NEW OPPORTUNITIES
EMERGE

2012 Annual Report
National Religious Vocation Conference
THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS VOCATION CONFERENCE (NRVC) was showered with blessings this past year that will help shape our future and strengthen our mission with new, emerging opportunities for growth. With the confidence and generosity of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, NRVC has been able to increase its services, improve benefits, and widen outreach to ensure that women and men will hear and respond to God’s unique call to discipleship as consecrated religious. We continue to implement the goals and objectives of our 2011 National Vocation Plan through our Moving Forward in Hope programs generously supported by the GHR Foundation and other similar foundations. In addition, our award-winning publications are expanding internationally, and we are commissioning further research and study for the benefit of vocation directors and their religious institutes.

The year 2013 is proving to be an extraordinary year as well. We witnessed the first papal resignation in eight centuries, the first newly elected Pope from the southern hemisphere, and the first Jesuit to assume the papacy. Remarkably, all of these events have occurred in the Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI to commemorate the 50th anniversary of opening of the Second Vatican Council.

On the heels of this grace-filled Year of Faith, NRVC will begin a year of jubilee, in November of 2013, celebrating 25 years of serving the Church and religious institutes in vocation awareness, promotion, and education. As we are proud of our past accomplishments, we are also clearly aware of how a mission must adapt to the current Church and world to remain vital. I believe our many new initiatives—not to mention our new NRVC logo and soon-to-be-introduced website redesign—clearly indicate our commitment to meet the needs of contemporary vocation ministry in fresh, innovative ways.

The success of our NRVC mission, however, depends upon the support of our members, collaborators, and benefactors. I thank you for your generous support this past year. Please take a moment to read through this Annual Report and celebrate all that we’ve accomplished together.

God’s grace is abundant! New opportunities for the life of the Church, for religious life, and for all people of faith and good continue to emerge. Thanks be to God and thanks be to you for your continued partnership in mission.

With prayerful best wishes and blessings, I remain

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC
Executive Director
NRVC awarded a major capacity building grant by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation recently launched a new strategic initiative to broaden and deepen the impact of Catholic religious sisters by strengthening the congregations to which they belong. NRVC was identified as a partner to assist in meeting this strategy’s goals and objectives, and as a result, was awarded by the Hilton Foundation a $650,000 organizational, capacity-building grant. Since June of 2012, therefore, NRVC has begun implementing the following initiatives to strengthen NRVC’s governance, structures, programs, and resources:

- Contracted with American City Bureau (ACB) to conduct a complete organizational assessment of governance, finance, technology, staffing and programming. In addition, ACB is currently conducting a feasibility study for the establishment of a development program and a national communications office for vocations.
- Conducted leadership training for NRVC board members and regional coordinators.
- Followed-up to the NRVC/CARA Study on Educational Debt and Vocations to Religious Life.
- Improved, expanded, and upgraded NRVC membership and benefits, all NRVC sponsored publications (VISION and HORIZON), websites, and print and online resources.
- Replaced and upgraded all office technology and computer systems.

The NRVC board, staff, and consultants continue to work on these projects and are deeply grateful to the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation for their ongoing support, confidence, and encouragement of NRVC and its essential mission in the Church and consecrated religious life.

NRVC/CARA Study on Educational Debt and Vocations

In the spring of 2012, NRVC released its highly anticipated Study on Educational Debt and Religious Vocations conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). The study clearly indicates that we are losing potential vocations because of the significant student loans of some candidates and the financial strain experienced by religious institutes in assuming this liability. With the sponsorship of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and under the guidance of Dr. Kathleen Mahoney, project director, NRVC will soon issue guidelines for major superiors, vocation directors, and treasurers in dealing with this issue. In addition, NRVC has recently appointed a task force to explore the establishment of a national fund for educational debt relief for candidates to religious life. It is hoped that this fund will also serve as a resource to assist religious institutes and incoming candidates with student loan management.

