.J., and Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.
- Webinar 3: "Creating a collaborative environment," featuring Bishop Gary Janak, Sister Ana Cecilia Montalvo, F.Sp.S., Ana Bojorquez, and Father Guillermo Hernandez
- Webinar 4: "Wellsprings of support for vocations," featuring Sister Susan Kidd, CND, and Craig Gould
- Webinar 5: "Addressing parental concerns: wisdom and advice," featuring Brother Luis Ramos, F.M.S., Sister Grace Marie Del Priore C.S.S.F, Lori Williams, and Kevin Cummings
- Webinar 6: "Call to religious life: newer entrants' stories," featuring Sister Cecilia Ashton, O.C.D., Nate Tinner-Williams, pre-novitiate candidate Josephites, Sister Limétèze Pierre-Gilles, SSND, Brother Rafael Vargas, S.B.D., and Sister Thanh Pham, S.S.M.O.

Convocation

2022 was also a Convocation year, which always offers opportunities for fruitful engagement between members, board, and staff. Nearly 200 people joined us in the great Pacific Northwest. (See full Convocation report on p. 12.)

Membership counts

NRVC membership remains strong. One highlight of 2022 was receiving more than a dozen new institutes as members. Our sustained outreach efforts are bearing fruit.

2022 Membership

842	License members
132	Single members
37	Collaborators & staff
7	Lifetime members
1,018	Total
280	Institutes
30	Organizations
8	Dioceses
2	Foundations
23	Countries represented
670	Sisters
196	Priests & Deacons
78	Brothers
74	Laypeople
1,018	Total



We are sincerely grateful for the opportunity to serve members in the vital ministry they provide the Church and the world.

Sister Dina Bato, S.P.
Director of Membership

We are not in competition with each other; we work together to assist the men and women who are being called to serve as ordained or consecrated leaders. The need for this type of collaboration has been heightened even more by Pope Francis in his call for us to be a synodal Church, seeking to listen more effectively to the Holy Spirit and to listen more effectively to one another.

—BISHOP GARY JANAK, from "Creating a Collaborative Environment," Religious Life Today webinar series



THE NATIONAL BOARD allocated funds in 2022 to strengthen infrastructure, namely the database and website. This was an ambitious decision that allows the NRVC to meet the future needs of the organization.

The NRVC database

Databases can be like Procrustean beds—rigid and unfor- giving with database fields that do not exactly accommo- date the data that needs to be captured or the nuances of an organization. Information ends up being abbreviated or the housed in fields meant for other types of data. Use- ful data thus becomes difficult to access and the ability to draw conclusions or connect the dots is lost.

Much of 2022 was spent writing a treatise for ideaPort, our web design programming consultant, as to how the database currently works and then rewriting the document to convey how it should work and why we capture the data we do. Knowing the what and the why will help ideaPort create a customized solution to meet our specific data needs. The new database will house not only the member data, but help us track engagement with HORIZON writ- ers, our many collaborators and other partnering organi- zations. Consolidating our data will strengthen and hold the team leadership model accountable and enhance the NRVC's ability to rapidly respond to the changing land- scape of vocation ministry.

The NRVC website

Websites, while much more adaptable than databases, can be a bit unwieldy. We are constantly adding articles, info- graphics, findings from studies, and tips and ideas for voca- tion promotion. Additionally, we strive to be a resource for those who are interested in understanding and promoting vocations to religious life. Compounding the challenge of organizing the vast amount of knowledge on the NRVC website is the need to keep pace with the advances in technology. Maintaining the website is a bit of a Sisyphus challenge. Our goal is to update both the content and website framework to allow for the continued growth and functionality of the NRVC website and at the same time streamline the on-going maintenance needs. In addition,

we are always trying to maximize the user experience by tracking engage- ments. All of this work is done to benefit our NRVC members.



Marge Argyelan
Director of Database Administration

New feature in the NRVC store

In 2022 we moved payment of NRVC workshops and Convocation from a third-party platform to the NRVC store. This change saved the NRVC money and gave members much easier access to their account profiles and all the information regarding resource purchases, workshops, and Convocation attendance.

