Dear Friend of NRVC,

Globalization...internationalism...cross-culturalism...Whether we are talking about the economy, the Church, or religious life, these words are becoming increasingly more commonplace in our daily vocabulary. We are part of a global community as much as we are a part of a global Church. When we recognize the richness of this experience, we eventually discover similarity in the midst of our diversity, support in our common mission, and appreciation for how religious life is a precious gift for our Church and world.

As you read through this Annual Report, you will see how the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) continues to make efforts to cultivate a global perspective and understanding of vocation ministry in our Church today. While maintaining our identity as a national conference, our outreach to other national vocation conferences around the world is broadening our understanding of the challenges and opportunities we all face in promoting vocations. Together we will be stronger in our common commitment to ensure a new generation of priests, brothers, and sisters.

A large focus of our energy this past year also included connections on a national level, starting with our study in collaboration with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) on the state of religious vocations in the United States. With the introduction of VISION Vocation Guide’s annual surveys, we also began tracking trends in religious vocation discernment. We are proud that VISION in print and online continues to grow and enhance its status as the premier vocation guide.

This past year also saw plans being laid for our biennial Convocation in Louisville, KY, this coming October, which will include outstanding keynotes and three new exciting pre-convocation workshops.

I am grateful for the many religious institutes, dioceses, and organizations and all our benefactors who continue to contribute financially or in their donated services to support our mission. Of course, without our NRVC staff and National Board we would not be where we are today, so to all of our friends, I express a hearty THANK YOU.

As the NRVC continues to broaden its outreach and cultural exchanges, know of my prayerful hope that we may all share in the blessings that come with expanded hearts and minds.

Sincerely,

Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC
Executive Director
NRVC enhances its mission by cultivating a global perspective.

New Associate Director

In August Sister Charlene Diorka, SSJ, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, joined the NRVC staff as the new Associate Director. Having previously served as Vocation Director for her religious congregation, Sister Charlene is more than familiar with the mission and work of NRVC. A member of the NRVC Board for four years, including three years on the Leadership Team, Sister Charlene was also co-chair of Region 3 for four years.

In her new capacity, Sister Charlene will primarily coordinate all of our NRVC workshops, including the upcoming 2008 Convocation. We are delighted to have her with us.

Grant Received for Vocation Study

In the fall, NRVC received a $64,300 grant from an anonymous donor to conduct a major study on contemporary religious vocations in the United States. This study is being done in fulfillment of one of the major directives of the five year strategic plan promulgated by the National Board in 2004. NRVC has contracted with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) to conduct this research project.

This study, which will commence in the spring of 2008, will look specifically at those who have entered, professed and/or left religious life in the past 15 years. It will consist of four components:

- Surveying all religious institutes and societies, regarding their general characteristics, the number of new entrants and departures, etc.
- Surveying all of those who entered religious life since 1993;
- Onsite visits to those religious institutes that successfully attract and retain new members;
- Focus groups of newer religious in the United States.

The purpose of this study is to identify best practices in vocation and formation programs. Since no study on the state of religious vocations in the United States has ever been done before, the final results will be of great interest to bishops, major superiors and vocation and formation directors. The projected study completion is the spring of 2009.

New Workshops a Success!

Over 400 participants attended the various workshops sponsored by NRVC in 2007. In response to the expressed needs of our members, our 2007 program premiered four new workshops that were well received by the participants.

Sexual Issues of Women: Implications for Assessment, with Sister Lynn Levo, CSJ, Ph.D.

Sexual Issues of Men: Implications for Assessment, with Sister Lynn Levo, CSJ, Ph.D.

The Use of Psychological Testing in Candidate Assessment, with Dr. Laura Dorin, Ph.D.

Spiritual Mentoring of Candidates in Discernment, with Father Raymond Dlugos, OSA, Ph.D.

Given their success, it is our hope to repeat these workshops again in the future.
**European Vocation Services, Zadar, Croatia**

For the first time, the NRVC Executive Director was invited to participate in the annual congress of the European Vocation Services (EVS), a gathering of the directors of vocation services for the 34 European Bishops’ Conferences. Over 50 participants represented 17 countries, and included representatives from the Congregation of Education and the Congregation of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life in Rome.

