



**NRVC**  
National Religious  
Vocation Conference

**Designing  
models  
for a  
sustainable  
future**

**2019 Annual Report**





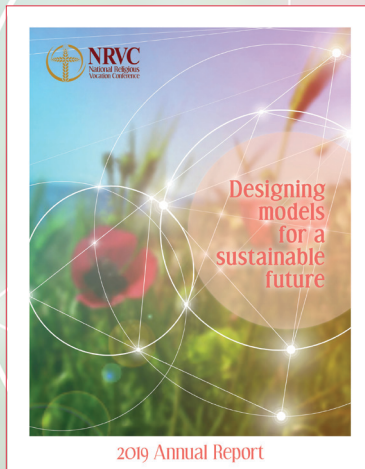
## Designing models for a sustainable future

Dear NRVC members, friends, and benefactors,

This past year can be summed up perfectly in the words of an African proverb: If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together. Together with our members, the NRVC board, the National Office, our key partners, and our collaborators, the NRVC made great strides in strengthening the leadership, communication, and finances of the organization, as well as providing the exceptional programming, publications, and resources that are the hallmark of the National Religious Vocation Conference. Here is a brief outline of much of what received our focused attention in 2019:



Sister Kristin Matthes, SNDdeN  
NRVC Board Chair



- Board restructuring & succession planning
- Design and adoption of the Team Leadership Model for the National Office
- Implementation of sustainable financial structures, including a standing Development Committee
- Design and launch of the 2020 Study research
- Expanded use of virtual technology for meetings and workshops, including participating in and co-hosting several webinars
- Improved member communication with the *Catalyst* blog
- Continued outreach and engagement, including participation at World Youth Day in Panama and NCYC.

As we move into our 32nd year, I want to thank all of you—our members, friends, and benefactors—for allowing us to journey with you. We have gone far together. Through your membership and generous support, we are confident that together we can continue the mission of the NRVC to set the world ablaze with the fire of God's love and see the full flourishing of religious life.

Peace,

Sister Kristin Matthes, SNDdeN  
NRVC Board Chair

# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES



## 1,018 MEMBERS

Total membership reflects:

831 License members  
147 Single members  
40 Collaborators & staff

289 Institutes  
38 Organizations  
9 Dioceses  
2 Foundations

659 Sisters  
205 Priests & deacons  
80 Brothers  
74 Laypeople

76 International members  
20 Countries represented\*

\* Australia, Bangladesh, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Peru, Philippines, Uganda, Vietnam, U.K., U.S.A, and Zambia

### Programs & Events

1250 Summer and Fall Institute participants

### Scholarships issued

36 Misericordia Scholarships

### Publications STATS & AWARDS

5,725 VISION Vocation Match 2019 unique discerner profiles completed

348 VISION participating institutes/orgs

5 Catholic Press Association Awards for HORIZON & VISION

### Resources 2019 TOP SELLERS

- *Hearing God's Call: 30 Days of Vocation Discernment*
- *Responding to God's Love* Spanish Booklet
- *I Hope You Come to Find* Prayer Card
- *Your One Wild and Precious Life* booklet
- *Vocation Vocabulary* Handbook

### Annual Grants & Contributions

\$12,721 without restrictions

\$31,760 with restrictions

WE CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED by the generosity of our members, their institutes, and all of our benefactors who see the good work being done by the NRVC and provide us with support. Here are some highlights from 2019.