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My Orders

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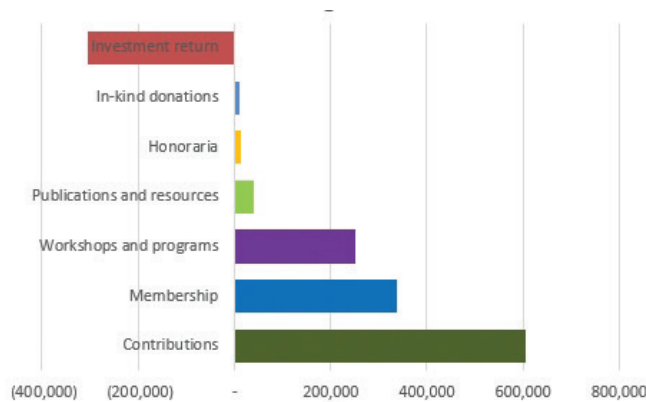
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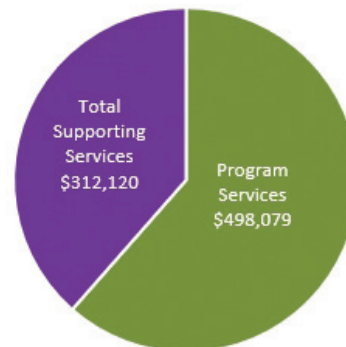
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2022 Revenues



2022 Expenses


Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets
YEARS ENDED DEC. 31, 2022 & DEC. 31, 2021

FINANCES						
NRVC Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021						
	2022			2021		
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES						
Membership	\$ 339,202	\$ -	\$ 339,202	\$ 345,900	\$ -	\$ 345,900
Workshops and programs	251,484	-	251,484	114,910	-	114,910
In-kind donations	9,689	-	9,689	4,342	-	4,342
Publications and resources	40,988	-	40,988	43,801	-	43,801
Investment return, net	(305,139)	-	(305,139)	239,177	-	239,177
Honoraria	14,072	-	14,072	16,700	-	16,700
Contributions	584,860	21,680	606,540	135,223	22,209	157,432
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total public support and revenues	935,156	21,680	956,836	900,053	22,209	922,262
Net assets released from restrictions	23,601	(23,601)	-	27,737	(27,737)	-
Total public support, revenues, transfers	958,757	(1,921)	956,836	927,790	(5,528)	922,262
EXPENSES						
Program services	498,079	-	498,079	326,272	-	326,272
Supporting services						
Management and general	225,721	-	225,721	197,862	-	197,862
Fundraising	86,399	-	86,399	68,101	-	68,101
Cost of goods sold	-	-	-	2,806	-	2,806
Total supporting services	312,120	-	312,120	268,769	-	268,769
Total expenses	810,199	-	810,199	595,041	-	595,041
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	148,558	(1,921)	146,637	332,749	(5,528)	327,221
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,878,815	44,961	1,923,776	1,546,066	50,489	1,596,555
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,027,373	\$ 43,040	\$2,070,413	\$1,878,815	\$ 44,961	\$1,923,776

THE 2022 FINANCIAL REVIEW was performed by Gray Hunter Stenn LLP. The firm prepared and presented their report with 2021 financial results reviewed by Sikich LLP. As did Sikich for 2021, Gray Hunter Stenn LLP issued a conclusion that they are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the NRVC's 2022 financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Investments

Investments under management with Christian Brothers Investment Services at 12/31/2022 were \$1,957,027, a slight decrease from the 12/31/2021 balance of \$1,971,384. While the downward market impacted NRVC investments negatively, we were blessed with an anonymous donation of \$500,000 which the National Board directed to open the NRVC endowment fund. Development efforts are under way to increase this endowment fund to \$2 million, at which point investment earnings can be drawn to support the operations of the NRVC. Cash flow remains strong even in a downward market.

