



NRVC 2024 Annual Report

Walking Humbly Together



Walking Humbly Together...

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.



Table of Contents

Board Chair Letter.....	1
Mission Integration Report.....	3
Membership Report.....	5
Database Administration Report.....	6
Finance Report.....	7
Development Report 2024.....	9
Convocation Report 2024.....	10
Member Engagement.....	12

2024 NRVC Annual Board Report prepared by Jesús Leyva



Message from the Board Chair

Dear NRVC Members, Friends, and Benefactors,

Grace and peace to you!

I am grateful for your generous yes to the work that lies before us and the vision and mission that guide us.

As you may know, 2023 brought us to the end of our latest strategic plan, which has guided us since 2018. Therefore, in 2024, we are in an exciting time of visioning for our future, while keeping in mind the learnings and initiatives generated by the 2018-2023 strategic plan.

We have made great progress with a directional statement to guide us for the next five years, and we look forward to gathering more input from Board members, staff, and NRVC membership.

Let us embrace this time with openness to the Spirit, awareness of our national and ecclesial context, dedication to the call we have received, trust in the presence of God working through each of us, and grounded in our mission as the NRVC.

With gratitude,

Sister Nicole Trahan,
Daughters of Mary Immaculate (Marianists)
NRVC Board Chair, 2023-2024



NOW IN ITS FIFTH YEAR, our leadership model continues to accomplish the purpose of providing executive function to the NRVC. Our team of directors has the distinct pleasure of serving members in our specific roles of mission integration, membership, database administration, development, and finance and operations. We collaborate with partners to produce our signature publications, HORIZON, NRVC.net website, and VISION Vocation Network, and we report to our National Board.





Message from the Director of Mission Integration



At the NRVC, we specialize in walking humbly together to help people to hear and respond to God's endless call. Vocation ministry centers on the practice of active listening, beckoning us to hear God's voice throughout our lives, not just once in vocation discernment. The NRVC addresses complex questions related to accompaniment and assessment of discerners, best practices for application materials, and the development of collaborative strategies for vocation promotion.

As the director of mission integration, walking humbly together acknowledges that religious life has been evolving since it started, and transformation is an ongoing, never-ending process. It means focusing on what's ending and what's emerging. My efforts this year reflect walking humbly together to fostering a culture of vocations, championing vocation ministry, and embracing intercultural humility.

Fostering a culture of vocations

As a catalyst for vocation discernment, NRVC amplifies its mission with the following contributions:

- Brothers Think Tank, including the Religious Brothers Day
- Catholic Campus Ministry Association CALLED24 workshop
- Conference of Major Superiors of Men, video for New Leaders
- Diocese of Pittsburgh, Women of the Diaconal Community
- Gather the Wisdom, Weave a Dream book endorsement
- God's Call Is Everywhere book endorsement
- Leadership Roundtable Catholic Partnership Summit
- National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Board
- National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry EXCHANGE
- Religious Formation Conference with the NRVC, Synodal Consultation for Formation and Vocation Directors
- USCCB, Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations
 - Consulting Organizations Annual Meeting
 - USCCB-CCLV Synod Group IV Listening Session
 - USCCB-CCLV Synod Group VI Listening Session

- Wisdom from the Global Sisterhood book endorsement

Championing vocation ministry

Through these national initiatives, NRVC supports vocation ministers through:

- Presentations and podcasts:
 - Conference of Major Superiors of Men Pre-Assembly Workshop
 - Delaware Valley Member Area, Lifetime Pursuit of Intercultural Humility
 - Little Sisters of the Poor Vocation Podcast
 - Serra International, US Council Zoom Presentation
- Consultation and facilitation:
 - Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dubuque, Iowa
 - Southwest Intercommunity Pre-Novitiate, Discerners And Novices
 - USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, National Pastoral Framework for Ministry with Young People: Listen, Teach, Send.
- Exhibits at national conferences
 - Conference of Major Superiors of Men Assembly, with Ms. Carol Scheiber
 - Conference of Major Superiors of Women Religious Assembly
 - Leadership Conference for Women Religious Assembly, with Sister Dina Bato, S.P.
 - National Conference of National Diocesan Vocation Directors convention
 - National Conference of Vicars for Religious Assembly
 - National Eucharistic Congress, with Mrs. Maureen Cetera
 - Resource Center for Religious Institutes, with Mrs. Maureen Cetera

Embracing intercultural humility and antiracism as a lifelong pursuit

In its second year, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation grant empowered the NRVC and its organizational leaders to deepen their cultural mindfulness through enriching intercultural workshops. This initiative offers



expanded access to intercultural education, inter-congregational ongoing formation, intergenerational leadership skill-building, and resources on justice, dignity, and belonging, among the broader NRVC membership and stakeholders.