## Commitment to professional development

### SUMMER AND FALL INSTITUTE

Nearly 250 participants from the U.S. as well as Bangladesh, Canada, France, Ghana, Guam, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, and the West Indies registered for the Summer and Fall Institutes, which included the following workshops:

- Art of Accompaniment and Discernment
- Behavioral Assessment I
- Behavioral Assessment II
- Communication Skills to Promote Vocations
- Due Diligence in Vocation Ministry
- Ethical Issues in Vocation and Formation Ministry
- Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors

Featured presenters included Brother Jonathan Beebe, C.S.C.; Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M.; Sister Mary Beth Bromer, C.S.S.F.; Father Raymond Carey, Ph.D.; Mr. Alex Cranstoun; Sister Thu Do, L.H.C.; Father Frank Donio, S.A.C.; Father Thomas Gaunt, S.J.; Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.; Father Adam MacDonald, S.V.D.; Ms. Charlotte McCorquodale, Ph.D.; Ms. Siobhán O'Neill Meluso; Brother Chris Patiño, F.S.C.; Sister Mary Rowell, C.S.J.; Ms. Carol S. Scheiber; Sister Judith A. Smith, R.S.M. Psy.D.; Sister Ann David Strohming, O.S.F.; and Mr. Len Uhal.

### WEBINARS

- The NRVC participated in a four-part series of webinars on *Synodality: Unpacking the Universal Church's Recent Work on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment,"* hosted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, the Southeast Pastoral Institute for Hispanic/Latino Ministry, the Catholic Apostolate Center, in collaboration with the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. co-presented the fourth session, "And Their Eyes Were Opened: Vocational Discernment."
- The NRVC collaborated with the Conference of Major Superiors of Men and the Religious Formation Conference on a webinar presented by Father John Tourangeau, O.Praem. on "Gospel Values and Essential Conversations: Confronting Abuses of Power in Religious Life."
- The NRVC enlarged its digital footprint by expanding its YouTube channel to 69 videos, including 18 keynote presentations from its biennial Convocations since 2008.





# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES

## Commitment to Research

With grant funding from the GHR Foundation, the NRVC embarked on a study of newer entrants from 2003 – 2018 with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). The first phase of the NRVC/CARA study involved a survey sent to 752 major superiors in the United States. The second phase included a survey sent to 3,092 identified newer entrants. The third phase concluded with focus groups of 112 participants in Minnesota, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Texas, and Missouri. The NRVC will release the findings of the study in February 2020.

The goals of the 2020 study are:

- To gather accurate data on newer entrants from 2003 to 2018 on what attracts and sustains membership in religious life in comparison to newer entrants from 1994-2009 in the 2009 NRVC/CARA study.
- To provide a clearer direction to vocation ministers and religious leadership of the challenges and opportunities of inviting the next generation to religious life.
- To identify the trends and best practices for the Church in promoting vocations to religious life in the United States as identified by this study.
- To energize the baptismal call of all members of the Catholic Church to choose a life path that enables them to live holy and joyful lives by integrating the best practices of vocational discernment that will be highlighted in the study.

In December, the GHR Foundation awarded a second grant to the NRVC to provide extensive data mining and visual display of the results of 2020 Study on Recent Vocations. With the goal of helping vocation directors in their ministry and using the most current story-mapping software, the NRVC will gather information on the newest entrants to religious life to create a vivid portrait of the characteristics, influences, and touch points that help shape the individual vocation journeys of men and women who chose to become Catholic religious sisters, brothers, and priests.

NRVC Director of Mission Integration, Sister Deborah Bornemen, SS.C.M. and MACs took part in the National Dialogue with youth and young adults.



The NRVC's VISION Vocation Network sponsored a booth at the Vocation Fair at the 2019 World Youth Day in Panama City.

## Commitment to Publications & Resources

The NRVC created several new resources, including three infographics for member use: Vocation Stats; Newer Entrants Characteristics; NRVC's Global Reach and bilingual banners on "Four steps to Vocation Discernment/Cuatro Pasos para el discernimiento vocacional" featured at the NRVC/VISION booth at World Youth Day in Panama and at NCYC. Other publishing highlights include:

- Launched *Catalyst* blog for members-only special updates.
- Improved youth outreach and engagement that led to increased traffic to [VocationNetwork.org](http://VocationNetwork.org) and 5,725 completed Vocation Match profiles from discerners, the highest number in 10 years!
- Participated in a number of high-profile media interviews: NRVC Director of Mission Integration Sister Deborah Bornemen, SS.C.M. provided vocation information to Fox News and VISION publisher Patrice Tuohy provided vocation



# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES



The NRVC organized the Inspiration Nook at the 2019 NCYC in Indianapolis where more than 30 religious institutes were present to greet the 20,000 teens, parents, and youth ministers in attendance.

and discerner information to *Huffington Post* for an article on millennial nuns, which garnered record-breaking traffic to [VocationNetwork.org](http://VocationNetwork.org), and *The Tamron Hall Show* for a segment on young Catholic sisters which featured women religious recommended by VISION: Sisters Desiré Anne-Marie Findlay, C.S.S.F., Boram Lee, F.M.A. and Elizabeth McGill, I.H.M. Patrice Tuohy and NRVC Director of Development Phil Loftus attended the live taping in New York.

- Five awards for journalistic excellence for VISION Vocation Network and HORIZON from the Catholic Press Association and Associated Church Press, including top awards for reporting: “See the Spirit in Sisters” and photo story: “Divine design: the holiness of place.”



## National Collaboration

### WORLD YOUTH DAY

NRVC Board Chair Sister Kristin Matthes, SNDdeN, Board Vice Chair Father Adam MacDonald, S.V.D., and VISION publisher Patrice Tuohy, participated in the World Youth Day Vocation Fair/ Feria Vocacional in Panama City along with many NRVC member institutes.

### CONFERENCE OF MAJOR SUPERIORS OF MEN

The NRVC serves on the CMSM Formation Committee, the Brothers Think Tank, and exhibits at the National CMSM Assembly.

### LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

#### OF MAJOR SUPERIORS OF WOMEN

The NRVC participated in the LCWR Emergent Planning Process, the LCWR Charette, and exhibits at the National LCWR Assembly.

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

NRVC collaborated with Religious Formation Conference, the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life, Communicators for Women Religious, and Giving Voice to offer an evening concert with Sara Thomsen through a mini grant from National Catholic Sisters Week. Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. presented at the “Profundo Encuentro” national discernment weekend for women ages 21-40, and she attended a NCSW luncheon at the University of St. Francis.

### NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

As a member of the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) planning committee, NRVC organized Inspiration Nook, a gathering space for 20,000 high-school teens, parents, and youth ministers to meet sisters, brothers, and priests from over 30 NRVC religious institutes. Brothers Mark Motz, S.M. and Luis Ramos, F.M.S led morning prayer in the Lucas Oil Stadium. Nearly 80 NRVC members representing 52 religious institutes participated in NCYC as volunteers and at exhibit booths.

### OTHER NATIONAL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

National office staff represented NRVC and the voice of those in vocation ministry at the following collaborative conferences:

- Catholics on Call Partners Conference
- Communicators for Women Religious
- Conference of Major Superiors of Men
- Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Sisters Initiative Convening
- De Mazenod Conference
- LA Religious Education Congress
- Leadership Conference for Women Religious
- MACC Entrelazando Culturas Advisory Committee



# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES



Some of the NRVC members, board, and staff in attendance at the 2019 LA Religious Education Congress.

## 2019 Board Committee assignments:

- **Board Succession Planning:** Sisters Gayle Lwanga Crumbley, R.G.S., Virginia Herbers, A.S.C.J., Priscilla Moreno, R.S.M., and Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M.
- **Communicating Hope:** Sisters Anna Marie Espinosa, I.W.B.S., Virginia Herbers, A.S.C.J., Anita Quigley, S.H.C.J., Mindy Welding, I.H.M., Mr. Phil Loftus, and Ms. Patrice Tuohy
- **Multicultural Committee:** Sisters Josita Colbert, SNDdeN, Gayle Lwanga Crumbley, R.G.S., Anna Marie Espinosa, I.W.B.S., Lisa Laguna, D.C., Priscilla Moreno, R.S.M., and Anita Quigley, S.H.C.J.
- **2020 NRVC/CARA Study:** Sisters Virginia Herbers, A.S.C.J., Lisa Laguna, D.C., Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., and Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M.
- **Organizational Models of Leadership:** Sisters Kristin Matthes, SNDdeN, Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., Anita Quigley, S.H.C.J., and Ms. Marge Argyelan