Cash on hand

Cash held in local accounts at 12/31/2022 totaled \$662,673. The anonymous donation of \$500,000 was directed to be invested at a rate of \$41,667 for the 12-month period 6/22-5/23, thus \$208,333 sat in local savings at 12/31/2022. Additionally, a significant amount of cash represents proceeds received at year end from two generous grantors.

Restricted funds

While the work designated by two grants was completed in

2022, the GHR Foundation and Conrad N. Hilton Foundation entrusted new funds to the NRVC to support ongoing projects in 2023 and beyond. We are richly blessed by these organizations' faith in the NRVC to partner with them to achieve significant goals. Thanks to the goodness of NRVC members, donations to the Misericordia Scholarship Fund were \$21,680 in 2022; all of these funds were used to assist in partial payment of membership fees and registration for formation opportunities. When designated by donors as Misericordia Scholarships, these funds are restricted.

Income

Membership dues and income from workshops and programs continue to be the significant source of operating revenue for the NRVC, providing 80 percent of 2022 operating revenue. This represents strong member participation in workshops, programs, and Convocation 2022. General contributions along with operating revenue from grants provided 11 percent, publications and resources contributed 6 percent, and in-kind donations, honoraria, and miscellaneous revenue combined provided 3 percent.

Expenses

Expenses are distributed among program services, 61%, and supporting services, 39%, consisting of management and general, 28%, and fundraising, 11%.



Finally, the NRVC closed 2022 with total net assets of \$2,070,413, an increase of \$146,637 over 2021.

Maureen Cetera
Director of Finance
and Operations

I really see the [concept of] vocation as an opportunity to be a thread that weaves through all the different parts of young people's lives, helping to be a great connector to who they are and a great integrator into the different aspects of their lives. . . . Vocational language is the most flexible language possible.

—CRAIG GOULD, from "Wellsprings of Support for Vocations," Religious Life Today webinar series



When we speak of vocation then, it is not just about choosing this or that way of life, devoting one's life to a certain ministry or being attracted by the charism of a religious family, movement or ecclesial community. It is about making God's dream come true, the great vision of fraternity that Jesus cherished when he prayed to the Father "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Each vocation in the Church, and in a broader sense in society, contributes to a common objective: to celebrate among men and women that harmony of manifold gifts that can only be brought about by the Holy Spirit. Priests, consecrated men and women, lay faithful: let us journey and work together in bearing witness to the truth that one great human family united in love is no utopian vision, but the very purpose for which God created us.

—POPE FRANCIS

THESE POWERFUL WORDS by Pope Francis drive this year's theme for our Annual Report: A Journey Forward—Hearing God's Call

The NRVC continues to move forward and work toward this very purpose, and our success is driven by all who help promote vocations. Individuals, communities, and foundations have each contributed to help support our mission.

Our success is driven by a spirit of community among all who promote vocations and allow us to provide the programs and tools to invite women and men to consider religious life.

We are grateful to our members for their participation in our mission, to religious institutes for their support, to individual donors for their generosity, and, of course, to the GHR Foundation and Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, who encourage new initiatives for the long term benefit of the members, team leaders, National Board, and Member Area Coordinators. Thank you!

All contributions allow us to invite and provide the programs and tools for women and men to consider religious life. Religious sisters, brothers, and priests have a unique and essential role in salvation history. Their legacy of witness and service has been and continues to be an inspiration to every generation. We are thankful to all those who are able and willing to support us in our mission.

God continues to call each of us to learn, speak, act, and pray for the sake of humankind. NRVC is dedicated to listening to that call.



Phil Loftus
NRVC Director of Development

A selection of our many 2022 benefactors and sponsors



National Board

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 Sister Jean Marie Fernandez, R.G.S. ++
 Father Charles Johnson, O.P. ++
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 Sister Cheryl Wint, O.S.F. ++
 Sister Mary Yun, O.P.
 Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. *ex officio* *
 ++ ended Spring 2022
 *NRVC executive committee

Member Area Coordinators

The NRVC has 13 Member Areas designated to facilitate local networking, assistance, communication, and mentoring. The Member Area Coordinators gathered at the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in St. Louis, MO.

