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25th
Anniversary

NRVC
National Religious
Vocation Conference

Rise, and have no fear.

**2014
Jubilee
Convocation**

November 6-10, 2014
Chicago Marriott O'Hare Hotel

Chicago, IL

CONVOCATION THEME

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Gratitude. Courage. Transformation. This was the experience of the disciples as they glimpsed the glory of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ. While Peter recognized that it was good for them to be there, Jesus knew that their journey was far from complete. Strengthened in their faith and fortified for the road ahead, the disciples had to rise and descend the mountain so that they could fearlessly embrace the path of service that God had prepared for them.

We celebrate 25 years of vocation ministry, and while it is "good for us to be here," we, like Peter, James, and John, are called to rise and give witness to the transfiguration God desires for our own religious lives, for our religious institutes, and for NRVC. This convocation will provide an environment conducive to prayer, creative dialogue, reflection, and celebration that will allow participants to see what is possible in their lives and their ministry. Through the input of our keynote speakers, diverse workshops, theological reflection, and celebrations of Mass and common prayer, our hope is that participants will leave with a renewed sense of conviction and a fearless desire to continue to invite other women and men to a life of transfiguration in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we culminate our yearlong celebration of NRVC's 25th anniversary, we invite vocation ministers, religious leadership, formation directors, communication directors, and all those who share responsibility and concern for future membership in religious life to attend this convocation.

*Please join us in Chicago for NRVC's biennial convocation
and the culmination of our 25th Jubilee*



CELEBRITY GUEST HOST

Clarence Gilyard is an actor, director, and author most known for his starring TV roles in *Matlock* and *Texas Ranger*. His movie roles include *Top Gun* (1986), *Karate Kid II* (1986), and *Die Hard* (1988). Clarence currently is Associate Professor in the College of Fine Arts-Department of Theatre at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Clarence is a consultant to the Communications Committee of the USCCB and is a member of the board of Holy Cross Family Ministries.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Sister Colleen Mary Mallon, O.P. is associate professor of Systematic Theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis Missouri. She is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. After serving as a secondary science teacher for 15 years, Sister Colleen received her Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley in 2002. Her research interests include ecclesiology, missiology, formation for mission, globalization, enculturation, and the theology of Yves Congar, OP.



Sister Colleen is a member of Aquinas Institute's Ashley-O'Rourke Initiative, which creates and delivers theological education and spiritual formation for leaders in Catholic health care. Her recently published "Gracious Resistance: Religious Women Charting an Ecclesial Path" appears in *When the Magisterium Intervenes: the Magisterium and Theologians in Today's Church*, ed. Richard Gaillardetz (2012), and her award-winning article, "Globalization at Large," appears in Terrence Tilley's *New Horizon's in Theology* (2005). Her book *Traditioning Disciples: The Contributions of Cultural Anthropology to Ecclesial Identity* appears as part of the American Society of Missiology Monograph Series.

Father Bernhard A. Eckerstorfer, O.S.B. was born in 1971 in Linz, Austria. He studied theology and geography in Salzburg, Vienna and in the United States. He earned a M.T.S. at Mount Angel Seminary College, Oregon, with a thesis on Benedictine missionaries on Vancouver Island and a *Magister theologiae* degree at Salzburg University. For his doctoral dissertation on American theology (Salzburg, 1999) he was at the universities of Duke and Yale. In 2000 he entered *Kremsmünster Abbey* and spent two years in Rome for post-doctoral studies on patristic and monastic theology. He serves as director of vocations, novice master, formation director, and spokesman of his abbey. His lectures and articles focus on how the Church and monastic life can both fulfill their mission in the (post-)modern world.



Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P. is the president and executive director of RENEW International. She is a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, New York. Sister Terry holds the degree of Doctor of Ministry in preaching from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. She also earned the degrees of Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and Master of Arts in religion and religious education from Fordham University, both in New York City.



