

2018 NRVC Lake Erie/Ohio River Area Spring Gathering

Monday, March 5 – Wednesday, March 7

University of Notre Dame

We have exciting news to share with you! For our 2018 Spring Gathering we wanted something new and different. As a result, we secured Bishop Robert Barron as our keynote speaker. Actually, we are inviting you to attend *Cultures of Formation: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment* an academic and pastoral conference to be held at the University of Notre Dame, co-sponsored by the USCCB Committee on Doctrine, in anticipation of the 2018 General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. The synod will address “the process by which a person makes fundamental choices in dialogue with the Lord and listening to the voice of the Spirit (Preparatory Document II.2).”

In preparation for the synod, Bishops, pastors, lay leaders, high school/college administration and faculty are invited to assess the following:

- the pervasive cultural influences that form young people today
- the end to which the Church’s evangelization and formation efforts are ordered
- the possibilities for renewing the Church’s mission in forming young people for vocational discernment.

Throughout the day presentations will take place on these two topics:

Cultural Analysis:

These presentations are concerned with exploring and commenting on the prevalent cultural influences relating to the ideals and behavioral motivations of young people. The presentations may focus specifically on educational trends, familial issues, technology, or matters relating to the life of the parish, among others. In other words, how are young people being formed today and to what end?

Missionary Creativity:

These presentations propose innovative ideas, strategies, or even programs in light of contemporary concerns and needs for the sake of building cultures conducive to faithful vocational discernment for young people. The presentations may focus on the renewal of theological education, catechetical enrichment, campus ministry, young adult or youth ministry in parish settings, new ecclesial movements, and other forms of dynamic pastoral engagement that foster vocational discernment. For reference on “missionary creativity”, see paragraph 57 of *Amoris Laetitia* and paragraph 28 of *Evangelii Gaudium*.

In the evenings will be the two keynote addresses given by **Bishop Robert Barron**, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, founder of Word on Fire; **Nicholas Carr**, Author on technology and culture, 2011 Pulitzer Prize nominee.

Other speakers include **Katherine Angulo**, Director of Youth Ministry, Archdiocese of Atlanta; and **Joe Campo**, Founder of Grassroots Films and director/producer of *The Human Experience*.

Cost: \$125 per person – includes all conference materials, lunch on March 6 and 7, and refreshments. Click on this link <http://icl.nd.edu/synod/> for conference registration and details.

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- Once we know the complete conference agenda we will schedule a time to gather together and discuss any necessary NRVC Lake Erie/Ohio River Member Area business.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Register and pay for the conference online by clicking this link:

https://notredame.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/PublicSignIn.aspx?OrgCode=10&EvtID=19639&CC=117071703651&SessionID=fc9fg8fe4fck&DictSeq=39&Lang=*&AppCode=REG&CultureInfo=en-US

You will need to create an account and follow the prompts from there.

This is an example of the online registration fields to complete:

General Registration	\$125.00	1	\$125.00
3/05/18 Bishop Robert Barron Lecture		1	
03/06/18 Nicholas Carr Lecture		1	
Tuesday Lunch		1	
Wednesday Lunch		1	
Other Information			
Please fill out some additional information below.			
- First and last name as it should appear on your nametag:			
- Title: Director of Vocations			
- Affiliation: Other Please List Below			
- Other Affiliation: PUT THE NAME OF YOUR CONGREGATION HERE			
Please indicate any dietary restrictions if applicable.			
- Dietary Restrictions:			

Please register by December 22, 2017, to guarantee you have a spot at the conference.

Once you have received confirmation of your conference registration please complete the Housing Form (next page) and return to Sr. Mary Teresita Richards, SND, no later than January 5, 2018.

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We have secured housing with the Holy Cross Sisters and the Holy Cross Brothers for \$40 per night, non-refundable, and includes breakfast. (This is a great bargain compared to the price of \$149 per night, not including breakfast OR parking, at the Morris Inn.) Lunch is provided at the conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, all other meals are on your own.

The preliminary agenda is to arrive by midday on Monday, March 5, and depart late afternoon on Wednesday, March 7. We will create a more detailed schedule and send that out once we know the conference agenda times.

HOUSING FORM

Please complete one form per person attending.

NAME: _____

Email _____

Congregation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ **Cell** _____

I have the following special needs (e.g. dietary, mobility)

In case you have an emergency while on this event, who can serve as a contact person for you?

_____ *What is their phone number?* _____

Cost: \$40.00 per night (including breakfast)

Monday March 5.....\$ _____

Tuesday March 6.....\$ _____

Wednesday March 7.....\$ _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

Please make checks payable to: NRVC

Return this registration form with full payment by January 5, 2018 to:

Sr. Mary Teresita Richards, SND, 3912 Sunforest Court Suite B, Toledo, Ohio 43623

Contact numbers for this event:

Sr. Mary Teresita Richards, SND in Toledo, Ohio 419-277-5184 – Member Area Coordinator

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