

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS VOCATION CONFERENCE

RACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, we give you thanks for the gifts of our faith and the call of vocation in our lives. By saying yes to your invitation, we are unceasingly amazed by the wonder and mystery of your powerful grace working in and through us.

We joyfully celebrate 25 years of dedicated service of the National Religious Vocation Conference. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Luxe 10:2). We recall and give thanks for the men and women, both past and present, who generously labored in your field out of their love for Jesus, your Son, the Church, and religious life. We also remember in gratitude those who have supported them by their leadership, collaboration, and prayer. And in a special way, we pray for the men and women in discemment whom we had the privilege of serving over the years.

As NRVC celebrates and looks to its future, we ask you to renew our zeal for and our witness to the consecrated life and the charism of our religious institutes. Give us the courage to invite others to follow in the steps of Jesus as priests and vowed religious. Strengthen our families in their faith, hope, and charity so that the seeds of Christian discipleship and religious vocation will be nurtured.

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon the National Religious Vocation Conference. Keep it faithful to its mission so that it will remain a gift to the Church and world. We ask all of this through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, who responded to your call so freely. May her inspiration and your abundant goodness continue to bless us and NRVC.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother. Amen.