Sister Terry is a well-known retreat leader and workshop presenter. Before joining the staff of RENEW, she ministered in two inner-city parishes in the South Bronx, was director of vocation and formation ministry for her Dominican congregation, and was a member of the Archdiocese of New York Parish Mission Team. Sister Terry is also a contributing author to the books *Preaching in the Sunday Assembly* and *Spiritual Manifestos*. She also wrote a series on praying the new Roman Missal for *Living With Christ* and is the author of *The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent 2014* for Ave Maria Press.

I felt truly welcomed as a first-time attendee and I'm already looking forward to my next Convocation experience! —2012 Convocation Attendee

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CONVOCATION SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Breakfast on your own

7:00 Mass

8:30 Registration for Pre-Convocation Workshops

9:00 – 4:30 Pre-Convocation Workshops:

1. Building Intercultural Competence for Vocation Ministers
SISTER TERESA MAYA, C.C.V.I.
2. Life Questions: Screening for Candidates
BROTHER JOHN MARK FALKENHAIN, O.S.B.
3. Vocation Ministry and the Issues of Civil, Canon, and
Immigration Law FATHER DANIEL WARD, O.S.B., MIGUEL NARANJO

10:00 Break

Noon – 1:30 Lunch provided by NRVC for Pre-Convocation Participants

2:00 – 6:00 Convocation Registration

3:00 Exhibits Open

4:45 Regional Coordinators Meeting

4:45 First Time Attendees Meeting

7:00 Welcome / Opening Ritual

8:30 Social

Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change. A complete and final schedule will be included in your registration material at Convocation.

Friday, November 7

Breakfast on your own.

8:00 – 5:00 Exhibits Open

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:45 Break

10:15 Keynote Speaker SISTER COLLEEN MARY MALLON, O.P.

11:15 Table Talk and Q & A

12:30 Buffet Lunch

2:00 Presentation on the NRVC/CARA *Study on the Integration of Multicultural and Multiethnic Candidates in Religious Life* DR. MARY GAUTIER, PH.D.

Presentation followed by a panel discussion with newer members

3:30 Break

4:00 Regional Meetings

5:15 Mass

Dinner on your own

8:00 Concert sponsored by J. S. Paluch with JOHN ANGOTTI and MEREDITH AUGUSTIN

The speakers/presentations were excellent. The workshops offered were practical with opportunities for networking as well. –2012 Convocation Attendee

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CONVOCATION SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Breakfast on your own

8:00 – 4:00 Exhibits Open

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 Workshops:

- 1a. Beauty Ever Ancient, Ever New
- 1b. This Little Light: A Celebration of Sister Thea Bowman
BROTHER MICHAEL McGRATH, O.S.F.S.
2. Discernment in Male Spirituality FATHER DENNIS BILLY, C.Ss.R.
3. Peer Supervision for Vocation Directors SISTER BETH SANER, F.S.P.A.
4. Ramifications of Reconfiguration for Vocation Offices FATHER CHUCK
FREDERICO, S.J., SISTER PAT TWOHILL, O.P., and
BROTHER TOM WENDORF, S.M.
5. Self-Care: Achieving Balance and Avoiding Burnout
DR. TIMONE DAVIS
6. Ten Effective Ways to Use Media in Vocation Ministry
DEACON PEDRO GUEVARA-MANN

10:45 Break

11:15 Workshops Repeat

12:30 Buffet Lunch

2:00 Keynote Speaker FATHER BERNHARD ECKERSTORFER, O.S.B.

3:00 Break

3:30 – 4:30 Table Talk and Q & A

4:45 Mass

Free Evening Dinner on your own

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Sunday, November 9

Breakfast on your own.

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 Keynote Speaker SISTER THERESA RICKARD, O.P.

10:30 Break

11:00 Table Talk and Q & A

12:00 Buffet Lunch

2:00 NRVC Business Meeting

4:45 Mass

6:30 Reception

7:15 Banquet/Awards

Monday, November 10

7:00 Mass

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PRE-CONVOCATION WORKSHOPS

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Three pre-convocation workshops will be offered on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the *Marriott Hotel at O'Hare, Chicago*. Participants may register and attend one of the following workshops for an additional fee.

