



DELAWARE VALLEY MEMBER AREA

Delaware Valley Member Area Zoom Meeting Minutes February 12, 2025 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Members Present: Sr. Anita Bolton, CSR, Sr. Anita Quigley SHCJ,
Sr. Carol Ann Nawracaj OSF, Sr. Cathie Meaghan, SSJ,
Sr. Cecilia Nani Costa FMIJ, Sr. Chero Chuma, CSJP, Sr. Christine Ma, MSBT,
Sr. Diane Tomkinson, OSF, Sr. Helen Sanchez, MPF, Fr. Jeremy Hiers OSA,
Sr. Kieran Williams, IHM, Sr. Laura Downing, IHM, Sr. Lisa Valentini, MSC,
Sr. Liz Sjoberg DC, Sr. Michele Fisher, CSFN, Mrs. Nancy Costello, Cabrini Srs.
Sr. Pat Stringer, OP, Sr. Sophia Marie Peralta, SCC,
Sr. Debbie Borneman, SSCM, NRVC Office, Director of Mission Integration

Welcome

Sr. Michele Fisher CSFN, Member Area Coordinator

Opening Prayer:

Sr. Cecilia Nanni-Costa, FMIJ

Question for Reflection/ Sharing

How did you celebrate Consecrated Life Day? How did it inspire hope? Some great sharing on these questions.

NRVC Updates Sr. Debbie Boreman NRVC Director of Mission Intergration

- **2025 NRVC Membership Renewal** reminder to sign up for this year.
- **Talk-It-Up Tuesdays**
 - **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**, Enhancing Vocation Culture through Youth Ministry: Accompaniment, Empowerment, and Possibility *presented by Brother Rafael Vargas, S.D.B.*
 - **Tuesday, February 25, 2025**, We're All Connected: Involving Community and non-Community members in Vocation Ministry, *presented by Sister Mary Jo Curtsinger, C.S.J. and Sister Erin McDonald, C.S.J.*
 - **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, Keeping the Conversation Going: Leadership and Vocation Ministry in Collaboration *presented by Brother John Skrodinsky, S.T.*
 - **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, Sometimes you need to pivot – incorporating non-religious tactics into vocation ministry, *presented by Father Paul Shelton, SJ*
 - **Tuesday, March 18, 2025**, Being the Voice of Hope: Navigating Vocation Ministry Challenges from Multiple Sources, *presented by Father Stephen Sohe, S.S.J.*

- **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**, Full of grace: Incorporating Marian traditions in Vocation Ministry *presented by Brother Mark Motz, S.M.*
- **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**, You Have What the World Needs: Conversations about Charism, *presented by Sister Heather Jean Foltz, O.S.B.*
- **Tuesday, April 8, 2025**, Capture the Moment: Unplanned Instances of Inspiration, *presented by Sr. Carolyn Martin, Isp*
- Remember these sessions will not be recorded. Please refer all questions to Sister Dina Bato, S.P. at dinasp@nrvc.net
- **Religious Brothers Day – May 1**
- **World Day of Prayer for Vocations – May 11**
- **Videos from Keynote presenters at Convocation 2024 will now be available on YouTube.**
Quotes and reflection Questions on NRVC website for members only
- **2025 NRVC Workshops**
 - **2025 Workshop Schedule**
 - **Summer Institute**
Our annual Summer Institute will offer three onsite workshops at the Marillac Center, in Leavenworth, KS, July 8-21, 2025. Choose to attend one or several workshops, it's your choice. All workshops include overnight accommodations at the Marillac Center. Enjoy the convenience of having a private bedroom and bathroom, along with linen service, wi-fi, meals, and breaks.

July 9-13, 2025, Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors
July 15-17, 2025, Behavioral Assessment 1 workshop
July 19-20, 2025, Vocation Promotion for Today's Discerners
- **Fall Institute**
Take a virtual workshop this autumn in the comfort of your home. Enjoy a travel-free, hassle-free learning experience -- no packing required! Our experienced presenters will engage participants with a reasonable schedule integrated with screen breaks. We will mail your workshop materials to you.

October 6-10, 2025, Virtual Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors
October 15-17, 2025, Virtual Behavioral Assessment 1 workshop
Tuesdays, October 14, 21, and 28, 2025, Virtual Culture Matters: are we listening with today's discerners
October 29-30, 2025, Virtual Ethical Issues in Candidate Assessment workshop
- **Updates from Sr. Debbie Borneman, NRVC Director of Mission Integration**
 - Invitation from Sr. Debbie Borneman for Delaware Valley Member Area to host a 1 day workshop on June 13, place still to be determined this workshop will be free with only the cost for lunch to be charged

- Dr. Crystal Taylor-Dietz will present a one-day workshop on *Candidate Assessment through the Lens of Interculturality* please invite leadership, vocational, formation teams to attend
- **Financial Report**
 - At present, the Delaware Valley Member Area has a balance of \$ 3,363.82 in our NRVC account.

Local Updates

Plans for a Spring Young Adult Retreat Day – March 29, 2025

- Retreat venue - Transformation Center at Redeemer Valley Farm
- 10AM-5PM includes anticipated Sunday Mass
- Donation \$10 per person
- Please promote wherever you can

Conversation about a future collaborative Discernment or Life Awareness Retreat

1. Sr. Diane Tompinkson, OSF- shared the retreat she was a part of in Seattle and suggested we may want to try doing it in our Member Area
2. Funding was provided by a grant from Knights of Columbus
We may look at Sierra club also
3. Possible dates of October 10-12 Christine Ma , MSBT, is checking with availability of her community's retreat center space

Sr. Pat Stringer OP, shared the Newark Archdiocese retreat using college Campus for retreat. Scheduled for April 26 women only

April 12 Discernment Retreat 18-38 10-3 pm in Kutztown, PA (Diocese of Allentown)... more info can be had from Sr Carol Ann OSF

Other announcements/updates

- **Religious are invited to attend and/or participate in a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Philadelphia Archdiocese Office for Ministry with Young Adults/Czestochowa Young Adult Group on March 1, 2025. More details will be forthcoming**
- **Other events April 3 Young Adult Stations of the cross. More info from Sr. Pat Stringer OP**
- **Next meetings and leader of prayer**

Confirmed Next meeting April 15- opening prayer Sr. Helen Sanchez MPF

Possible dates Aug 27 or Sept 2 or 3

Suggested Fall meeting dates – August 27, September 2 or 3

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