- National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors
- National Conference of Vicars for Religious
- National Council of Catholic Women
- National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry
- National Leader Network for the National Dialogue
- Religious Brothers Conference
- Religious Formation Conference
- Resource Center for Religious Institutes
- Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious at the Cushwa Center
- USCCB Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations
- USCCB Voice and Vision Summit of Ministries with Youth and Young Adults

## NRVC Board

Setting the direction for NRVC through its strategic planning, the National Board met April 1-4, in Chicago, IL; August 19 by ZOOM; and November 4-7 in Techny, IL. Professional leadership consultant, Sister Lynn Levo, C.S.J. facilitated the spring and fall meetings focusing on creating a strong board/staff relationship, essential characteristics of effective board membership, and possible roadblocks to innovation.

At the spring meeting, the Board created and approved a new team leadership model to advance the mission of NRVC. At its fall meeting, the Board approved new titles and job descriptions for the National Office staff.



2019 NRVC National Board, left to right: (top row) Mr. Len Uhal; Sister Gayle Lwanga Crumbley, R.G.S.; (second row) Father Adam MacDonald, S.V.D.; Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.; (third row) Sister Mindy Welding, I.H.M.; Sister Anita Quigley, S.H.C.J.; Sister Priscilla Moreno, R.S.M.; Sister Virginia Herbers, A.S.C.J.; Father Charles Johnson, O.P.; (bottom row) Sister Kristin Matthes, SNDdeN; Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.; Sister Anna Marie Espinosa, I.W.B.S.



# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES



- Outreach to Men's Communities: Fathers Charles Johnson, O.P. and Adam MacDonald, S.V.D., and Ms. Marge Argyelan
- Sustainable Financial Structure: Mr. Len Uhal, Father Adam MacDonald, S.V.D., Mrs. Maureen Cetera, and Mr. Phil Loftus

## National Office

In April 2019 after careful consideration, the NRVC board announced a Team Management Leadership model in lieu of their past model of executive director leadership. The NRVC Board researched various team models used by other organizations, learning the strengths and weaknesses of each and incorporating those elements that would best match the current and future needs of the NRVC.

The National Office staff engaged a consultant on a pro bono basis to help guide them through the early stages of establishing a proper framework for the new model in addition to creating protocols to ensure checks and balances are in place for effective and accountable leadership.

The National Office Staff and the National Board met in the Fall of 2019 with the assistance of Sister Lynn Levo, C.S.J to discuss the implications of this new model on board/staff relations and to develop lines of communication and accountability as well as to begin to look at the needed changes to the NRVC constitution and bylaws. New position descriptions were drawn up and an announcement set to members about the change in management model.

## Member Area Coordinators

Member Area Coordinators (MACs) gathered in September 2019 in Chicago for prayer, professional development, and updates from the NRVC executive committee and staff. The MACs also participated in the National Dialogue with youth and young adults at their gathering.

## Financial Assistance and Development

Through the assistance of generous donors, the NRVC Misericordia Fund provided \$17,975 for 36 scholarships to religious institutes for membership and workshop fees in 2019. Since its inception in 2016, over \$124,000 has been donated, providing 163 scholarships.



The NRVC National Office: Director of Finance & Operations Maureen Cetera; Director of Mission Integration Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M., Director of Membership Marge Argyelan, and Director of Development Phil Loftus.

## NFCRV update

The NFCRV continues to be a source of hope to our NRVC members.

In 2019 NRVC members were awarded \$105,021 in educational debt relief through the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations for seven candidates to religious life. These funds enabled the candidates to discern their call free from the worry of student loan payments.