The theme of the Congress was *Family as Setting for Vocations* and featured as keynote speaker, Miss Marie Hendrickx, a Belgian theologian from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Brother Paul was invited to share his reflections with the participants on how NRVC is responding to the various opportunities and challenges for vocation ministry in the United States. Although the United States and Europe have many ecclesial and cultural differences, there are many nuanced similarities common to vocation ministry. A representative from EVS will be invited to the 2008 NRVC Convocation with hopes that this relationship will bear fruit for both organizations in the future.

**Australian Connections**

While attending a conference at the invitation of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, NRVC Executive Director, Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC, had the opportunity to visit Sydney, Australia, in April 2007. His reason was to meet with Sister Veronica McClusky, SGS, Executive Officer of Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia (CVMA). Their discussions primarily centered on how NRVC and CVMA can deepen and enhance their mutually collaborative relationship, which both organizations have happily shared over the years.

Brother Paul had the privilege to meet Most Rev. Kevin Manning, DD, Bishop of Pallametta, the home diocese of the CVMA offices. He and Sister Veronica also had an informative meeting with Mr. Steve Lawrence, the Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for World Youth Day 2008. Both he and Sister Veronica gave their input and reviewed the plans for the WYD Vocation Expo.

Given the significance of WYD in awakening vocation awareness in our youth, NRVC has consistently encouraged its members to attend WYD and to spon-
sor a booth in the Vocation Expo so as to strengthen a visible religious presence at this biennial event.

**NRVC Outreach to Youth and Young Adults**

Faithful to the priorities of the NRVC five year strategic plan, NRVC has made concerted efforts in 2007 to reach out to our youth and young adult population.

- A new section entitled Young Adult Resources has been posted on the NRVC website. This highlights long and short term discernment programs.
- Sister Charlene Diorka, SSJ, moderated a panel consisting of a priest, sister, brother and bishop at the National Conference Youth Conference (NCYC), a gathering of over 20,000 young people, held in November in Columbus, OH.
- Rev. Marty Moran, Executive Director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA), met with the NRVC Board in August to discuss how to integrate vocation promotion within a college/university campus ministry program.

**Horizon Elected for Membership in Catholic Press Association**

With its newly redesigned format, *Horizon*, the official NRVC professional journal, continues to grow in its national and international circulation and recognition as a respected publication. This past year *Horizon* was elected as a magazine member publication by the board of directors of the Catholic Press Association, the professional trade association for Catholic newspapers, magazines, book publishers, and their staff personnel.

Special thanks to Carol Schuck-Scheiber, Publications Editor, and the NRVC Editorial Committee for their continued excellent work on this respected, professional journal, a publication of which we can all be proud.

**VISION 2007**

By the close of the VISION 2007 issue in July 2007, 5,591 discerners had filled out online profiles through VISION’s VocationMatch.com. Another 3,000 discerners had gone through the Match by the end of December 2007. Based on the number of participants and the comments from discerners and participating religious communities, VocationMatch.com has proven to be an extremely popular and effective discernment tool.

Spurred by the media attention VocationMatch.com received, VISION editors kept religious vocations in the news by preparing the First Annual VocationMatch.com Report on Trends in Vocations that was distributed in February 2007 to the general media, the Catholic press, Catholic dioceses, and thousands of individuals via the newswire and email. The report revealed a significant increase in the number of those inquiring about religious life and entering religious life. The positive trends continued throughout the year.

In hopes of keeping up with the YouTube generation, VISION’s online vocation network expanded last fall to include streaming video. Advertisers are now posting short videos about their communities that run alongside their descriptive listings, and VISION’S seasonal online reflections, which took the form of podcasts during Lent and Advent 2007, will begin to include webcasts in 2008.
Many dioceses have conducted the Fishers of Men presbyteral workshop and 19 countries have expressed interest in the program.

Over the past year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has gone through reorganization. The Conference has been reduced from 37 committees to 17 committees. Six committees were folded into the new Bishops’ Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations. Chaired by Cardinal Sean O’Malley, OFM Cap., the members of the Committee include: Bishop Gregory Aymond; Bishop Michael Burbidge; Bishop Paul Coakley; Bishop Octavio Cisneros; Bishop Earl Boyea; Archbishop Basil Schott, OFM; Bishop Daniel Thomas; Bishop J. Terry Steib, SVD.

