



2017 Vocation Ambassadors Application

Welcome and thank you for applying to the Vocation Ambassadors program.

This Vocation Ambassadors Program is an initiative designed by NRVC and funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. One member of the team needs to be an NRVC member who has previously attended the NRVC Orientation Program for Vocation Directors. Selected participants will be responsible for personal expenses and travel to and from Holy Cross College for this workshop. This workshop commences at 5:00 p.m. on June 9 and ends at noon on June 12, 2017.

Participants in the Vocation Ambassadors Program will be selected from this on-line application of 15 questions submitted by an NRVC member who has a single membership or a license. Participation is limited to 14 teams from a variety of religious institutes. The application must include the contact information of a vocation minister and a communicator who is currently working with the NRVC member in their religious institute. The vocation minister must be an NRVC member who has some experience in social media and has previously attended the NRVC Orientation Program for Vocation Directors workshop. The communicator and young adult do not have to be NRVC members. The contact information for the young adult who will be commissioned as a Vocation Ambassador upon completion of the workshop, does not have to be submitted until after the team has been selected. Team members need not be the same gender. All three team members must attend all four days of the workshop and participate fully by networking, attending all workshop sessions, and sharing knowledge with other participants.

Application deadline is March 25. All applicants will be notified by April 5.



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Please provide the following information about the NRVC member completing this application.

* 1. Formal Name of Religious Institute and Province

* 2. Name of NRVC member:

Name

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Email Address

Phone Number

* 3. What year did you complete the Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors?

4. Are there any vocation ministry or communication skills that you would be willing to teach at this workshop?



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Note: Communicators do not have to be NRVC members.

* 5. Name of Communicator

Name

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Email Address

Phone Number

6. How long have you been working with this religious institute?

7. Are there any communication/media skills that you would be willing to teach at this workshop?



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Information about your religious institute

* 8. In less than 25 words, what is the charism of your religious institute?

* 9. What category best describes your religious institute? Please check only one choice.

- ☐ Apostolic
- ☐ Monastic
- ☐ Missionary
- ☐ Evangelical
- ☐ Society of Apostolic Life
- ☐ Cloistered

Other (please specify)

* 10. How many professed members of your religious institute are in the United States today?

- ☐ Less than 50 professed members
- ☐ Less than 100 professed members
- ☐ Less than 300 professed members
- ☐ Less than 500 professed members
- ☐ More than 500 professed members



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List the different ways you are already using the following platforms to promote vocations.

11. Please provide the links to the following platforms used to promote vocations in your religious institute:

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| Website | <input type="text"/> |
| Facebook | <input type="text"/> |
| Twitter | <input type="text"/> |
| YouTube Channel | <input type="text"/> |
| Instagram | <input type="text"/> |
| Other | <input type="text"/> |
| Other | <input type="text"/> |
| Other: | <input type="text"/> |

* 12. Please rate the following:

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| Excellent -- it is a priority, regularly reviewed, and updated. | Good -- we have this, but we could learn how to do this more effectively | Fair -- we've thought about this, but need more direction and assistance | We don't have this but would like to develop a concrete plan of action. |
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| Strategic Plan for Vocations | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Strategic Plan for Communications | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Congregational Social Media Platforms | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Involvement with emerging adults ages 20-30 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Do you use Dropbox on a regular basis?

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Please be brief, no need for more than 3 sentences per question.

- * 13. Who are you considering inviting as your single, Catholic young adult team member between the ages of 20-30 and why?

- * 14. Why do you want to participate in the Vocation Ambassadors Program?



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Expectations for selected teams

Expectations of the vocation minister if selected to participate:

- Attend all four days of the *Share the Sacred* workshop and participate fully by networking, attending all workshop sessions, and sharing knowledge with other participants.
- As the team leader, collaborate with the vocation ambassador and communicator in a 100 hour project agreed upon and created at the workshop.
- As the team leader, provide written evaluation and feedback to NRVC regarding the progress on your team initiatives in a timely manner.
- With the communicator, select a young adult as the vocation ambassador for your team.
- Determine the parameter of the vocation ambassador's minimum 100 hour commitment including starting and ending dates, working hours, and schedule. For example, a university student might be interested if offered a 10 week daily internship completed in one semester to add this ministerial experience to a professional resume or to volunteer for school credit OR a vocation ambassador who is already employed full-time may want a part-time experience of several hours a week over six months.
- Determine compensation, if any, for the vocation ambassador. Depending on the congregation's resources and the project undertaken, various compensation models might be used:
 1. Volunteer position with limited hours, uncompensated
 2. Internship position with stipend
 3. Internship position providing room & board, with or without stipend
 4. Part-time employment at negotiated hourly rate

5. Part-time employment at negotiated project stipend rate

- Provide the vocation ambassador with access to resources and tools necessary for completion of the communications plan.
- Provide any additional training, insight, and resources to the vocation ambassador and communicator after the workshop regarding religious life and your religious institute.
- An openness to receiving on-going training needed in social media and communication skills.

Expectations of the communicator if selected to participate:

The communicator may be the religious institute's Communications Director or another designated staff member/vowed member with recognized experience in communications.

- Attend all four days of the *Share the Sacred* workshop and participate fully by networking, attending all workshops sessions, and sharing knowledge with other participants.
- Collaborate with the vocation minister and vocation ambassador during and after the workshop with an additional 100 hours for a collaborative project.
- With the vocation minister, select the vocation ambassador.
- Provide coaching and mentoring during the workshop as needed, to enhance training in social media and communications skills of all participants.
- Assist in the planning and execution of the project/plan, including integrating it into the congregations overall communications strategy and processes.
- Provide additional training, insight, and resources as needed to the vocation ambassador and vocation minister regarding the collaborative communications strategy.
- Provide feedback and evaluation to NRVC regarding the Vocation Ambassadors program for inclusion in the vocation minister's report.

* 15. Please check the following affirmations to complete your application:

- ☐ If selected, all team members will attend the entire *Share the Sacred* Workshop, June 9-12, 2017.
- ☐ If selected, our team commits to the minimum 100 team hours according to our created communications strategic plan for vocations and we will write a summary evaluation at the completion of the 100 hours.
- ☐ We have read and agree to the expectations listed above for our designated roles in this Vocation Ambassadors program.