Fee (<i>includes materials, morning break, and lunch</i>)		Schedule	
\$150	NRVC Member	8:30	Registration Open
\$225	Non-Member	9:00	Workshop Begins
		4:30	Workshop Ends

VOCATION MINISTRY AND THE ISSUES OF CIVIL, CANON, AND IMMIGRATION LAW

This workshop will treat those aspects of law as they pertain to vocation ministry from the corresponding areas of civil, canon, and immigration law. Some areas to be covered will include: assessment policies and record keeping; internal vs. external forum in candidate assessment; policies and practices regarding a candidate's financial assets; salary and tax issues during the formation period; special issues regarding older, widowed, and divorced candidates; re-admission and community transfers. The afternoon session will focus on immigration law for religious institutes. It will treat working and discerning with foreign-born candidates; clarification of key immigration terms; documentation and tracking immigration status, long-term immigration planning; and legal responsibilities of the religious institute and the candidate.

PRESENTERS

Father Daniel J. Ward, O.S.B. is a Benedictine monk of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN and holds degrees in theology, canon law, and civil law. He is the former executive director of The Resource Center for Religious Institutes. Father Dan currently services on the council of the president of his monastic congregation. He is an author, legal consultant, and lecturer. In the past, Father Dan has been superior of monasteries in Oklahoma, Bahamas, and Mexico. He is a graduate of St. John's University, The Catholic University of America, and the University of Iowa.



Mr. Miguel Naranjo is the director of the Religious Immigration Services section of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). CLINIC was founded by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Mr. Naranjo leads a group of immigration attorneys who practice exclusively in the area of religious immigration law. They represent more than 170 archdioceses, dioceses, and religious communities throughout the U.S., assisting them in bringing international priests, brothers, sisters, novices, seminarians, and other religious workers into the U.S. to serve the Church. He joined CLINIC in 2006 and has been practicing immigration law since 2002. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.



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BUILDING INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE FOR VOCATION MINISTERS

This workshop addresses the crossroads of intercultural living: welcoming the diversity of younger members into our religious communities in the United States. Our Church has become the crossroads for intercultural living at many levels. Globalization has brought new dimensions and challenges to a Church that had moved beyond its migrant origins. Religious life in the United States will need to continue to welcome this diversity, but the challenges and opportunities are complex. Our communities are crossing many borders: family structures, generations, regions, countries, languages, and all the cultural issues implied. What do we need to do to live without creating more borders and value the opportunity to create authentic intercultural communities?

PRESENTER

Sister Teresa Maya, C.C.V.I. is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio since 1994. Education has been her main ministry. In Mexico, she has worked in different areas: high school teacher, facilitator, and school administrator as well as education coordinator for her congregation. She has taught history in different universities in Mexico. She has a passion for the formation of Latino ministers and has collaborated for many years with pastoral institutes in the United States as a professor of history giving workshops that encourage participants to understand the historical roots of the many pastoral challenges faced by Latinos in the United States. Sister Teresa got her B.A. at Yale University in Connecticut, her M.A. at the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in history at *El Colegio de Mexico* in Mexico City. She is currently serving on the leadership team of her congregation and lives in Mexico.



LIFE QUESTIONS: SCREENING FOR FORMATION

Vocation directors might see their role as limited to being the gate-keeper on behalf of the community, but a candidate's experience of the discernment and application process is an important first step in the formation process as well. In his presentations, Brother John Mark will begin by placing screening in the larger context of formation, then discuss important questions to be asked and information to be imparted in order to help facilitate a new member's transition into initial formation and, hopefully, a lifetime in the community. Suggestions for working with formation staff will also be explored and discussed.

PRESENTER

Brother John Mark Falkenhain, O.S.B. is a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey where he is the vocation director, assistant formation director, and adjunct professor of psychology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. A licensed psychologist, Brother John Mark has had extensive experience conducting screening evaluations for men and women applying to diocesan priesthood and religious communities. He also conducts research on the areas of child sexual offense by clergy, healthy psychosocial/psychosexual adjustment of clergy and religious, and adjustment and formation issues.