Prior to the reorganization, the six original committees were working on the following items:

**Priestly Life & Ministry**

The preaching document which was to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Ful-filled in Your Hearing was placed on hold until after the post synodal apostolic exhortation on the Word of God comes forth from the Vatican. Some discussion has taken place surrounding priests and accountability. This could take shape by way of a periodic review for priests. Consultation with such organizations as NOCERCC is essential in order to offer an effective instrument for diocesan and religious communities. Faithful Citizenship presbyteral workshops are available through the USCCB. These workshops coincide with the elections.

**Vocations**

The Fishers of Men project is going strong. Many dioceses (approximately 30%) have conducted the Fishers of Men presbyteral workshop and 19 countries have expressed interest in the program. The Fishers of Men DVD continues to be in use and recently won the Gabriel Award. The premise of the workshop is to acknowledge the gift that priests have, by virtue of ordination and their share in apostolic succession, to invite men to consider the priesthood. The Ordination Class Project continues to provide information about the men being ordained in the country each year. From this report we are able to determine the percentages of foreign born men, those with military experience, educational and occupational backgrounds, etc. This project presents to the media an accurate portrayal of the men entering the priesthood. The Secretariat will be present for World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia (July 2008). At this gathering, attention will be given to the military troops who gather for the event since 11% of the men ordained every year come from the military.

**Priestly Formation**

The Program of Priestly Formation is still being implemented in the US Seminaries. The Apostolic Seminary Visitation reports are coming to the ordinaries (diocesan & religious). The final report for the country will be coming by the end of the year.

**Consecrated Life**

The work of Consecrated Life will remain the responsibility of the General Secretary of the Bishops’ Conference. The General Secretary, Msgr. Malloy, and the bishop liaison of the committee will meet with the mixed Commission on Religious Ministry. The mixed Commission is made up of the USCCB, CMSM, CMSWR, & LCWR.

**Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations**

Staff for the Secretariat include: Msgr. Edward J. Burns, Executive Director; Fr. David L. Toups, STL, Associate Director; and Ms. Marna Smith, Staff Assistant.
Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)

Sister Carole Shinnick, SSND, Executive Director

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) represents approximately 95% of the congregations of women in the United States. LCWR’s mission is to provide its members with ongoing education and support in their ministry of leadership and to represent its members within the church and the larger society.

As part of its plan to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of LCWR in 2006, the conference began to plan for a national traveling exhibit that would tell the largely untold story of the impact of women religious on the history of the United States. Under the guidance of Helen Maher Garvey, BVM, the chairperson of the History Exhibit Committee, LCWR has collected approximately 2000 potential artifacts, engaged Seruto & Company of Pasadena, CA to execute the exhibit and has raised $3.5 million to create it.

The working title for the project is Pioneers, Poets and Prophets: Catholic Sisters in America. Currently LCWR is exploring venues around the country, including the Ellis Island Immigration Museum in New York Harbor and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. The exhibit is expected to open in 2009, and it is hoped that it will travel for two to three years.

This will be the first time that the story of women religious will be told in such a dramatic way to the American people. LCWR hopes that the exhibit will educate the public and encourage religious men and women who visit it to remember the odds against which their predecessors dealt and the amazing ways in which God worked wonders through their efforts.

To learn more about Pioneers, Poets, and Prophets, visit the LCWR website at http://www.lcwr.org/what%27snew/exhibit.htm.

NRVC is a treasured supporter of this endeavor. It is the hope of LCWR that the members of NRVC will find in this project a useful and inspiring opportunity. Our conference is deeply grateful to NRVC for its support and partnership in this and in so many other ways. We look forward to seeing you at the exhibit when it comes to your area.
“The first answer which the Church gives lies in a total act of faith in the Holy Spirit. We are deeply convinced that this trusting abandonment will not disappoint if we remain faithful to the graces we have received.” (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*)

In a recent article, Father Donald Senior, CP, President of Catholic Theological Union, expounded on the significance of this fundamental insight into the gift of a vocational call. Through the use of scriptural exegesis, the author referred to the four fundamental qualities expressed in several of the common scriptures:

1) the life of discipleship begins not with a choice but with a call; 2) the call is first and foremost a call to follow Jesus; 3) those who are called to follow Jesus also share in his mission of redemption and of establishing the reign of God; and 4) these stories make clear that those who are called will be transformed.