- All 39 NRVC organizational leaders completed an Intercultural Development Inventory assessment and consultation.
- Seven articles about intercultural topics were published in HORIZON, NRVC's professional journal, including a spring 2024 issue about Latino culture sent to 1,082 subscribers.
- A new booklet, Transforming Religious Communities to be Anti-Racist and Interculturally Inviting, was created for NRVC members. It focuses on welcoming the cultural abundance of African American and Black Catholics and was given to all participants at the NRVC Convocation and Summer Institute. The booklet was also shared at NRVC exhibits and can be downloaded from the Member Toolbox on the NRVC website.
- At the 2024 Convocation, 225 NRVC members and leaders from 125 religious institutes and 24 Catholic organizations came together for workshops, keynote talks, intercultural prayer, and Synodal table conversations. A special ofrenda was created during the conference, displaying images of patron saints and people who have passed away.

As we walk humbly together, the NRVC mission fosters a culture of vocations, champions vocation ministry, and embraces intercultural humility. In a world often defined by change and uncertainty, vocation ministry stands as a beacon—rooted in God's endless call.

Our NRVC culture is defined by belonging to an organization whose members risk hope for the full flourishing of religious life and the ongoing transformation of the world!

SISTER DEBORAH BORNEMAN, SS.C.M.
DIRECTOR OF MISSION INTEGRATION



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.



Message from the Director of Membership

We each accompany people discerning God's call for their lives, and in this day and age, they come from all over the globe! We don't have all the answers, yet our ministry to accompany those discerning God's call to religious life beckons us to open our eyes, hearts, and ears to the Spirit, leading us to set the world ablaze by the power of God's love. This enables us to embrace a poverty of Spirit and to walk humbly with one another.

Talk it Up Tuesdays

Since 2021, Talk it Up Tuesdays has blossomed into a vibrant platform for connection and collaboration. This exclusive Members-Only Zoom series brings people together, fostering meaningful discussions on vocation ministry.

With around 100 registrants and an average attendance of 50 participants per session, Talk it Up Tuesdays has successfully enhanced member engagement and connection.

Using your gifts for vocation ministry

Enhancing community involvement in vocation ministry

Radiating joy and cultivating possibilities in vocation ministry

Integrating your story in vocation ministry

Vocation accompaniment and making connections

Unlearning stereotypes and shifting perspectives in vocation ministry

Widening our Vocation Ministry Communication Circles

One action I plan to implement because of participating in this workshop is to continue growing in my own self-awareness before ministering deeply to others. All the information provided was helpful in accompanying discerners
—SUMMER INSTITUTE PARTICIPANT

Professional Development

In 2024, the NRVC offered five in-person Summer Institute workshops for 92 participants at the Marillac Center, a sponsored institution of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas.

- Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors by Sr. Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. and Fr. Adam MacDonald, S.V.D.

Membership at the end of 2024

Total members: 953

License Members: 773

Single Members: 139

Collaborators & Staff: 41

Sisters: 612

Priests and deacons: 177

Brothers: 81

Laypeople: 83

Institutes: 275

Organizations: 4

Dioceses: 4

Foundations: 2

Countries represented: 24

- Ethical Issues in Vocation and Formation Ministry by Rev. Raymond P. Carey, Ph.D.
- Behavioral Assessment 1 by Rev. Raymond P. Carey, Ph.D.
- Health & Wellness Issues in Candidate Assessment by Sr. MaryCatherine Redmond, P.B.V.M., and Sr. Cherotich Chuma, C.S.J.P., DNP
- Being Human and Sexual: An Evolving Understanding workshop by Sr. Lynn Levo, C.S.J., PhD,

We are grateful to offer our members hope-filled opportunities to learn, connect, and grow in this vital ministry that cultivates what's possible in the Church and the world. Thank you for all you do and for who you are!