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JUBILEE CONVOCATION SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, November 7, 2014

2:00 p.m. PRESENTATION ON THE NRVC/CARA STUDY ON THE INTEGRATION OF MULTICULTURAL AND MULTIETHNIC CANDIDATES IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

Followed by a panel discussion with newer members.



PRESENTER

Ms. Mary L. Gautier, Ph.D. is a sociologist and senior research associate at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University. While serving as a lay pastoral associate in a suburban parish in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mary first discerned an interest in sociology of religion, which she pursued at Louisiana State University. Before coming to CARA in 1998, Mary taught in the sociology departments at LSU and Texas Christian University. At CARA, Mary specializes in Catholic demographic trends in the U.S., manages CARA databases on Church information, and conducts national-level projects. She also edits *The CARA Report*, a quarterly research publication, and other CARA publications. She is co-author of seven books, most recently *Generations of Catholic Sisters: The Challenge of Diversity*, published by Oxford Press.

8:00 p.m. SPECIAL NRVC 25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENING CONCERT

Ms. Meredith Augustin

"When she sings, I feel close to God!" These words have been used to describe listening to Meredith. Meredith is the director of music at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan, New York City. She is a native of Morgantown, West Virginia, currently residing in Brooklyn, New York. Meredith's vocal style runs the gamut from jazz to musical theater, from spiritual to soul. She has performed with some of the best-known songwriters and musicians in Catholic music. Meredith's two fine solo albums, *Come and Go With Me* and *Deep River*, are published by World Library Publications (wlpmusic.com).



Mr. John Angotti

John Angotti is a full-time music missionary traveling throughout the world providing inspirational music and witness to all ages. John is originally from Clarksburg, West Virginia, and now resides in Memphis, Tennessee with his wife and two children. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and the U.S. Military School of Music, where he was a member of the U.S. Navy Band as lead vocalist. John received his Master's Degree in pastoral studies from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. His award-winning music delivers a dynamic blend of styles (pop, rock, country, Latin rhythms) and lyrics, and his compositions give new life to traditional pieces from chant and classical genres. John has been featured at World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, (2008) and at Carnegie Hall (2011). His available from World Library Publications (wlpmusic.com).

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BEAUTY EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

From Saints Joseph and Kateri Tekakwitha to Dorothy Day and Vatican II, we will look at the ever-changing nature of tradition and rediscover eternal beauty. Through his own paintings and stories, Brother Mickey will help us rediscover the beauty that has been inside us and around us all along: both in our own lives and the life of the Church. Brother Mickey will share his insights, humor, and lived experiences to awaken the possibilities for art to be used in vocation discernment with inquirers. As Thomas Merton used to say, “Close your eyes and look with your other eye.”

THIS LITTLE LIGHT: A MUSIC AND ART CELEBRATION OF SISTER THEA BOWMAN

Through nine paintings and many stories, Brother Mickey will present the life of the late, great Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., who remains one of the most inspiring and life-giving figures in the modern church. She is a contemporary role model for those discerning religious life and a gifted example for vocation ministers who want to echo her dynamic personality, brilliant mind, and passionate tenacity. In her role as consultant for intercultural awareness, she encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races. Though she died of breast cancer in 1990 at the age of 53, Sister Thea continues to touch souls and enliven hearts in ways few people in recent church history have done.

PRESENTER

Brother Michael McGrath, O.S.F.S., an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, lives and works in Camden, NJ. He is an award-winning artist, author, and speaker whose work explores the connections between art and religious faith. Brother Mickey offers presentations, retreats, and workshops throughout the US and Canada, all centered in one way or another on the healing power of art and beauty.

Whatever the topic, they are a uniquely refreshing blend of humor and depth. His 11th book, *Saved by Beauty: A Spiritual Journey with Dorothy Day* (World Library Publications), was honored in 2013 with two first place awards: one from the Catholic Press Association and one from the Association of Catholic Publishers.