Sister Maria Amador, P.C.M. +
 Brother Joseph Bach, O.S.F.
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 Sister Monica Seaton, O.S.U.
 Sister Teresa Shields, S.N.J.M.
 Sister Stephanie Spandl, SSND +
 Sister Christine Still, O.S.F. +
 Sister Nancy Uhl, SNDdeN
 Sister Bridget Waldorf, SSND
 Sister Jennifer Zimmerman, S.N.D. ++
 + began term Summer 2022
 ++ ended term Summer 2022

Task Forces

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Keynote presentations and roundtable

- Father Ricky Manalo, C.S.P., Borders, Boundaries and Catholic Identity: Three Approaches to Vocation Ministry
- Father vanThanh Nguyen, S.V.D., Vocation in the Age of Migration: Equipping the Saints for Mission and Ministry
- Sister Barbara Reid, O.P. Here I am, Responding to the Call to Go Beyond
- Rewind the Future Roundtable Conversation with Sister Ana Dura, C.R., Sister Angela Gertsema, A.S.C.J., Sister Sarah Kohles, O.S.F., Sister Miriam Ukeritis, C.S.J., and recordings by Father Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A. and Father Patrick Winbush, O.S.B.

Pre-Convocation workshops

- Dynamic Communication Strategies, presented by Mrs. Nancy Costello, Mrs. Carol Schuck Scheiber, and Mr. Chris Swain.
- Inspirational Women in the Church: Lessons for the Heart, Mind, and Soul, presented by Ms. Anne Kertz Kernion.

- Vocation Ministry: A Call to be Light and Enlightenment, presented by Sister Lynn M. Levo, C.S.J.
- Vocation Promotion Insights, presented by Mr. Len Uhal with Sisters Marichui Bringas, CCVI, Nicole Trahan, F.M.I., and Mary Yun, O.P.

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The Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson, NRVC Episcopal Liaison, joined the following guests throughout Convocation: A Nun's Life Ministry, AHLMA, LCWR, National Black Sisters Conference, Religious Brothers Conference, Religious Formation Conference, and the Vietnamese Youth Movement. In its closing Mass, \$1,911 was collected from participants and donated to Transitions.

The National Board selected Mr. Miguel Naranjo, Religious Immigration Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. to receive the Harvest Award. Outstanding Recognition Awards were given to Sister Donna Del Santo, S.S.J., Sister Michele Fisher, C.S.F.N., Brother Chris Patiño, F.S.C., and Father Rocco Puopolo, s.x.

Mark your calendars for Convocation in Minneapolis, MN, October 31-November 3, 2024.

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The National Religious Vocation Conference

VISION STATEMENT The National Religious Vocation Conference has a vision to set the world ablaze with the fire of God's love through the prophetic, joyful witness of religious sisters, brothers, and priests as radical disciples of Jesus.

MISSION STATEMENT The National Religious Vocation Conference is a catalyst for vocation discernment and the full flourishing of religious life as sisters, brothers, and priests for the ongoing transformation of the world.

PURPOSE To accomplish its mission, the National Religious Vocation Conference, in collaboration with its members and strategic partners, provides professional development, advocacy, education, resources, and networking opportunities to support vocation ministry and religious life.

VALUES In presenting religious life as a viable, prophetic option that remains mystery and gift, the NRVC seeks to:

1. Provide professional development, best practices, and shared wisdom to animate the elements of vocation ministry: encounter, invitation, and accompaniment.
2. Foster a culture of vocations in a spirit of collaboration, joy, and hope to inspire and be inspired by the minds and hearts of the young church.
3. Celebrate the charism of each Catholic religious institute as part of the mission of Jesus.
4. Grow and nurture an intercultural approach to vocation ministry.

Strategic Goals 2019-2023

- Enhance collaborative efforts for engaging the culturally diverse young church in discerning and impacting the future of religious life.
- Provide leading-edge resources, formation, and research to advance the field of intercultural vocation ministry, assessment skills, and discernment to religious life.
- Increase the visibility and awareness of the NRVC in order to fulfill our mission.
- Create the organizational structure and financial model needed to sustain and grow the NRVC.



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