SISTER DINA BATO, S.P.
DIRECTOR OF
MEMBERSHIP





Message from the Director of Database Administration

Highlights

In May 2024, the NRVC welcomed its new Director of Database Administration and member to the Leadership Team, Sr. Kathleen Branham, OSF, who trained with Ms. Marge Argyelan until her retirement in August 2024.

Marge's focus for her final years with the NRVC was to commission and oversee the new database software for the benefit of the Leadership Team and NRVC members. Sr. Kathleen continued this initiative, working with ideaPort, the company that provides tech support and web services to the NRVC. The new database software, named Iota, has been successfully launched.

Under Sr. Kathleen's management, ideaPort continues to strengthen the structure and broaden the uses of Iota, providing a framework to store data and gather information to support professional development, vocation resources, and networking opportunities.

The NRVC website served over 3,000 active users, reflecting an increase over 2023.

In database administration, 2024 was a year of learning, building, and remaining committed to nurturing what is possible at the NRVC by Walking Humbly Together.

SISTER KATHLEEN BRANHAM, OSF
DIRECTOR OF DATABASE ADMINISTRATION





Message from the Director of Finance

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets YEARS ENDED DEC. 31, 2024 & DEC. 31, 2023

	2024			2023		
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES						
Membership	\$ 346,416	\$ -	\$ 346,416	\$ 333,577	\$ -	\$ 333,577
Workshops and programs	374,028	-	374,028	142,397	-	142,397
In-kind donations	7,390	-	7,390	13,819	-	13,819
Publications and resources	34,683	-	34,683	38,712	-	38,712
Investment return, net	321,447	-	321,447	352,472	-	352,472
Honoraria	6,400	-	6,400	20,700	-	20,700
Contributions and grants	143,318	37,685	181,003	148,961	20,220	169,181
Miscellaneous	(3,800)	-	(3,800)	(361)	-	(361)
Total public support and revenues	1,229,882	37,685	1,267,567	1,050,277	20,220	1,070,497
Net assets released from restrictions	23,655	(23,655)	-	31,205	(31,205)	-
Total public support, revenues and transfers	1,253,537	14,030	1,267,567	1,081,482	(10,985)	1,070,497
EXPENSES						
Program services	588,793	-	588,793	467,902	-	467,902
Supporting services						
Management and general	274,626	-	274,626	237,628	-	237,628
Fundraising	101,835	-	101,835	84,613	-	84,613
Cost of goods sold	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total supporting services	376,461	-	376,461	322,241	-	322,241
Total expenses	965,254	-	965,254	790,143	-	790,143
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	288,283	14,030	302,313	291,339	(10,985)	280,354
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,318,712	32,055	2,350,767	2,027,373	43,040	2,070,413
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,606,995	\$ 46,085	\$ 2,653,080	\$ 2,318,712	\$ 32,055	\$ 2,350,767

Overview

THE 2024 FINANCIAL REVIEW was performed by Gray Hunter Stenn, Certified Public Accountants. The firm prepared and presented its report along with the 2023 financial results. Gray Hunter Stenn LLP issued a conclusion that they are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the NRVC's 2024 financial statements for them to be in accordance with the accounting

principles that are generally accepted in the United States of America.

Investments

Investments under management with Christian Brothers Investment Services at 12/31/2024 were \$2,825,484, indicating healthy market gains during 2024. Investment balance at 12/31/2023 was \$2,512,532. After an initial



investment of \$500,000 in 2022, the Board-designated NRVC endowment fund balance has grown to \$695,786. Development efforts are underway 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, and cash balances are well-diversified.

Restricted funds

Thanks to the generosity of the GHR Foundation and Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, grant work continues on projects in 2024 and beyond. We are richly blessed by these organizations' faith in the NRVC to partner with them to achieve significant goals.