I noticed the positive spirit throughout the entire conference. Everything was well organized with a joyful spirit! –2012 Convocation Attendee

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JUBILEE CONVOCATION WORKSHOPS

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DISCERNMENT IN MALE SPIRITUALITY

This workshop examines the role of discernment in male spirituality. It looks at male spirituality against the general backdrop of Christian spirituality, roots it in a sound theological anthropology, cites its complementary significance for a “spirituality of communion,” examines its general characteristics, and makes relevant observations concerning its significance for religious life. From there, it looks at the process of discernment itself and highlights the various ways in which this process can help men through prayer, reflection, and spiritual direction sift through the various forces at work in their lives, discover God’s call for them, and respond to it with single-hearted devotion.

PRESENTER



Father Dennis J. Billy, C.Ss.R. is an American Redemptorist of the Baltimore Province with advanced degrees from Harvard Divinity School, the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum), and the Graduate Theological Foundation. He has also completed graduate work at the University of Toronto and the Catholic University of Louvain. From 1988-2008, he was professor of the history of moral theology and Christian spirituality at the Alphonsian Academy of Rome’s Pontifical Lateran University. Since 2008, he has been scholar-in-residence, professor, and holder of the John Cardinal Krol Chair of Moral Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

Father Dennis has authored or edited more than 30 books and published more than 300 articles in a variety of scholarly and popular journals. In addition to his teaching and writing, he is also a popular retreat master and spiritual director.

PEER SUPERVISION FOR VOCATION DIRECTORS

Vocation directors accompany others in their discernment process, but who accompanies the ministers? Supervision can provide for that accompaniment. In this workshop, participants will look at the dynamics of peer supervision and the possibility it offers ministers for greater self-awareness and for companionship in what can be a lonely ministry. Come prepared to participate in the process as we explore the blessings of supervision together.

PRESENTER

Sister Beth Saner, F.S.P.A. describes herself as a companion on the journey. She ministers as a spiritual director and co-facilitator for the Spiritual Direction Internship at Claret Center in Hyde Park, Chicago. As a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, she serves as co-minister of the incorporation process, particularly for the women in temporary profession. She holds a Master of Arts in pastoral studies degree from Catholic Theological Union, where her focus was the spiritual journey.



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RAMIFICATIONS OF RECONFIGURATION FOR VOCATION OFFICES

Vocation offices pose a particular challenge in the discernment and process of reconfiguration of provinces and congregations. Development of new structures for promotion and accompaniment over a larger geographic area, as well as formulating a mutually acceptable assessment process, are key to implementing a new vocation strategy. This workshop will present both the challenges and successes from three panelists whose congregations have undergone restructuring. They will provide valuable insight and possible guidelines to other religious institutes that are either considering reconfiguration or are currently in the process. Topics to be treated include: support by leadership, dedication of funds, hired personnel, involvement of lay and religious volunteers, engagement of an institute's communities and apostolic works, online technology and social media, and bridge-building between generations, apostolates, and existing province cultures.

PRESENTERS



Father Charles Frederico, S.J. was ordained on June 10, 2006 at the Fordham University Chapel. He holds degrees from the Culinary Institute of America, Saint Joseph University in Philadelphia, and Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, CA. Father Chuck has served as a high school teacher and tutor, assistant chaplain at Children's Hospital of Oakland, chair of the Principal's Advisory Committee, and in Catholic campus ministry at Loyola College in Maryland. He was a resident hall chaplain, where he was much admired for cooking Italian feasts for the students. Father Chuck became the vocation director for the Maryland/New England/New York Provinces of the Society of Jesus in July 2009.

Sister Patricia Twohill, O.P. currently serves as part of a three-person vocation team for her Congregation, Dominican Sisters of Peace. With 12 years of experience as a vocation minister before and after her congregation's reconfiguration process, and a member of the Leadership Team during the time of reconfiguration, Sister Pat is well qualified to share a variety of personal insights concerning the challenges and benefits of such a process *vis a vis* vocation promotion. The Dominican Sisters of Peace were founded in 2009 through the union of seven Dominican Congregations. In 2012, an eighth Dominican Congregation merged with the newly founded group, which numbers 600 sisters and almost as many associates.



