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## *NRVC Convocation and Institutes*

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The NRVC strongly suggests that vocation ministers participate in ongoing educational opportunities to attend to their own vocation, faith formation, and to further develop their professional competencies. Through its biennial Convocation and Institutes, members are provided opportunities for workshops to keep up to date on trends, issues, skills, and best practices in the field of vocation ministry.

### **CONVOCATION**

Convocation brings together the NRVC membership with its trademark excellence in workshops, liturgies, keynote presentations, and networking. This large membership conference also includes the business meeting, awards banquet, and invitations to several organizational collaborators. It provides the opportunity to celebrate the mission and vision of the organization while engaging in professional development and ongoing formation.

The National Board recognized the need to gather nationally since the start of the NRVC in 1988. The National Board is responsible for providing for a biennial National Convocation, as well as selecting the time, place, and theme for the Convocation. Members of the Board serve as liaisons for the many responsibilities throughout the event. The Convocation host is ordinarily the Member Area in the location where the event is held. The Member Area provides on-site support, ambiance, liturgical items, and selects the local non-profit organization for the collection taken at the closing Mass at Convocation.

### **CONVOCATION VENUES**

Spokane, WA	2022	Pacific Northwest
Virtual	2020	Cyberspace
Buffalo, NY	2018	Hudson Valley
Overland Park, KS	2016	Heartland
Chicago, IL	2014	Midwest
Plano, TX	2012	Southwest
Cleveland, OH	2010	Lake Erie/Ohio River
Louisville, KY	2008	Lake Erie/Ohio River
Irvine, CA,	2006	West Coast
Chicago, IL	2004	Midwest
San Antonio, TX	2002	Southwest
Rutherford NJ	2000	Delaware Valley
Minneapolis, MN	1998	Upper Midwest
New Orleans, LA	1996	Southeast
Albuquerque, NM	1994	Southwest
Cherry Hill, NJ	1992	Delaware Valley
San Mateo, CA	1990	West Coast
St. Louis, MO	1988	Heartland

## **SUMMER AND FALL INSTITUTE**

The Summer Institute has been offered annually since 1988 while the Fall Institute started in 2013 and is offered every other year. A variety of workshop are offered for vocation ministers, formation teams, communicators, religious leadership, and others entrusted with the assessment of discerners and candidates. Workshops are designed from the NRVC three-component curriculum for those who wish to deepen their understanding of the complex theological, spiritual, psycho-sexual, ethical, and diversity issues often present in contemporary vocation ministry.

The Orientation Program first began in 1988 presented by Sr. Mary Jo Kirt, O.S.F. and Fr. Peter Wolf, OFM Cap. Since then, the following religious have served on the O.P. team of presenters: Bro. Joseph Bach, O.S.F., Bro. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., Bro. Jonathan Beebe, C.S.C., Sr. Cathy Bertrand, SSND, Sr. Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M., Sr. Charlene Diorka, S.S.J., Fr. Tom Enneking, O.S.C., Bro. John Eustice, C.S.V., Bro. Ken Grondin, C.F.C., Sr. Sue Kidd, CND, Fr. Adam MacDonald, SVD, Bro. Mark Motz, SM, Bro. Chris Patino, F.S.C., Sr. Carol Tropiano, R.S.M., and Sr. Mindy Welding, I.H.M.

Behavioral Assessment 1 and 2, along with Ethical Issues in Vocation and Formation Ministry are presented by Rev. Raymond P. Carey. The Ethics workshop is typically offered annually at Summer Institute while Behavioral Assessment 1 is offered at both the Summer Institute and Fall Institute. The Behavioral Assessment 2 workshop is offered at the Fall Institute. Father Ray serves as a priest of the Archdiocese of Portland, OR. Father Carey holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Ottawa, Canada. He is a recipient of the NRVC Harvest Award and a Lifetime NRVC member for his work in service of vocation ministry.

Sister Lynn Levo, C.S.J. has presented Understanding, Assessing, and Fostering Psycho-Sexual Integration since 2014. It is offered customarily every three years at the Summer Institute. Sister Lynn M. Levo, C.S.J., Ph.D., is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, a licensed psychologist, consultant and lecturer. She received her Ph.D. from the University of New York at Albany, completing her clinical training at The University of Kansas School of Medicine. She received the NRVC Outstanding Recognition Award at Convocation 2016.

A variety of presenters have been invited to lead workshops over the years. If you would like to recommend a speaker, please contact the NRVC office to provide a biography, workshop outline, and contact information.

Further information about Summer and Fall Institute can be accessed on the NRVC Website>Programs & Events