NRVC member congregations have been extremely generous in donating to the Misericordia Scholarship Fund. Contributions to Misericordia in 2024 of \$37,685 were received to assist with the 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 crucial sources of operating revenue for the NRVC, providing 78% of 2024 operating revenue. This represents strong member participation in workshops, programs, and Convocation 2024. General contributions, along with revenue from grants, provided 16%

of operating revenue in 2024, publications and resources contributed 4%, and in-kind donations, honoraria, and miscellaneous revenue combined provided 2%.

Expenses

Expenses are distributed among program services, 61%, management and general, 28%, and fundraising, 11%. The NRVC engaged our web developer, ideaPort, to build a custom database to interface with our NRVC.net website. This capital expense far exceeded the budgeted time and expense. The total cost of \$200,000 was paid over the term of the project and will be paid in full in 2025.

Net Assets

Finally, the NRVC closed 2024 with total net assets of \$2,653,080, an increase of \$302,313 over 2023 year-end. Thanks be to God for the good work the NRVC accomplished through the collaborative efforts of members, donors, grantors, the National Board, and the NRVC leadership team.

MAUREEN CETERA
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
AND OPERATIONS





Message from the Director of Development



This year's Annual Report is themed "Walking Humbly Together," which was also our 2024 Convocation theme. This report highlights the good work the NRVC has accomplished this past year, thanks to the support of our generous members, institutions, foundations, donors, and all our supporters who Walk Humbly Together with us each day. I know each of us continues to be inspired and energized to walk with those who are discerning a call to religious life. To each one of you, we say, Thank you! Our work continues because of your support.

We asked members at Convocation: Who inspired you to reflect more deeply on walking humbly together? One responded with the following:

"This is a difficult question because I was inspired to reflect more deeply on walking humbly together at every session, at every prayer moment, during conversation at shared meals. There wasn't a day or moment when I did not feel inspired by other vocation directors, who clearly model the humility necessary to engage in this ministry."

The NRVC brings vocation directors together to share and model humility and engage in this ministry. We can do this because of the great people who are part of our mission and provide a source of expertise, education, and networking.

This year, many of you participated in workshops that helped you become more culturally mindful or attended the Summer Institute. You may have joined us for "Talk it up Tuesdays," our virtual series to share vocation ministry skills with fellow members.

We were together in Minneapolis at our 2024 biennial Convocation, and you may have been a sponsor or watched the keynote presentations on our YouTube Channel. Possibly, you checked out the Storymap: Bold and Faithful: Meet Today's Religious, or purchased one of our many resources available at the NRVC store. All of these tools are made possible by those who support the NRVC's mission.

As we reflect on 2024, we know it has been a year filled with encounters, conversations, and changes as we work together to cultivate what is possible. Thank you for all that you do for the NRVC and for your commitment to helping others hear God's Call.

PHIL LOFTUS
NRVC DIRECTOR
OF DEVELOPMENT





Convocation Report 2024

Convocation is a sacred time to create lifelong memories with professional colleagues and learn more about cultivating what's possible in vocation ministry!

With the Upper Midwest Members as our hosts, the National Board and staff led an engaging experience with 225 participants in our NRVC culture of collaboration, joy, and hope! Participants arrived from every Member Area, including Canada, the Dominican Republic, England, Guyana, Mexico, Rome, and the United Kingdom. We prayed together as a vibrant community throughout the solemn feasts and cultural religiosities of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, also known as el Día de Muertos! At the closing Mass, \$2,145 was collected for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

The National Board recognized the National Conference for Vicars for Religious (NCVR) with its Harvest Award, the highest recognition for a person or organization that supports vocation ministry. The National Board also awarded lifetime membership to Sister Josita Colbert, SNDdeN, and Ms. Marge Argyelan. Recognized for an outstanding contribution to vocation ministry were NRVC members: Brother David Henley, GHM, Mr. Greg Darr, and Sister Lisa Laguna, DC. The Mustard Seed Award was given to the Vocations Jamboree at the University of Mary.

