

National Religious Vocation Conference

2013 WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS

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in the Catholic Church



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please register for all workshops and programs on our NRVC Website at www.nrvc.net. Please note that limited housing is available and reservations must be made at the time of registration to ensure a room. Reservations are made with each facility in a block schedule. This means you are responsible for the full payment of the room reservation, regardless of your arrival and departure date. If you need additional nights, please call the NRVC office for additional information. Each additional night is \$105. Cancellation of your registration and/or overnight accommodations must be received in writing at least two full weeks for a full refund, less a \$75 processing fee. All fees are non-refundable for workshops and accommodations received less than two weeks in advance of the program.

SUMMER INSTITUTE

For the third year, our annual Summer Institute will offer workshops at the downtown campus of DePaul University. It's your choice as to how many workshops to participate in this summer! Located in the popular Chicago Loop at Jackson and State streets, DePaul University is easily accessible from both Midway and O'Hare airports by shuttle and rapid transit trains. The Loop Campus is located at 1 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-2287. For more information, visit their website at: <http://www.depaul.edu/about/campuses/Pages/loop.aspx>.

Overnight accommodations are available at the University Center, which is just two blocks from DePaul University. Enjoy the convenience of having your housing close to restaurants, shopping, museums, and Lake Michigan. The University Center offers private bedrooms in a four person apartment suite with other NRVC workshop participants. Weekly linen service is included with an in-room microwave, stove, and refrigerator. Each apartment suite also contains a flat screen TV with basic cable and complimentary internet access. For more information, visit their website at: <http://universitycenter.com/inside/>. Limited rooms are available; make your overnight accommodations when you register for your workshop through www.nrvc.net. Please do not call the University Center for reservations.



THE HEART OF MULTICULTURALISM IN VOCATION MINISTRY

The Heart of Multiculturalism explores differences in cultural values, attitudes, perceptions of power, and communication dynamics in culturally diverse settings. This workshop will address the intercultural competencies necessary for effective vocation ministry in today's diverse Church and Religious Communities. Drawing on Scripture and the Church's teachings related to inculturation, this workshop will address some of the challenges faced by vocation ministers and the skills needed to effectively promote vocations.

This workshop is intended for all vocation ministers, vocation teams, and those seeking ongoing education.

July 5-6, 2013

This workshop begins at 9:00 AM on Friday and ends at 4:30 PM on Saturday.

PRESENTER:



Dr. Arturo Chávez, Ph.D. is the President of the Mexican American Catholic College (MACC) in San Antonio, TX. MACC offers unique degree and formation programs in partnership with the University of the Incarnate Word, Oblate School of Theology, and Assumption Seminary. This institutional collaboration innovatively meets the growing needs of Spanish speaking seminarians, religious, and other leaders who will minister in the U.S. Similarly, its programs foster the cultural and language competencies required for English speakers who want to effectively minister in today's culturally diverse Church. Dr. Chávez was once a seminarian and a religious in temporary vows before responding to his present vocation as a married, lay minister – serving the Church in the intellectual formation of future priests, deacons, and lay leaders. He and his wife of 20 years have two, teenage daughters. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology.

Workshop Fees:

Fees include lunch, materials, speaker and facility fee.
Registration fees do not include parking, breakfast, or supper.

Commuter:

- \$ 230.00 – NRVC Professional Member
- \$ 245.00 – NRVC Associate Member
- \$ 295.00 – Non-NRVC Member

Resident:

- \$ 440.00 – NRVC Professional Member
- \$ 455.00 – NRVC Associate Member
- \$ 505.00 – Non-NRVC Member

Room reservations are for 2 nights with a check-in on July 4th and a check out by 1:00 p.m. on July 6th

Note: If you require housing on July 6th, please call the NRVC office to make reservations.



Located in downtown's South Loop neighborhood, the University Center is just two blocks from DePaul University. Within the University Center complex, you will find a dining center, fitness rooms, laundry facilities, and a computer room. Participants from 2012 stated: "The University Center is perfect for someone who has never been to Chicago!"

