

STATISTICS ON RECENT VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

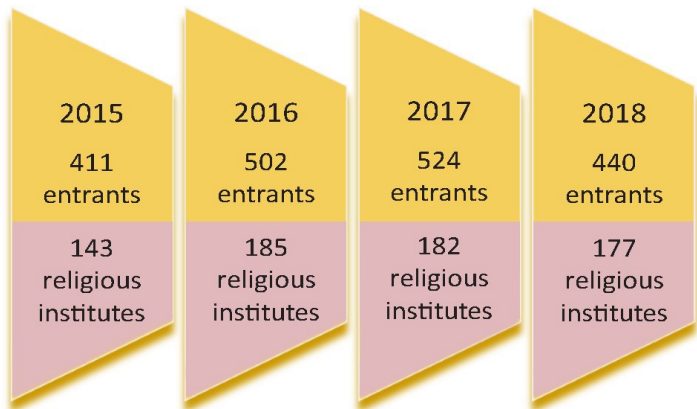
Source: CARA Entrance and Profession class reports and NRVC's VISION Vocation Match

UPTICK IN VOCATIONS

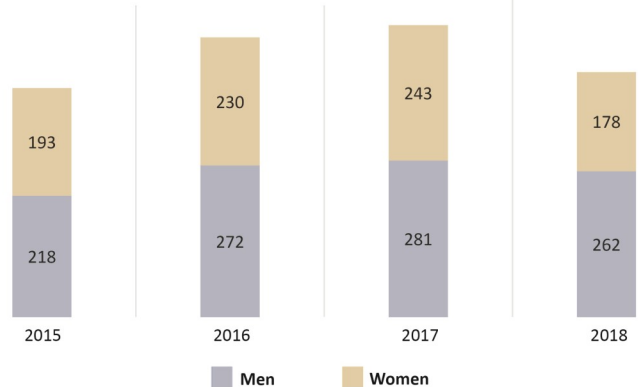
Perpetual professions continue to increase

NEW ENTRANTS

Number of new entrants | Number of religious institutes with new members

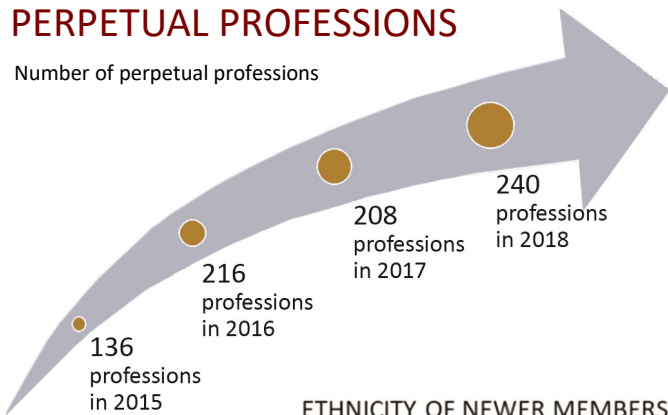


New entrants by gender

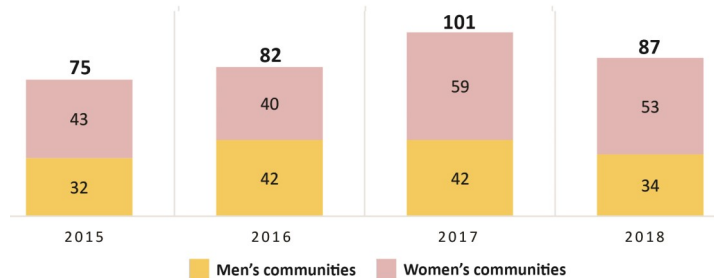


PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS

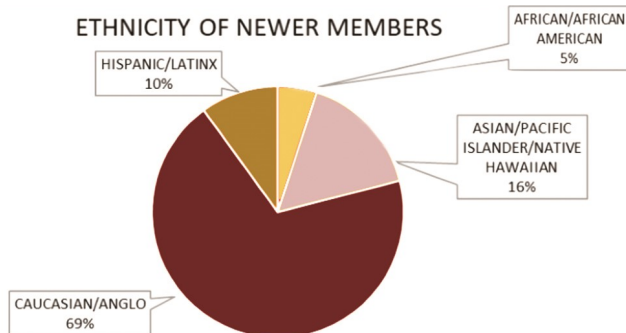
Number of perpetual professions



Institutes with perpetual professions



ETHNICITY OF NEWER MEMBERS



COUNTRY OF BIRTH

- 71% United States
- 11% Asia
- 7% Latin America
- 5% Africa
- 3% Oceania
- 2% Europe

19

Average age first considered a vocation to religious life; half were 19 or younger.

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Average age at entrance to religious life; half are age 25 or younger

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Average age at perpetual profession; half are age 35 or younger

PEOPLE WHO ENCOURAGED/DISCOURAGED DISCERNERS CONSIDERING RELIGIOUS LIFE

	ENCOURAGED	DISCOURAGED
FRIEND	44%	31%
PRIEST	41%	6%
RELIGIOUS SISTER/BROTHER	40%	2%
MOTHER	31%	21%
FATHER	28%	18%
OTHER RELATIVE	22%	27%
TEACHER/CATECHIST	19%	7%
YOUTH MINISTER	8%	1%

WHERE TO FIND INQUIRERS

Activities prior to entrance

- 71% Attained undergraduate degree
- 50% Lector
- 50% Attended Catholic Elementary School
- 48% Participated in Youth Ministry
- 47% Altar Server
- 45% Eucharistic Minister
- 36% Served in Music Ministry
- 36% Attended Catholic College
- 33% Young Adult ministry
- 29% College Campus Ministry
- 23% Attained graduate degree
- 20% Attended World Youth Day

Women and men are nearly twice as likely to consider a vocation when encouraged by another person. The effect is additive. People who are encouraged by three persons are five times more likely to consider a vocation than someone who was not encouraged by anyone.

INVITE SOMEONE TO CONSIDER RELIGIOUS LIFE TODAY!

DISCERNER STATISTICS FROM NRVC

VISION Vocation Guide and VocationNetwork.org are the most comprehensive resources available for those discerning a vocation to religious life. Each year more than 4,000 women and men create profiles on NRVC's VISION Vocation Match. Review the demographics of the most recent discerners here:

https://vocationnetwork.org/en/statistics/response_statistics

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