NRVC welcomed guests from the following organizations:

Mr. Jose Matos Auffant, national board member, Catholic Volunteer Network
Miss Nicole Bettini, Delegate for Consecrated Life
Brother Bill Boslet, OFS, executive secretary, Religious Brothers Conference
Father Frank, Donio, SAC, executive director, Conference of Major Superiors of Men
Mr. Chris Fusco, associate director of Civil Law, Resource Center for Religious Institutes
Archbishop Bernard Hebda, archbishop of St. Paul & Minneapolis
Dr. Ryan Hoffmann, executive director, Religious Formation Conference
Mrs. Emily Klaus, mentorship coordinator, Catholic Campus Ministry Association
Sister Maryann Lopiccolo, SC, board president, National Conference of Vicars for Religious
Sister Mary Rowell, CSJ, board president for Vocations Canada
Sister Annmarie Sanders, I.H.M., associate director for com-



munications, Leadership Conference of Women Religious
Ms. Carol Schuck Scheiber, NRVC publications editor of HORIZON and VISION
Sister Gemma Simmonds, CJ, director, Religious Life Institute at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge, England
Sister Barbara Spears, SNJM, board president, National Black Sisters Conference
Mrs. Patrice Tuohy, CEO, TrueQuest Communications
Bishop Austin Vetter, NRVC episcopal liaison
Guests unable to attend: Sister Mary Bendyna, O.P., from the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious; Mrs. Rosemary Sullivan from the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors, and Mr. Brian Lavelle, from Communicators for Women Religious.

Over the past two years, through a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the NRVC organizational leaders have been elevating their skills as culturally mindful leaders by embracing intercultural humility and anti-racism as a



lifelong pursuit. Convocation was designed to broaden our collective efforts with NRVC members and stakeholders to move from public statements to action steps.

Intercultural humility means that a conference alone cannot change mindsets and behavior. It means we keep learning and unlearning cultural values, perceptions of power, cultural wealth, and communication dynamics in vocation ministry. We open spaces for listening without judgment, and we engage with difficult conversations about justice, belonging, and dignity. While we can never become the other or fully achieve solidarity, we can walk humbly together with discerners and their families whose lives have been affected by decisions that carry deep wounds of intergenerational trauma and still impact communities today.

At the first NRVC Convocation in 1988, Servant of God, Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., asked us poignantly in her keynote presentation, *Forged by our history: a cultural perspective*, (Fall 1989 HORIZON Journal):

How can you help all the members of your congregation to be open to cultural diversity, to learn new languages, new cultural languages, new body languages, new eye languages; to learn new axiologies and epistemologies, to learn new aesthetics, and new arts?

At the crossroads of challenge and possibility, her enduring questions galvanized our 2024 Convocation theme to walk humbly together!

Convocation appreciation

NRVC Upper Midwest Member Area and its Coordinators:

Sister Carmy Luke, O.S.B., Brother Larry Schatz, F.S.C., & Mr. Greg Darr (MAC Emeritus)

Photographer: Sister Kathleen Branham, O.S.F.

Presenters: Sister Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN, Dr. Ann Garrido, Mr. Wyatt Olivas, and Brother Chris. Patiño, F.S.C.

Presiders: Father Frank Donio, S.A.C., Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Father Luis Romero, C.M., and Father Toshio Sato, C.M.

Liturgical Leaders, Choir, and Musicians, especially Oregon Catholic Press for our Music Director, Mr. Matt Reichert, Director, Center for Learning, and to Trudy Vandehey, Manager of Conferences & Formational Events, Center for Learning

Cantors: Sister June Fitzgerald, O.P., Sister Katherine Frazier, O.P., Father Adam MacDonald, S.V.D., Sister Lovina Pammit, O.S.F., Mrs. Sandy Pivko, Brother John Skrodinsky, ST, Sister Liz Sjöberg, DC, Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I., Brother Zachary Wilberding, O.S.B.

Musicians: Sister Connie Bach, P.H.J.C., Sister Dina Bato, S.P., Sister Donna Del Santo, S.S.J., Brother Juan Manuel Hernandez, F.S.C., Sister Carmy Luke, O.S.B., Ms. Polly Meyerding, Sister Jill Reuber, O.S.B., Sister Stephanie Spandl, SSND, Mr. Linc Stine, and Sister Kieran Williams, I.H.M.

Workshop Presenters: Father Anthony M. Bozeman, S.S.J., Sister Karen Cote, I.H.M. Psy.D., Father Luis Fernando Falcó, MSPs, Ph.D., Mr. Christopher J. Fusco, JCL, Esq., Ms. Mary L. Gautier, Ph.D., Sister Mary Lindsay, SSJ, PhD, Ms. Graciela

Mateo, Sister Gemma Simmonds, C.J., Sister Patricia Wittberg, S.C., Ph.D.