Online registration *only* at www.nrvc.net

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR NEW VOCATION DIRECTORS

This workshop is intended for new and recently appointed vocation directors. Its goal is to provide participants with the skills, context, theory, challenges and practicalities of contemporary vocation ministry. Topics will include: theology of call; candidate issues; discernment, assessment and the application process; the role of membership and religious leadership; advertising and education; ethics and boundaries; and self-care of the vocation director.

July 8-12, 2013

This workshop begins at 9:00 AM on Monday and ends at noon on Friday.

PRESENTERS:



Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC, NRVC Executive Director is a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and has been the Executive Director of the National Religious Vocation Conference since 2002. Prior to this ministry, Brother Paul served as teacher, administrator and campus minister in Holy Cross schools in Maryland and Rome, Italy. He was vocation director and member of the provincial council for the Eastern Province of Brothers for nine years.

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previous ministry experiences include: youth ministry, religious education, and parish pastoral care. Sister Debbie has a M.A. Degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University of Chicago.

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Room reservations are for 5 nights with a check-in on July 7th and a check out by 1:00 p.m. on July 12th

Note: If you require housing on July 12th and 13th, please call the NRVC office to make reservations.

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This workshop is designed for vocation and formation ministers, seminary personnel, admissions team members and congregational leaders.

July 15-17, 2013

This workshop begins at 9:00 AM on Monday and ends at 4:30 PM on Wednesday.

PRESENTER:



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Room reservations are for 3 nights with a check-in on July 14th and a check out by 1:00 p.m. on July 17th



Above right is a view from inside an apartment suite at University Center. On the right is Rev. Raymond P. Carey speaking at the 2012 Summer Institute. The classrooms at DePaul University provide ample space for participants to enjoy table conversations and group work.



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES WITH YOUNGER INQUIRERS AND OLDER CANDIDATES

Contemporary discerners for priesthood and/or religious life continue to present various challenges and opportunities for dioceses and religious institutes in their assessment and integration into formation programs. This workshop will examine the issues of age, theological and cultural/ethnic diversity, psychological readiness, commitment skills, finances, ethical concerns, and other surfaced concerns.

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July 18-19, 2013

This workshop begins at 9:00 AM on Thursday and ends at noon on Friday.

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Above left highlights the fully equipped kitchen area at the University Center. Lower left shows Fr. Toby Collins, CR, a vocation director and NRVC member from Ontario, CA. Toby wrote on his evaluation: "Ray Carey is an example of someone who wants to serve with professionalism, integrity and great content filled with stories that I could relate to and need as a vocation director."

FALL INSTITUTE

This year, for the convenience of our members, NRVC is combining three fall workshops into a Fall Institute. Similar to the Summer Institute, participants can choose to attend one, two or all three workshops. The Fall Institute will be held at Techny Towers Conference and Retreat Center sponsored by the Society of the Divine Word. Conveniently located on Chicago's North Shore, it is 30 minutes by taxi or shuttle from O'Hare airport.

Overnight accommodations are available on campus with a private room and bath. Accommodations at Techny Towers also include breakfast and supper. For more information, visit their website at: <http://www.technytowers.org/>. Limited rooms are available; make your overnight accommodations when you register for your workshop through www.nrvoc.net. Please do not call Techny Towers for reservations.

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October 24-28, 2013

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In special commemoration of the Year of Faith

VOCATION MINISTRY AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION WITH YOUTH AND EMERGING ADULTS: TRENDS, ISSUES, AND BEST PRACTICES

Creating a culture of discipleship is as essential to vocation ministry as it is to the new evangelization. In celebration of the Year of Faith, NRVC is offering this seminal workshop which will feature three professionals treating the topic of the new evangelization and its implications for vocation ministry with and among the millennial generation. Approaching the subject from their own expertise, each presenter will offer trends, skills, issues and best practices for credible and proficient vocation ministry in three individual, day long workshops.