Brother Tom Wendorf, S.M. graduated from the University of Dayton with a BA in English in 1986. After graduation, he entered the Society of Mary and made first vows as a Marianist brother in 1988. He taught high school English in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and then earned his doctorate in English at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1999. He taught English at the University of Dayton for 10 years before becoming vocation director for the Marianist Province of the U.S. in 2010. He is a member of the board of the National Religious Vocations Conference.

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SELF-CARE: ACHIEVING BALANCE AND AVOIDING BURNOUT

In giving my all for God's people, I lost my all. When did ministry become draining? With the use of storytelling and interactive discussions, Timone will explore how the lack of boundaries and balance in our lives can lead to burnout, affecting our relationships and ministries. This workshop is created for both new and seasoned vocation ministers. Timone's dynamic energy, deep spirituality, and use of storytelling enhance Timone's style of presenting that is engaging and enlightening.



PRESENTER

Dr. Timone Davis earned her doctorate of ministry degree from Catholic Theological Union at Chicago. She currently serves as associate director for continuing education and enrichment at Xavier University of Louisiana Institute for Black Catholic Studies. Timone is also the chief operating officer at ON the MOVE SOLUTIONS, Inc. in Chicago. Timone coordinated the Reclaiming Christ in Life Young Adult Ministry program for the Archdiocese of Chicago. She also co-founded PEACE centered WHOLENESS with her husband to blend clinical counseling and spiritual companionship. Timone is also the weekly formation director for the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program, a lay scholarship program for African American men and women at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

TEN EFFECTIVE WAYS TO USE MEDIA IN VOCATION MINISTRY

What is our mission as Church? That is the departure point for Deacon Pedro's workshop on effectively using media to promote vocations. Learn what tools are available, what they are, how they work, what does not work as well, and how to best use these tools. Come away from this workshop with practical ideas to enhance your message and methods used to cultivate a culture of vocations.

PRESENTER

Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann is a producer for Salt + Light Catholic Media Foundation. He was the artistic director for World Youth Day 2002 and has a professional background in the performing arts. Deacon Pedro was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2012. He is the producer of many documentaries including: *Living Stones: Walking Humbly in This Land We Call Holy* (2013), *Abraham's Tent* (2012), *Ends of the Earth* (2009), *A Day in a Life: The Carmel of St. Joseph* (2009), and the popular series, *In Your Faith* (2004, 2010). He also produces and hosts *Perspectives: The Weekly Edition* and *The Salt + Light Radio Hour*. Currently, Deacon Pedro is in production for the new documentary series, *Creation, looking at the Church's teaching on ecology*.



The speakers were right in step with the signs of the times. The content was directly applicable to my life and ministry. –2010 Convocation Attendee

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SPECIAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO NRVC MEMBERS

NRVC members are welcomed to invite non-NRVC members who are members and lay personnel of their religious institute at the member price. Guests of NRVC members could be those serving in leadership, formation, development, finance, communications or those interested in learning more about vocation ministry or who are currently in initial formation. Please email or call the NRVC office for the special code needed for to register non-members from your religious institute.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY SPONSORS

NRVC invites any religious institute or organization to sponsor speakers, breaks, meals, worship aids, musicians, banquet tables, and so on . If you would like more information on being a Jubilee Convocation sponsor, please contact Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. at the NRVC at 773-363-5454.

REGISTRATION

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Check your membership status online at www.NRVC.net. Click “My Account” in the upper right of the homepage and log in to see if your membership is active.

Please note that late fees for convocation and pre-convocation workshops will apply to any registrations received after **October 1, 2014**. Cancellation of your Convocation registration must be received in writing before October 1, 2014 for a full refund, less a \$100 processing fee. Cancellations received after October 1, 2014 will not receive a refund. Those who wish to register after October 15, 2014 will need to contact the NRVC Registrar at 800-266-0866. These registrations will be considered on an available basis.