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Staff

Nix Conference and Meeting Management Staff, Caitlin Callewaert, and John Callewaert

Convocation Logo Design: TrueQuest Communications

NRVC Members, NRVC Member Area Coordinators, National Board, and Office

Thank you Convocation Sponsors!

A Guide to Religious Ministries

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery, Bismarck, ND

Benedictine Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, Duluth, MN

Cards by Anne

Catholic Campus Ministry Association

Catholic Life Insurance

Catholic Theological Union

Catholic Volunteer Network

Catholic World Mission

Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association - CAVA

Christus Health (Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston

and San Antonio, and the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth)

Congregation of Saint Joseph

Congregation of Sisters of Bon Secours

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

De La Salle Christian Brothers, Midwest Province

Dr. E - Richard Espinosa, PsyD.

Dubuque Area Vocation Association - DAVA

Edmund Rice Christian Brothers

Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center

Father Adam MacDonald, S.V.D.

Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

Gray Hunter Stenn LLP

Guest House

LaSallian Educational and Research Initiatives

Liturgical Press

Marist Brothers

Mexican American Catholic College

Mihajlov Family

Oregon Catholic Press (OCP)

Philip and Loretto Loftus

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

Saint John Vianney Center

Saint Luke Institute

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Saint Meinrad Archabbey

School Sisters of Notre Dame

Sisters of Saint Benedict, Ferdinand, IN

Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph Province

Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius

Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace

Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of South Dakota

Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother

Society of the Holy Child Jesus

Southdown

TrueQuest Communications

Len and Susie Uhal

Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, U.S.

University of St. Thomas: Office for Mission

Uptown Diner-St. Paul Development Corporation

VocationCRM

NRVC Member Areas: Delaware Valley, Heartland, Lake Erie/Ohio River, Midwest, New England, Pacific Northwest, Southwest, and Upper Midwest



National Board

Brother Joseph Bach, O.F.M. Conv. '23-26
 Mrs. Nancy Costello, '21-24
 Sister Margarita Hernandez, S.P. '23-26
 Sister Eileen McCann, C.S.J., '24-27
 Brother Brian Poulin, F.M.S., '21-24
 **Friar Mario Serrano, O.F.M. Conv. '23-26
 Brother Ed Shields, F.S.C., '23-26
 Brother John Skrodinsky, S.T., '24-27
 **Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I., '21-24
 Sister Gail Trippett, C.S.J., '23-26
 **Mr. Len Uhal, '18-25
 Sister Mary Yun, O.P., '21-24
 **Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. ex officio
 **Board executive committee

Member Area Coordinators

Sister Gloria Ardenio Agnes, M.M., '24-26
 Sister Maria Amador, P.C.M., '22-24
 Sister Kathleen Branham, O.S.F., '20-24
 Sister Chero Chuma, C.S.J.P., '23-25
 Sister Caryn Crook, O.S.F., '22-26
 Sister Rejane Cytacki, S.C.L., '23-25
 Mrs. Margaret Cartwright, '21-25
 Sister Rejane Cytacki, S.C.L., '24-26
 Mrs. Renee Dee, '23-25
 Sister Michele Fisher, C.S.F.N., '22-26
 Sister June Fitzgerald, O.P., '20-26
 Sister Heather Jean Foltz, O.S.B., '24-26
 Sister Regina Hlavac, D.C., '22-24
 Mrs. Michelle Horton, '22-25
 Mrs. Teri Iverson, '24-26



Father Radmar Jao, SJ,'23-25
Sister Carmella Luke, O.S.B., '22-26
Brother Mark Motz, S.M., '20-26
Sister Kim Xuan Nguyen, CCVI, '24-26
Father Vien Nguyen, S.D.B., '22-24
Sister Kathleen Persson, O.S.B.'21-24
Mrs. Sandy Piwko, '21-25
Sister Anita Quigley, S.H.C.J., '24-26
Sister Jill Reuber, O.S.B., '21-25
Sister Jean Rhoads, D.C., '22-25
Sister Mary Rowell, C.S.J., '21-25
Brother Larry Schatz, F.S.C., '23-25
Friar Emanuel Vasconcelos, O.F.M. Conv., '24-26