The NFCRV is grateful to the Helen Brach Foundation and the National Council of Catholic Women for their continued support of our mission as well as the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and GHR Foundation that helped us establish the fund for the benefit of NRVC member institutes.

Since its inception, the NFCRV has granted \$864,363 toward the educational debt of more than 40 candidates to religious life. All of this is done as a benefit of NRVC membership and through the generosity of our supporters and benefactors. The grant application period runs from January to April each year. Learn more at [NFCRV.org](http://NFCRV.org).





## Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets YEARS ENDED DEC. 31, 2019 & DEC. 31, 2018

	2019			2018		
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>						
Membership	\$ 298,029	\$ -	\$ 298,029	\$ 299,220	\$ -	\$ 299,220
Workshops and programs	230,567	-	230,567	404,693	-	404,693
In-kind donations	20,591	-	20,591	37,313	-	37,313
Publications and resources	100,533	-	100,533	97,070	-	97,070
Investment return, net	155,258	-	155,258	(11,660)	-	(11,660)
Honoraria	9,800	-	9,800	10,100	-	10,100
Contributions	12,721	31,760	44,481	20,935	10,024	30,959
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	1,408	-	1,408
<b>Total public support and revenues</b>	<b>827,499</b>	<b>31,760</b>	<b>859,259</b>	<b>859,079</b>	<b>10,024</b>	<b>869,103</b>
Net assets released from restrictions	17,939	(17,939)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total public support, revenues, and transfers</b>	<b>845,438</b>	<b>13,821</b>	<b>859,259</b>	<b>859,079</b>	<b>10,024</b>	<b>869,103</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Program services	387,094	-	387,094	463,155	-	463,155
Supporting services						
Management and general	219,916	-	219,916	314,739	-	314,739
Fundraising	55,893	-	55,893	83,983	-	83,983
Cost of goods sold	2,463	-	2,463	7,032	-	7,032
<b>Total supporting services</b>	<b>278,272</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>278,272</b>	<b>405,754</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>405,754</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>665,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>665,366</b>	<b>868,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>868,909</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>180,072</b>	<b>13,821</b>	<b>193,893</b>	<b>(9,830)</b>	<b>10,024</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,043,200</b>	<b>36,533</b>	<b>1,079,733</b>	<b>1,053,030</b>	<b>26,509</b>	<b>1,079,539</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 1,223,272</b>	<b>\$ 50,354</b>	<b>\$ 1,273,626</b>	<b>\$ 1,043,200</b>	<b>\$ 36,533</b>	<b>\$ 1,079,733</b>

### Finance Director's Report

INVESTMENTS under management with Christian Brothers Investment Services at 12/31/2019 were \$1,150,091, a significant increase over 12/31/2018's balance of \$708,878. This increase represents a transfer from cash to investments, as well as favorable market returns. The NRVC continued to maintain a strong cash position in local accounts to offset market volatility. Cash held in local accounts at 12/31/2019 totaled \$592,094.

In 2019 and 2018, the NRVC operated without an operating grant. Originally in 2018, revenues with donor restriction included donations to the Misericordia Fund as well as some 2018 activity of the GHR grant for the 2020 Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life. In order to appropriately present 2019 and 2018 financials side by side, Sikich LLP, outside auditors retained by the NRVC, has reclassified activity of the GHR grant for 2018. This adjustment is represented in the 2018 financial statements.

Membership dues and workshop and program registration fees continue to be the strongest source of revenue for the NRVC in 2019, providing 77% of 2019 operating revenue. Publications and resources provided an additional 15% of operating revenue, while the remaining 7% includes in-kind donations, general contributions, and honoraria. Investment returns in 2019 added 22% over and above operating revenue.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit entities in August of 2016, and the NRVC adopted this ASU for the year ended Dec. 31, 2018. The ASU requires that all nonprofits present an analysis of expenses by function and nature. Our reports for 2019 and 2018 thus present our expenses for program services and supporting services, further detailed into management and general, fundraising and cost of goods sold. Program services account for 58% of total expenses in 2019, and 53% of total expenses in 2018, while management and general are 42% and 47% of the respective 2019 and 2018 total expenses.

