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# *NRVC Awards*

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## **NRVC AWARDS**

The NRVC presents three categories of awards at the biennial Convocation: The Harvest Award, Mustard Seed Award, and Outstanding Service Recognition. Nominations forms are on the [website](#) under Resources>Professional Documents

## **HARVEST AWARD**

Presented at biennial Convocation to an individual or organization who has provided significant support of vocation ministry, i.e. financial, project(s), collaborative efforts, serves, or programs. Nominations and selection are done by the NRVC Board.

1990: The Lilly Endowment, Inc.

1992: Rev. Raymond P. Carey

1994: No award given

1996: Ms. Dolores Orzel

1998: Bishop John McGraith

2000: Sr. Mary Johnson, SNDdeN, Carol Schuck Scheiber, & Claretian Publications

2002: National Coalition for Church Vocations

2004: Mrs. Dorothy T. Foss (NCDVD) and Fr. Raymond Lafontaine

2006: Serra International Serra USA Council

2008: Patrice Tuohy, TrueQuest Communications

2010: Catholics on Call

2012: National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

2014: Kathleen A. Mahoney

2016: Catholic Volunteer Network

2018: NRVC Staff

2020: Mary Lou Paluch Rafferty

2022: Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Mr. Miguel Naranjo

### **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

Presented at the biennial Convocation to an individual who has demonstrated a significant length of outstanding service to the National Religious Vocation Conference and is perceived to continue to support the organization throughout their lifetime. Nominations and selection are done by the NRVC Board.

2014: Sr. Catherine Bertrand, S.S.N.SD., Sr. Charlene Diorka, S.S.J., Sr. Mary Ann Hamer, O.S.F., and Sr. Charlene Herinckx, S.S.M.O.

2016: Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C.

2018: Miss Dolores Orzel

2020: Rev. Raymond P. Carey

### **MUSTARD SEED AWARD**

This award is presented to an individual/group who has made a significant impact on vocation ministry through small, local initiatives that have taken root and expanded to include the efforts and contributions of other individuals, groups and organizations, thus growing a culture of vocation that raises awareness locally and even nationally. This individual does not have to be a member of NRVC or a vocation director. Nominations are submitted by NRVC members and selected by the NRVC Board.

2014: Here I am Lord!

2016: Dubuque Area Vocation Association

2018: Youth in Theology and Ministry

2020: Notre Dame Vision

### **NRVC OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION AWARD**

Presented at the biennial Convocation to a vocation minister who has been a member of NRVC for a minimum of three years. Nominations are submitted by NRVC members and selected by the NRVC Board. This award recognizes an individual's significant contribution in areas such as:

- Providing leadership in the many facets of vocation ministry in promoting a culture of vocations in the Church and in society
- Engaging in collaborative efforts with organizations that foster the development of a culture of vocations
- Initiating and/or developing vocation program(s) with broad impact on vocation ministry
- Developing innovative and creative approaches to vocation ministry

## NOMINATION PROCESS

- NRVC members submit nominations to the Board
- The Board determines from the nominations the individual(s) to receive the award.
- Ordinarily, not more than three awards are given per year.

1990: Fr. Jerry Kaelin, O.F.M.

1992: Sr. Catherine Bertrand, S.S.N.D.

1994: Sr. Jane DeLisle, C.S.J.

1996: Sr. Illeana Fernandez, C.S.J., Fr. Marvin Kitten, S.J., and Fr. Daniel Rauzi, S.D.B.

1998: Sr. Kathleen Bryant, R.S.C., Br. Kenneth Grondin, C.F. & Sr. Gloria Marie Jones, O.P.

2000: Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., Rev. John Regan, and Sr. Noreen Walter, S.C.L.

2002: Fr. Jack Kurps, S.C.J., Sr. Carol Mucha, R.S.M., Sr. Carol Tropiano, R.S.M., Sr. Marcia Ziska, O.S.B.

2004: Sr. Mary Pellegrino, C.S.J. and Br. James McVeigh, O.S.F.

2006: Sr. Susan Kidd, C.N.D., Sr. Rose Mary Rexing, O.S.B., and Fr. Warren Sazama, S.J.

2008: Sr. Anita Louise Lowe, O.S.B. and Sr. Rose Sevenich, O.S.F.

2010: Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, O.S.P. and Fr. Kevin Nadolski, O.S.F.S.

2012: Sr. Josita Colbert, S.N.D. de N. and Sr. Elyse Ramirez, O.P.

2014: Fr. Anthony Vinson, O.S.B. and Sr. Patricia Wittberg, S.C.

2016: Sr. Adrienne Kaufmann, O.S.B., Sr. Lynn M. Levo, C.S.J., & Sr. Patricia Twohill, O.P.

2018: Fr. Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S. and Sr. Mary Rowell, C.S.J.

2020: Sr. Michael Francine Duncan, S.S.M.O., Bro. Ronald Hingle, S.C., Sr. Marie Mackey, C.S.J., Sr. Priscilla Moreno, R.S.M., and Bro. Sean Sammon, F.M.S.