Sister Paz Vital, O.S.B., '23-25
Sister Jenny Wilson, R.S.M., '24-26

New Resource Task Force

Sister Jessi Beck, P.B.V.M., Sister Josita Colbert, SNDdeN., Sister Patricia Dual, O.P., Sister Anna Marie Espinosa, I.W.B.S., Sister Adelina Garcia, C.D.P., Sister Gayle Lwanga Crumley, R.G.S., Sister Ana Cecilia Montalvo, FSpS, Sister Kim Xuan Nguyen, CCVI, Sister Jocelyn Quijano, P.B.V.M., Sister Patricia Twohill, O.P., Father Rodrigo Ulloa, M.M., Sister Bridget Waldorf, SSND, and Father Patrick Winbush, O.S.B.



The NRVC is grateful for the generosity of our benefactors who contribute to our organization in grants, in-kind contributions, and financial donations.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ
 Alexian Brothers, Immaculate Conception Province
 Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
 Ms. Margaret Argyelan
 Sr. Dina Bato, S.P.
 Benedictine Monks, Richardton, ND, Assumption Abbey
 Benedictine Monks, St. Meinrad, IN, Saint Meinrad Archabbey
 Benedictine Sisters, Atchison, KS
 Benedictine Sisters, Beech Grove, IN
 Benedictine Sisters, Bismarck, ND
 Benedictine Sisters, Boerne, TX
 Benedictine Sisters, Crookston, MN
 Benedictine Sisters, Duluth, MN
 Benedictine Sisters, Ferdinand, IN
 Benedictine Sisters, Fort Smith, AR
 Benedictine Sisters, St. Joseph, MN
 Benedictine Sisters, Yankton SD
 Sr. Kathleen Branham, OSF
 Brothers of the Christian Schools, Eastern North America
 Sr. Cory Canon, S.C.
 Cards by Anne
 Rev. Raymond Carey
 Catholic Life Insurance
 Catholic News Publishing Company
 Catholic Theological Union
 Catholic Volunteer Network
 Catholic World Mission
 Center for the Study of Consecrated Life
 Mrs. Maureen Cetera
 Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association
 Christus Health
 Comboni Missionary Sisters
 Congregation of Bon Secours, International
 Congregation of Christian Brothers
 Congregation of Saint Joseph
 Congregation of the Humility of Mary
 Crosier Fathers and Brothers
 Daughters of Charity of St Vincent DePaul, Province of SEAS
 De LaSalle Christian Brothers, Midwest
 Divine Word Missionaries, Society of the Divine Word
 Dominican Friars, Saint Albert the Great Province (Central)
 Dominican Sisters, Springfield, IL
 Dubuque Area Vocation Association
 E Psyche Services
 Essentia Health
 Franciscan Friars, Conventual, Our Lady of Consolation
 Franciscan Friars, Conventual, Our Lady of the Angels
 Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus
 Franciscan Sisters of Chicago
 Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, MN
 Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
 Franciscan Sisters of Saint Elizabeth
 Gray Hunter Stenn LLC
 Guest House
 A Guide to Religious Ministries
 Heartland Member Area

Mr. Herbert Hennings
 Koozie Group-Anchor Wallace
 Lake Erie Ohio River Member Area
 Little Company of Mary Sisters
 Liturgical Press
 Mr. Philip Loftus
 Lourdes High School
 Fr. Adam MacDonald, S.V.D.
 Marist Brothers
 Mr. John McCarty
 Mexican American Catholic College
 Midwest Member Area
 Mr. Peter Mihajlov
 Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jenkintown
 Pacific Northwest Member Area
 Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ
 Religious of Jesus and Mary
 Religious Teachers Filippini
 Saint John Vianney Center
 Saint Luke Institute
 Saint Mary's Press
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
 School Sisters of Notre Dame
 Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth
 Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, United States Province
 Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston
 Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio
 Sisters of Mercy, Tai Mercy Convent
 Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph Province
 Sisters of Saint Francis of Dubuque
 Sisters of Saint Francis, Oldenburg, IN
 Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis MO
 Sisters of Saint Joseph of Cluny
 Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace
 Sisters of Saint Joseph, Baden, PA
 Sisters of Saint Joseph, Rochester, NY
 Sisters of Saint Rita
 Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius
 Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth
 Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, MO
 Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton
 Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, IA
 Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, NY
 Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, SD
 Sisters of the Redeemer
 Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother
 Sisters-Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Immaculata
 Society of the Holy Child Jesus
 Southdown
 TrueQuest Communications
 Mr. Len Uhal
 Union Of Srs Of The Presentation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
 University of Saint Thomas
 Upper Midwest Member Area
 Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union, Central Province
 Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union, Eastern Province
 Visitation Monastery of Minneapolis
 VocationCRM
 Xaverian Missionaries