Assisting the religious institutes of men and women to identify and discern God’s will in people today is indeed a challenge. However, it is a challenge well served by the dedicated and professional staff of National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC).

CMSM is grateful for the excellence and expertise afforded to men’s and women’s religious institutes by the NRVC’s Executive Director, Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC. Under his direction the vocation conference has helped further the understanding and knowledge of those charged with formally engaging potential candidates to religious life.

Likewise, NRVC has aided the religious institutes to better understand the interrelationship between leadership and vocation personnel. Though a major superior holds responsibility for the entire community, it is vital that he/she cultivate a healthy understanding of the indispensable labors of the community’s vocation personnel. By working, leaders and vocation personnel together can make a difference. With this end in mind, encouraging and cultivating a supportive rapport with the vocation team is essential. Such a relationship not only values the efforts and important contribution of the vocation directors; it visibly models the truth of the Mystical Body of Christ today. Thus, in the spirit of mutual fraternal care and concern, the Church is built up and all the People of God benefit.

Thank you to the National Religious Vocation Conference for fulfilling such a vital and important role in the life of the Church.

CMSM is proud of its ongoing collaborative relationship with NRVC. And we continue to encourage all of our members to actively participate in this organization. We are grateful for the well-organized, relevant and challenging contribution the Vocation Conference is making. Together - we are responding to our call to serve Christ Gospel in the Church.
The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR) is a canonically approved organization founded in 1992, to promote religious life in the United States. Composed of major superiors of women religious with communities in the United States, the group is dedicated to Mary, Mother of the Church and Patroness of the Americas. Members of the Council wish to serve the Church and to foster the progress and welfare of religious life in the United States.

Some of the many activities of CMSWR in 2007 include the following:

- The National Assembly was held at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL, October 10-14, 2007. The theme was: “Walking in the Light of Truth”. Five Sisters from the membership communities presented on the theology of religious life. The title of their presentation was: “Religious Life: A New and Special Bond.” The focus was on: 1) Religious Consecration: A Particular Form of Consecrated Life; 2) The Spousal Bond; 3) The Vows: The Threefold Response of the Vows; 4) Communion in Community and 5) Mission. We opened the last day to young Sisters of the various member communities. We had over 100 additional Sisters in attendance for the conferences on religious life. There was a beautiful exchange amongst the young Sisters and the major superiors and the various communities in attendance.

  The book on the theology of religious life will be ready for internal review by January 2008; external review by Easter 2008, and publication by summer of 2008.

- Preparations for WYD 2008 in Australia are well underway. We will have two groups attending with a total of 110 Sisters. Fifty Sisters of Life will be hosting a catechetical site in Sydney to be staffed by the Sisters, college Knights of Columbus, and staff from the Pope John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family. The theme will be on the Sanctity of Human Life and Love; and fifty-two Sisters from the various member communities will be volunteers catechizing the volunteers in preparation for the youth coming.

- The CMSWR will be sponsoring another Eucharistic Congress in 2009 at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The theme will be on Vocations—priesthood, religious life and married life.

- The Executive Officers of the CMSWR made their annual visit to Rome. They met with different diaconates, including the Congregation on Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; Pontifical Council on Christian Unity; Congregation for Bishops and the Congregation for Education. The meetings were very good with the encouragement to move forward, to bear witness to religious life through the work of the Council and the membership.

With this report, the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious would like to thank Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC and his staff for the tremendous work being done for religious life in the United States. The value of the mission of the National Religious Vocation Conference, which provides education, resources, and other supportive services for the personal and professional growth of women religious, is of great service to the Church.
The NCDVD continues to be a crucial resource for Diocesan Vocation Directors. Ninety percent of U.S. Dioceses and major Eparchies are members. Significant participation in the Annual Convention in Baltimore, regional meetings, and the number of candidates for the latest Executive Board election are all signs of a strong and vibrant organization.