The 2019 and 2018 Annual Financial Reviews were performed by Sikich LLP. The accountants issued a conclusion that they are unaware of any material modifications for the 2019 and 2018 statements to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Finally, the NRVC closed 2019 with total net assets of \$1,273,626. Restated total net assets for 2018 are \$1,079,733 vs the originally reported net assets of \$1,098,660.

Respectfully,  
  
 Maureen Cetera  
 Director of Finance and Operations



# COMMITTEES & COLLABORATORS



## NRVC National Board

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Sister Anna Marie Espinosa, I.W.B.S.  
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Sister Priscilla Moreno, R.S.M. ++  
Sister Anita Quigley, S.H.C.J.  
Mr. Len Uhal  
Sister Mindy Welding, I.H.M.

++ ended term Fall 2019

\*NRVC executive committee

## African American Vocations Committee

Sister Josita Colbert, SNDdeN  
Sister Gayle Lwanga Crumbley, R.G.S.  
Sister Patricia Dual, O.P.  
Sister Magdala Marie Gilbert, O.S.P.  
Sister Chala Marie Hill, F.H.M.  
Sister Laura Mercier, S.S.F.  
Deacon Mel Tardy, Conv.

## Finance Advisory Committee

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Sister Janice Bemowski, r.c.  
Dr. Nan Brenzel  
Mr. Dan Brown  
Mrs. Maureen Cetera  
Mr. Len Uhal  
Mr. Keith Zekind

## Member Area Coordinators

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Sister Barbara Bartlett, S.H.C.J. +  
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Sister Colleen Brady, O.S.F.  
Sister Maria Brizuela, O.S.F.  
Sister Julian Cleary, O.S.B. +  
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Sister Mary Yun, O.P. ++  
Sister Jennifer Zimmerman, S.N.D.

+ began term Summer 2019

++ ended term Summer 2019

## Major Collaborating Organizations

Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM)  
Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL)  
Council of Major Superiors of Women (CMSWR)  
Leadership Conference for Women Religious (LCWR)  
National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD)  
Religious Formation Conference (RFC)  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (USCCB-CCLV)

## Partner Organizations

A Nun's Life Ministry  
Catholic Campus Ministry Association  
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.  
Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate  
Communicators for Women Religious

Giving Voice  
Mexican American Catholic College  
National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry  
Religious Brothers Conference  
Resource Center for Religious Institutes  
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## Resource Organizations

Association of Latin American Missionary Sisters/Asociación de Hermanas Latinas Misioneras en America (AHLMA)  
Catholic Theological Union  
Catholic Volunteer Network  
Catholics on Call  
Center for the Study of Consecrated Life  
Institute for Religious Formation  
National Black Sisters Conference  
National Catholic Sisters Project  
National Catholic Sisters Week  
National Conference of Vicars for Religious Praesidium  
United States Conference of Secular Institutes  
USA Council of Serra International

## International Vocation Organizations

National Association of Vocation/Formation Directors of Canada  
Office of Vocations, Bishops' Conference of England and Wales  
Vocations Ireland



NRVC Member Area Coordinators gathered in Chicago in September 2019.



# CONTRIBUTORS

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 Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
 Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament  
 Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, MO  
 Society of Saint Edmund  
 Society of the Divine Word  
 Society of the Holy Child Jesus  
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The NRVC welcomed a number of visitors to the National Office in 2019, including the Franciscan Friars for a Consultation; Sister Nathalie Becquart, Xav.; Sisters Constanza Fernández Cano Salgado, F.Sp.S. and Elizabeth Ann Guerrero, M.C.D.P.; and Sister Lovina Pammit, O.S.F., director of CAVA.

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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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