The complete study may be found on www.nrvc.net.

Moving Forward in Hope

With a generous grant from the GHR Foundation, NRVC implemented two major goals of the National Plan for Vocations, which is the result of the 2010 Moving Forward in Hope Symposium.

1) Keys to the Future

After receiving 179 applications, 85 participants were accepted to the Keys to the Future program held at Oblate Renewal Center in San Antonio, TX, from June 4-6. The purpose of the program was to provide training in how to facilitate community discussions around the issues of community life, communal prayer, the celebration of Eucharist, and visibility—which the 2009 Study on Recent Vocations determined to be critical. The days, which were facilitated by Sister Lynn Levo, CSJ, drew praise among the participants for the program’s practicality, comprehensiveness, and adaptability to the individual situation of each religious institute.

A complimentary CD, which contains the complete program and a video of eight recently perpetually professed religious reflecting on these issues, was mailed to all NRVC professional members and every major superior in the United States. The video was well received and has now been reformed into a resource to be used with young adults or those discerning a vocation to religious life.

A summary report tracking the changes made
by participating congregations as a result of this process will be published in the fall of 2013.

2) Women Religious Moving Forward in Hope

NRVC sponsored four gatherings of major superiors and vocation directors from 120 women’s religious institutes representative of the two leadership conferences, over one fourth of the total of women’s religious institutes in the United States. The purpose of these gatherings was to explore the ethnic and generational demographics of Catholic women in the United States, and the opportunities, challenges, and implications they present for new membership to religious institutes.

Sister Mary Johnson, SNDdeN, professor of sociology at Trinity Washington University, presented the research of her soon to be published book on women’s religious life, co-authored with Sister Particia Wittberg, SC, and Dr. Mary Gautier. Sisters Kieran Foley, FSE, and Gloria Marie Jones, OP, served as facilitators and Sisters Lorraine Rheume, OP, and Anne Walsh, ASCJ, were the scribes who will write a final summary of the four gatherings.

Participants reported that the sessions were invaluable for the quality of the information provided, respectful dialogue, and the uplifting Eucharistic Liturgies and prayer.

Convocation 2012: Vocation Ministers as Ambassadors of Christ: A Reconciling Presence

In spite of travel disruptions caused by Hurricane Sandy, the 2012 NRVC Convocation held at the Marriott Hotel at Legacy Town Center, in Plano, TX, from November 1-5, was a major success attracting approximately 350 vocation directors, collaborators, and other interested vocation personnel from the United States and abroad.

NRVC was privileged to have as guest speakers Archbishop Joseph Tobin, CSSR, former secretary to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and newly appointed Archbishop of Indianapolis, and Sister Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP, author, presenter, and retreat director. Both speakers treated the topic of vocation directors as “bridge builders” creating unity, understanding, and reconciliation among all concerned parties so that religious life may move into the future with vibrant faith and hope. In addition, Rev. Shawn McKnight, executive director of the Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, presented the results of a recent USCCB study on the Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics. Likewise, NRVC executive director, Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC, presented the results of the Educational Debt study conducted by NRVC. A panel of vocation directors also spoke on how they creatively implemented the best practices of the 2009 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life into their community’s vocation programs.

At the closing banquet Sister Elyse Ramirez, OP, coordinator of religious vocation ministries for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Sister Josita Colbert, SNDdeN, were awarded the 2012 NRVC Recognition Awards for outstanding contribution to vocation ministry. NRVC was also pleased to present the Harvest Award to the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry for their increased collaboration in promoting religious life. Accepting the award was NFCYM executive director, Dr. Robert McCarty.

HORIZON becoming more international, continues to win awards

The NRVC quarterly journal, HORIZON, is the only professional journal in the English-speaking Church.
that covers vocation ministry and related issues in the church, society, and religious life.