The 44th Annual Convention was hosted by Region IV September 22-27 in Baltimore. The theme of the convention was *Mary, Model of Vocations*. The conference was attended by over 200 vocation personnel. In addition to the United States and Canada, we were pleased to have vocation directors and seminary rectors from Australia, Belgium, Ireland, Italy, and Mexico. Some of the distinguished speakers included: His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick; Fr. Louis Cameli; Sr. Margaret Perron, R.J.M.; Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.; Ms. Monica H. Breaux, PhD.

We have completed our efforts to establish an Advisory Board for NCDVD. The eight member board will help NCDVD stay focused on its mission and be a source of input and reflection for the work of the Executive Board. The board will also help raise the profile and credibility of the organization’s services to diocesan vocation directors by being an advocate for the NCDVD within their spheres of influence.

The first week long Priest Vocation Directors retreat took place in February. It was held in Jacksonville, FL. The theme of the retreat was *Recordari: Entering Again the Heart of Christ* and was led by Fr. John Horn, S.J. and a team from the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University. The content and the team were extremely well received by the participants and we anticipate that this will become an important resource for our members.

The format, content and frequency of the quarterly newsletter are being revised. Even though some questions remain, the Fall 07 issue was the last in the current format. We will be going to an on-line format with greater frequency and hope to have the first issue available in late Spring or early Summer of 08.

We deeply appreciate our association with NRVC and pray that God will bless your lives and communities.
The National Coalition for Church Vocations (NCCV) is the largest not-for-profit publisher and distributor of Catholic Church vocation resources in the United States. We are your one-stop shopping center for vocation materials.


NCCV continues to add new resources in addition to the 300 plus resources in the printed Vocation Resource Catalog. Our secure website, www.nccv-vocations.org, carries the complete VRC online and this is where you’ll find new materials posted. Some of the new resources include: Grandparent Vocation Prayer, a bi-lingual prayer card, and a School Vocation Cross Program with colorful crosses. Other new resources are: Make a Difference - A Guide for Life Choice (now in Spanish), Nurturing Vocations in the Family: A Parent’s Guide, Why Should I Encourage My Son to Be a Priest? (authored by NRVC member, Andrew Carl Wisdom, OP), Songs of Our Hearts, Meditations of Our Souls (includes vocation prayers from NCCV), and a new CD, Into the Deep. Popular resources (Opening Our Hearts and Homes, Walking on Water, and Witness to the Gospel) are also available now in both video and DVD format. Currently NCCV is working with NRVC members to create other helpful resources. If you have developed vocation materials, please consider marketing them through NCCV. We also carry items on consignment. Please contact us if you have found helpful materials so we can consider making them available to other vocation ministers. We welcome your ideas for new resources.

The annual kits for National Vocation Awareness Week, World Day for Consecrated Life, and World Day of Prayer for Vocations are available in English and Spanish in print or CD formats. Thanks to NRVC members who generously assist with the development of lesson plans and author homily notes.

The new Vocation Resource Catalog for 2009-2010 is now being created. Hopefully it will be debuted at the NRVC Convention in October, 2008.

NCCV receives financial support from sales, appeals, and grants. Funding is crucial to our success and we are constantly seeking various means to increase our income and financial support. Thanks for your generosity in contributing to our annual appeal.

NCCV is grateful for our many collaborative relationships, especially with NRVC staff and members. We hope that our ministry of service assists you in your vocation ministry efforts.

We welcome your suggestions and comments.
It is a genuine pleasure as the new executive director of the Religious Formation Conference to have an opportunity to communicate with NRVC membership and readership. The RFC is deeply appreciative of the cordial, collaborative, and mutually enriching relationship that has characterized our conferences over the years. Be assured, I am fully committed to wholeheartedly engaging our continuing conversations.

It is widely acknowledged that our respective organizations, each with their particular identity and focus, are enormously helpful to and supportive of women and men in vocation and formation ministries and, in turn, to their congregations, through the range of substantive and quality services we offer. As we embrace this critical juncture in religious life in our nation, our church and our world, it seems even more urgent and practical that we continue to explore viable opportunities for collaborative service to our memberships.