Dr. Robert McCarty, D. Min., will present *Engagement: a Ministerial Paradigm for the New Evangelization*. Pastoral ministry with young people and the faith life of our faith communities has been greatly affected by the postmodern context and societal shifts. This session will provide an overview of recent research on engaged faith communities, describe characteristics of millennial spirituality, and identify practical strategies for fostering engagement among youth and young adults. Participants will also grapple with the challenge of being Church as they identify elements of a new map for effectively calling young people to holiness, discipleship, and hopefully, religious life.

Mr. Ted Miles will present *Mission and Solidarity: Re-Imagining Service Learning to Engaging Faith in the World*. In recent decades, increasing integration of justice education and service learning have inspired young people to participate in great acts of service, even to the point of influencing their vocation and career. The research and experience help us to understand that it is one thing to immerse young people in direct service and social action; it is quite another to foster within them a vision of and commitment to mission, vocation and solidarity. These core principles have helped us to understand the elements of service and justice education that are transformational: to understand service and justice as rooted in our call to authentic, Christ-centered discipleship; to walk with those whose stories and histories are different from our own; to reflect on those encounters under the light of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching; and to empower further response that opens a path to ongoing conversion, transformation, and vocation discernment.



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Sister Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, Ph.D. will present *Life in the New Digital Ecosystem: Implications for Vocations and Religious Life*. This presentation will explore how the new media ecology is impacting the life and learning of young people today. Utilizing information from the Pew studies and understanding the realities of life for many in this digital age (e.g., media and gadgets as essential parts of everyday life, time allocation is different, the notion of presence has radically changed), we will explore the implications for living a healthy balanced life, for living a moral life and for healthy integrated sexuality—all necessary and desired elements for future religious.

This workshop is intended for all vocation ministers, vocation teams, and those seeking ongoing education in ministering to and with youth and emerging adults.

October 29-31, 2013

This workshop begins at 9:00 AM on Tuesday and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

PRESENTERS:



Dr. Robert J. McCarty, D. Min. has served as the Executive Director for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) since 1997. Bob has a BS in Sociology/Theology from St. Joseph University, an MA in Religious Education from LaSalle University and a Doctorate of Ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana. Bob is adjunct faculty at St. John University Collegeville, MN and at Washington Theological Union, Washington DC. Bob has been in professional youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, diocesan, and community programs. Prior to coming to the NFCYM, Bob ministered in the Archdioceses of Philadelphia and Baltimore. He is the author of many resources for Catholic youth ministry and provides training programs and presentations on ministry skills and issues internationally.



Mr. Ted Miles is a native of Baltimore, MD and has worked for Catholic Relief Services since 2005 as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and coordinator of the agency's youth outreach in the U.S. Ted earned a BA in Psychology from Loyola University in Baltimore and an MA in Psychology from Psychology from Bucknell University. His Jesuit influence led to a two year Jesuit Volunteer position in education and youth ministry in Belize and Guatemala. Ted has served in parish youth ministry, social ministry, and Catholic high school education and faith formation for over 25 years. For his commitment to and with young people, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry awarded Ted national recognition for leadership in youth ministry in the area of gospel values of peace and justice in 2009.

A group of participants from the 2012 Communication Skills Workshop for Vocation Ministers. Similar to this year's workshop, it had three professionals approaching the workshop theme from their own specialized ministry. Some comments: "I loved the group interaction and collaboration, informal activities and informal settings...thank you for meeting our needs as vocation ministers."





Sister Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, Ph.D., a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondalet, is a licensed psychologist, consultant, and lecturer. She received her Ph.D. from the University of New York at Albany, completing her clinical training at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Lynn has presented nationally and internationally on fostering healthy integrated sexuality, celibacy, relationships, intimacy, mutuality in community, emotional intelligence and on the Internet and Cybersex. Lynn served as the Director of Education and Editor of Lukenotes at Saint Luke Institute, Silver Spring, MD for 12 years. Prior to serving in this capacity, Lynn was a member of her congregation's leadership team. Currently, Lynn continues to be affiliated with Saint Luke Institute and is a consulting psychologist in private practice, based in Albany, NY.

