



Who we are

The National Religious Vocation Conference (nrvc.net) is a professional organization of vocation ministers that presents religious life as a viable option in the Catholic Church. NRVC promotes vocation awareness, invitation, and discernment to life as a religious sister, brother, or priest. It reflects all forms of religious life and provides educational opportunities, resources, and other supportive services for spiritual, professional, and personal growth.

What we do

We annually publish VISION Vocation Guide and produce its corresponding website vocationnetwork.org for those considering religious life. **Your VISION ideas are welcome:** innovative ministries, fascinating sisters, sisters who are excellent writers, high quality photo series, etc. We also publish HORIZON, a quarterly journal for vocation ministers, leaders, and others who support a robust future for religious life. Both publications have received multiple awards from the Catholic Press Association, including six editorial awards in 2016.

We also create vocation resources, sponsor workshops to prepare and educate vocation ministers, network with many collaborating organizations, and represent religious life at events such as World Youth Day. Our partner organization, National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations, nfcrv.org, raises and distributes money for the education debt of candidates to religious orders.

Resources for communicators

Make use of our VISION events calendar. Any public event of a religious community is welcome on our calendar (not just vocation events). Post your events at vocationnetwork.org/opportunities/begin

Help yourself to our free online resources, which include:

- [Fact sheets about religious life](#)—demographics, who is considering the life, etc. (nrvc.net, “Resources” tab, then “Media/press,” then “Fact sheets”).
- Full details of our studies of [newer members](#), [influence of family life](#), [cultural diversity in religious life](#), and [education debt](#). Relevant studies by other organizations are also available (nrvc.net, then “Studies” tab).

News

- Several CWR members helped plan our new **Vocation Ambassadors** program and then took part in the June 2016 kickoff workshop which prepared young adults to promote religious life vocations. The kickoff workshop gathered teams from 13 communities, each consisting of a young adult, the vocation director, and the communications director. Each team created a strategy for vocation communications and promotion. NRVC tentatively plans to repeat the workshop in June 2017.
- We are actively **seeking applicants for the position of executive director**. We bid farewell in September to our longtime executive director Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C. who will be working in Holy Cross leadership in Rome. Application details are at nrvc.net.
- The all-day workshop, “**Tips of the trade: How to market vocations for your religious institute**,” will be presented Oct. 27 in Overland Park, Kansas by Cynthia Krohn, communicator for Christian Brothers Services. Consider attending this with your vocation director. See nrvc.net for details. This a pre-convocation workshop, as our **biennial convocation** begins in Overland Park the evening of Oct. 27 and ends Oct. 31.

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THANK YOU, COMMUNICATORS, FOR ALL YOU DO TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS LIFE.