The keynote speakers of the RFC Congress 2007, “Compelled by the Spirit to be Fire in Religious Life, in the Church and the World” challenged those participating to hear anew the urgent call that is ours to radical discipleship in our congregations, our church and our world. The challenges held within them a clarion call to vocation and formation personnel, membership and leadership to respond in the here and now “to hear the cry of the poor and bring hope, freedom and love to our world in our time.” (Sister Carol Zinn, SSJ) “Proceedings” from the congress will be available, in English and Spanish, through the RFC national office in March.

In the context of RFC’s spring board meeting the national staff and board will develop an action plan and implementation process for goals and strategies the Board approved April 2007. Our desire is to approach these days with the wisdom of the head and the vision of the heart as we engage in courageous conversations and actions that will facilitate our corporate and individual response to the prophetic call that is ours. We ask your prayerful support during this time.

I look forward very much to renewing former acquaintances and to meeting many for the first time during the NRVC Convocation in Louisville.
The National Vocations Awareness Division (NVAD) of the J.S. Paluch Company celebrated this past summer the 20th Anniversary of the Paluch Vocation Seminars. From August 6-8, vocation leaders gathered in Rosemont, Illinois, to hear Sister Katarina Schuth, OSF, explore A Culture of Vocations: From Foundations to the Future and to interact with each other. Sr. Schuth holds the Endowed Chair for the Social Scientific Study of Religion at the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Paluch Company sponsored the seminar, which included the executive directors and boards of NRVC, NCDVD, and NCCV; regional coordinators of NRVC and NCDVD; national leaders from Serra/USA Council; and the NVAD Advisory Board.

At the 20th anniversary celebration banquet, the NCEA Seminary Department, presented the 2007 Pope John Paul II Seminary Leadership Award to Margaret A. Paluch in recognition of her distinguished service to the Roman Catholic seminaries in the United States and Canada.

In recognition of 20 years of service to vocation ministry, a surprise ceremony of appreciation, presented by the Executive Directors of NCCV, NRVC, and NCDVD, honored Margaret Paluch, Mary Lou and Bill Rafferty, and Dolores Orzel with commemorative plaques and letters of appreciation from around the country. In addition, a contribution was made to The Paluch Family Foundation. We were honored to have this seminar anniversary featured in the July-September 2007 issue of Vocations and Prayer magazine.

NVAD continues its focus on vocation promotion through our calendar line. The 2008 Vocation: Empowered by the Spirit, and the 2009 Vocation: Committed to Christ calendars continue a series to encourage vocations through brief, inspiring biographies of holy men and women. We are happy to feature the founders of religious communities in our calendars and appreciate the suggestions, materials, and images we have received from NRVC members.

The Vocation Calendar, Religious Art Calendar, and Scenic Catholic Calendar all include a vocation prayer each month to remind everyone of the importance of praying for vocations. We also publish our Stewardship: A Way of Life Calendar to assist parishes and organizations in their stewardship efforts.

Throughout the year, the NVAD supports vocation ministry through various projects and sponsorships and in consultation with the Paluch Family Foundation. We at NVAD enjoy our collaboration with the NRVC and are delighted with Sister Charlene Diorka, SSJ, as the new NRVC Associate Director. As always, it is a joy and privilege to work with the NRVC staff, board, regional coordinators, and members.
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Workshops & Programs $165,335
Contributions 81,209
Membership Dues 91,768
Commissions 58,930
Resources 5,492
Publications 39,818
Contributed Services 46,270
Grants 74,300
Investment Income 18,235
Other 4,597

Total $585,954

EXPENSES
Personnel $140,343
Workshops & Programs 129,546
Administrative 85,232
Publications 62,550
Resources 7,384
National Board/Leadership Meetings 22,237
Committees 5,298
Contributed Services
Board Meeting 11,607
Resources 23,213
Publications 2,550
Administrative 8,900
Total 46,270

Totals $498,860

REVENUE OVER EXPENSES $87,094

2007 NRVC MEMBERSHIP
Professional 517
Associate 141
Group Associate 603

TOTAL 1261

The total membership reflects the following groups:

Sisters 906
Priests 190
Brothers 103
Deacons 3
Laywomen 36
Laymen 20
Couples 3
International Members (representing 21 countries) 75
Diocesan Vocation Offices 20
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