FEES (*Includes all Convocation sessions, workshops, opening reception, three lunches, morning breaks, and closing banquet*)

\$560 Member (after October 1, \$660)

\$840 Non-member (after October 1, \$940)

\$100 One-time commuter fee (*Those staying at the hotel reduce the overall cost of the hotel expenses through their room fees. Those choosing to commute are asked to help with these hotel expenses through a one-time commuter fee.*)

\$100 Late fee

\$100 Cancellation fee

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

For your convenience, hotel reservations for rooms at the Marriott Hotel at O'Hare (the 2014 Convocation venue) will be made as part of the Convocation registration process through NIX Associates. To ensure that you receive the Convocation rate, please reserve your room(s) by **October 1, 2014** when you register for Convocation online through NIX. Reservations made after that date will be at the group rate based on availability only. Please help ensure that NRVC meets its discount-rate quotas by choosing to stay at the Marriott.

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JUBILEE CONVOCATION REGISTRATION/TRAVEL INFO

MARRIOTT ROOM RATES AND AMENITIES

- Room rates are \$115 for single/double.
- The above prices do not include taxes and gratuities.
- Rooms may be reserved at this rate three days prior to and two days following the Convocation, based upon availability.
- Check-in time is 3 p.m. on the day of arrival and check-out time is noon.
- Complimentary internet access in your room and in the hotel lobby
- Complimentary fitness center, indoor pool, and whirlpool.
- This hotel has a smoke-free policy and pets are not allowed.
- Onsite parking is available. For all registered guests and local attendees, self-parking is available for \$18 daily, \$26 overnight parking, and \$11 on Saturdays and Sundays. These prices include city and county taxes. Parking rates are subject to change.
- A daily continental breakfast is available for \$15 and a breakfast buffet is also available for \$19.
- To learn more about the hotel's amenities, go to <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/fact-sheet/travel/chiap-chicago-marriott-ohare/>.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) is five miles away from the hotel. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service. Upon arrival, call 773-686-2200. If you want taxi service, it is estimated to be about \$15 for one-way travel. You can also reserve a paid shuttle service with Windy City Limousine for approximately \$30 one way. Shuttle reservations may be reserved online at: www.windycitylimos.com/book-now/

Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW) is 20 miles away from the hotel. *The hotel does not provide shuttle service from Midway airport.* Estimated taxi fare is \$60 for one-way service. You can make a reservation with a paid shuttle service with Windy City Limousine for approximately \$88 one way. Shuttle reservations may be reserved online at: www.windycitylimos.com/book-now/.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT

From the Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD): Take I-190 east to Cumberland Ave. north, to Higgins Road, west 1/2 block.

From the Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW): Take Cicero Ave. north to I-55 south to I-294 north exit River Road. Turn left on River Road to Higgins Rd. Turn right on Higgins Road. Hotel is one mile down on right-hand side.

Convocation is filled with outstanding speakers, excellent workshops, beautiful liturgies, inspiring prayer, great music, and the wonderful opportunity to connect with so many people to exchange ideas! –2010 Convocation Attendee

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Jubilee Prayer

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS VOCATION CONFERENCE

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, we give you thanks for the gifts of our faith and the call of vocation in our lives. By saying yes to your invitation, we are unceasingly amazed by the wonder and mystery of your powerful grace working in and through us.

We joyfully celebrate 25 years of dedicated service of the National Religious Vocation Conference. "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few*" (LUKE 10:2). We recall and give thanks for the men and women, both past and present, who generously labored in your field out of their love for Jesus, your Son, the Church, and religious life. We also remember in gratitude those who have supported them by their leadership, collaboration, and prayer. And in a special way, we pray for the men and women in discernment whom we had the privilege of serving over the years.

As NRVC celebrates and looks to its future, we ask you to renew our zeal for and our witness to the consecrated life and the charism of our religious institutes. Give us the courage to invite others to follow in the steps of Jesus as priests and vowed religious. Strengthen our families in their faith, hope, and charity so that the seeds of Christian discipleship and religious vocation will be nurtured.

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon the National Religious Vocation Conference. Keep it faithful to its mission so that it will remain a gift to the Church and world. We ask all of this through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, who responded to your call so freely. May her inspiration and your abundant goodness continue to bless us and NRVC.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother. Amen.



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