



**HORIZON**

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# 2018-19 Religious vocation events

EVENT	DATE	POSSIBILITIES
<b>Synod on youth, faith, and vocational discernment</b>	Oct. 3-28, 2018	Hold a synod watch prayer service. Convene a synod study group to read documents leading up to the synod. Sponsor a “We all have a vocation” night. Begin regular Mass attendance at a young adult parish and stay for coffee. Invite young people to advise your community about faith outreach.
<b>Convocation of National Religious Vocation Conference</b>	Nov. 1-5, 2018	Plan to be refreshed, renewed, educated, and inspired at our 30th anniversary gathering in Buffalo, New York. Register at <a href="http://nrvc.net">nrvc.net</a> today. For maximum impact bring a member of your leadership team and/or a member of your vocation committee.
<b>National Vocation Awareness Week</b>	Nov. 4-10, 2018	HORIZON readers have responded with creativity and enthusiasm to this annual occasion to celebrate the ways that God calls. Use this moment to educate laity who work in your sponsored ministries (they can be great vocation ambassadors). Consider homilies, Masses, prayer services, social media posts, newsletter reflections, or open houses. Those in parish work might invite each group in the parish to celebrate the week in its own way.
<b>World Youth Day</b>	JAN. 22-27, 2019	World Youth Day will be in Panama. Register to be part of the Vocation Fair at <a href="http://panama2019.pa">panama2019.pa</a> . Those who are unable to attend in person can take part in the at-home programming of their diocese. Consider sponsoring a WYD event of your own at your motherhouse or at a ministry that is attractive to youth.
<b>World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</b>	FEB. 2, 2019	Opportunities abound to pray with and for those in consecrated life. Consider holding prayer services at your sponsored ministries. Or perhaps use this opportunity to uplift membership by reminding them of the beauty of their vocation through rituals, prayer, mementoes, and gestures.
<b>National Catholic Sisters Week</b>	MARCH 8-14, 2019	Communities have recognized this week with social media campaigns, pairing of sisters and college students to complete video projects, open houses, prayer vigils, and ministry immersion days. Learn more and investigate funding at <a href="http://nationalcatholicsistersweek.org">nationalcatholicsistersweek.org</a> .
<b>Religious Brothers Day</b>	MAY 1, 2019	From study days, to Masses, to social media campaigns, there are many ways to celebrate brothers. (It’s even OK to steal an idea from National Catholic Sisters Week!) Similar to the week for sisters, this day is recognized and celebrated by brothers themselves and by those who appreciate their witness and service.