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Participants at NRVC workshops come from all over the US and several countries to learn new skills, to network, and to share their enthusiasm for vocation ministry.



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November 1-3, 2013

This workshop begins at 9:00 AM on Friday and ends at 4:30 PM on Sunday.

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Note: If you require housing on November 3rd please call the NRVC office to make reservations.

These four vocation ministers attended the entire 2012 Summer Institute, which was four workshops: Fr. James Osendorf, CM; Fr Kenneth Keke, SSJ; Mr. Edward Murphy; and Fr. Mieczyslaw Burdzy, OMI. The flexible schedule allows attendees to choose from a variety of programs and workshops.



Online registration *only* at www.nrvc.net

ADVENT DAYS OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL

Throughout the year, Vocation Ministers are multi-tasking and busier than ever promoting vocations in a myriad of settings. Advent can be the ideal time to slow down for much needed self-care and more intensive prayer. NRVC is offering vocation ministers four days in the desert to focus on transformation and the journey of faith. *To provide adequate sacred space, this program is limited to 18 participants.*

This program will be held at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, AZ. Situated in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains and the beautiful Sonoran Desert, it is a site that appeals to the nature lover and gently challenges the more urban personality. Overnight accommodations include private rooms and bath, as well as all meals. The retreat center is approximately 20 minutes by shuttle from the Tucson airport. For more information, visit their website at: <http://www.desertrenewal.org/index.html>. Please do not call the Redemptorist Renewal Center for reservations.

REST STOPS FOR THE SOUL: TRANSFORMATION FOR VOCATION MINISTERS

Vocation ministry has the potential to bring us to greater conversion, which ultimately leads us to community. This movement of transformation beckons us to believe and accept our identity as the beloved of God. For most of us, conversion is not one, brief, blinding moment that changes our life forever, but rather a slow, maturing process that takes place over time as we learn a new language found in the whisper and wisdom of our God - the language of the soul. We will reflect on how vocation ministry, like the life of faith, is a sojourn of the soul. During these days of reflection, this rest stop for our soul, we will explore stories of our faith and see how they reconnect us to the stories of our lives and ministry.

December 10-13, 2013

This program begins at 5:30 PM on Tuesday and ends at 10:00 AM on Friday.



PRESENTER:



Father Joseph Nassal, CPPS is the author of eight books including *The Conspiracy of Compassion*, *Rest Stops for the Soul*, *Premeditated Mercy*, *Moments of Truth*, and *Stations of the Crib*. A Missionary of the Precious Blood, Joe has been engaged in retreat, renewal and reconciliation ministry since 1988, including three years as director of Shantivanam, the House of Prayer for the Archdiocese of Kansas City. In 2002, he was part of the team in establishing the Precious Blood Center for Reconciliation on the south side of Chicago. Ordained in 1982, Joe has also served in parish and justice and peace ministry and in formation, vocation, and leadership for his religious community. He presently serves on the leadership team of the Kansas City Province as Provincial Director and lives in Liberty, MO.

Program Fees:

Fees include all meals, overnight accommodations, materials, speaker and facility fee.

Resident:

\$ 775.00 – NRVC Professional Member

\$ 790.00 – NRVC Associate Member

\$ 850.00 – Non-NRVC Member

Room reservations are for 3 nights with a check-in on December 10th and a check out by 11:00 a.m. on December 13th.

The National Religious Vocation Conference is a professional organization of vocation ministers that presents religious life as a viable option in the Catholic Church. NRVC promotes vocation awareness, invitation, and discernment to life as a religious sister, brother, or priest. NRVC reflects all forms of religious life and provides educational opportunities, resources, and other supportive services for spiritual, professional, and personal growth.



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