Standing Committees

African American Vocation Committee

Sr. Nicole Trahan, F.M.I. (Committee Chair), Sr. Chero Chuma, C.S.J.P., Sr. Josita Colbert, S.N.D.deN., Sr. Pat Dual, O.P., Fr. Carl Gales, S.V.D, Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, O.S.P., Sr. Chara Marie Hill, F.H.M., Ms. Nicole Pumphrey, Deacon Mel Tardy, Sr. Dina Bato, S.P. (Staff Liaison)

Development Committee

Mr. Len Uhal (Committee Chair), Ms. Katherine Barth, Mrs. Nancy Costello, Mr. Phil Loftus (liaison), Fr. Adam MacDonald, S.V.D., and Mr. Guy Vaccaro.

Finance Advisory Committee

Brother Brian Poulin, fms (Committee Chair), Sr. Eileen McCann, CSJ, Sr. Mary Yun, OP, Mark Alaimo, César Oñate, Len Uhal, Maureen Cetera (Staff Liaison)

Governance Committee

Friar Mario Serrano, O.F.M. (Committee Chair), Conv., Sr. Kathleen Branham, O.S.F. (Staff Liaison), Sr. Lisa Laguna, DC, Mrs. Marge Argyelan (Staff Liaison), and Sr. Mary Yun, O.P.

Incorporating Cultural Diversity in Religious Life Committee

Br. Joseph Bach OFM Conv. (Co-Chair), Sr. Margarita Hernandez, S.P., (Co-Chair), Br. Rafael Vargas, S.D.B., Sr. Miriam Mitchell, S.H.Sp., Fr. Henry Nguyen S.C.J., Sr. Joni Luna, S.P., Sr. Skolastika Wea, SSpS, Sr. Dina Bato, S.P. (Staff Liaison)

2024 Summer Institute Orientation Program Participants

Fr. Habib Akpata, S.M.A., Br. Sam Amos, FMS, Sr. Mavis Animah, S.J.C., Fr. Varghese Arattukulam, C.R.S., Fr. Anthony Bozeman, S.S.J., Br. Cursey Calais, S.S.J., Sr. Ana Maria Chavolla, M.E.S.S.T., Sr. Réjane Cytacki, S.C.L., Mrs. Karen Dempsey, Ms. Joyce Cinday Djaman, Sr. Heather Jean Foltz, O.S.B., Sr. Teresa Gomez-Ramirez, R.G.S., Sr. Roseline Jayaraj, C.S.A.C., Sr. Angie Keil, O.S.F., Fr. Patrick Kifolio, O.S.F.S., Fr. Dennis Koltz, P.I.M.E., Sr. Marie Elise Kurikombil, F.S.S.E., Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ, Fr. Patrick Nolan, SJ, Sr. Sherly Padayattil, F.S.S.E., Sr. Violaine Paradis, CND, Fr. Luis Ariel Ramirez, C.M., Sr. Liz Sjoberg, DC, and Fr. Johannes-Pio Van den Eishout, C.S.J.



Día de Muertos is celebrated between Halloween, Oct. 31 Through Nov. 2, and coincides with the Catholic Holy Days of All Saints (Nov. 1) and All Souls (Nov. 2). In recent years, the tradition has spread into North America, particularly into communities with large Mexican and Latin American populations.

Families often come together, visit and repair graves of their dearly departed, light candles, leave offerings of prepared foods, and pray. Altars are especially common and often include photographs, offerings, personal belongings, flowers, and candles.



Walking Humbly Together