In response to interest from abroad, we have expanded the HORIZON Editorial Board to include representatives from England, Ireland, and Canada. The new members are: Sister Cathy Jones, RA, Religious Life Promoter for the National Office for Vocation in England and Wales; Dr. Andrew O’Connell, Communications Director for the Presentation Brothers in Dublin; and Sister Mary Rowell, CSJ, board member of Canada’s National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors’ Conference. While continuing to focus on vocation ministry in the U.S., HORIZON will regularly feature articles that are of interest to our growing international readership.

In a related move, NRVC has also begun to reach out to new subscribers in the U.S and abroad, including Catholic university libraries and vocation ministers in other English-speaking countries. Subscribers can place orders online at www.nrvc.net.


VISION Vocation Network expands its outreach and multimedia features

Along with NRVC’s other resources, VISION Vocation Guide and VocationNetwork.org introduced a number of strategies and improvements to attract new readers, viewers, and sponsors from around the world. International readership overall increased by 5 percent in 2012 with the most significant gains coming from Great Britain, Ireland, and Mexico. VISION began offering a trial sponsorship, free for three months, to allow communities who have never before participated in the VISION Vocation Network to see the benefits of having a directory listing and participating in VISION’s popular online features, including Community Search, Vocation Match, and the Events Calendar.

VISION expanded its inventory of videos to include not only the videos communities provide to run alongside their online listings, but short videos based on VISION articles on prayer and discernment, religious life, and being Catholic.

In addition, the editors have begun producing a series of music podcasts with general vocation themes, and a series is currently in production on how Catholics live out their call.

The VISION editors also continued to make new inroads in their outreach to young adults and campus ministers through high profile sponsorship of youth gatherings and conferences, more targeted online advertising, and a more strategic presence on Facebook, YouTube, and other emerging media.

The guide received recognition from the Catholic Press in 2012 for its outstanding editorial content including first place for best essay and third place for general excellence. VISION Vocation Network is also listed among a select group of recommended vocation resources by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

NRVC reaches across international borders

NRVC continues to be recognized as a leader in vocation ministry as evidenced in the outreach to other vocation organizations around the world. NRVC represented the United States at the annual meeting of the European Vocations Services (EVS) held in July of 2012 in Maynooth, Ireland. In November, executive director Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC, was invited by the Religious Life Institute at Heythrop College in London to participate in a symposium where several papers were presented on various topics pertaining to contemporary consecrated life. In addition, Brother Paul was invited by the Western Australian Vocations Network in Perth to give a series of workshops on vocation ministry to vocation directors, major superiors, religious educators, catechists, and parish vocation committees.
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Sister Deborah M. Borneman, SS.C.M, secretary

+ Began term in fall 2012
++ Completed term in fall 2012
* Member of NRVC leadership team

The 2011-12 NRVC Executive Board
Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community . . .

—Pope Francis, 2013 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**NRVC** is privileged to collaborate and partner with several Church organizations in their promotion of consecrated religious life. Their support is integral to our mission and helps us to sustain the vocation culture we celebrate.

**Major Collaborating Organizations**
- Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM)
- Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR)
- J.S. Paluch Co, National Vocation Awareness Division
- Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)
- National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD)
- Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI)
- Religious Formation Conference (RFC)
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations

**Other Collaborating Organizations**
- Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA)
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
- Catholic Press Association
- Catholic Volunteer Network (CVN)
- Catholics on Call
- Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA)
- Institute on Religious Life (IRL)
- National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- National Conference of Vicars for Religious (NCVR)
- National Communicators’ Network of Women Religious (NCNWR)

**International Vocation Organizations**
- Catholic Vocation Ministry Australia (CVMA)
- European Vocations Services (EVS)
- National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors (Canada)
- Office of Vocations, Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales
- Vocations Ireland

NRVC continues to be grateful to the J.S. Paluch Co. for their sponsorship of an annual seminar for national leaders, vocation directors, communicators, and family life and youth ministers. This past August was the 25th anniversary of this annual event.
National Religious Vocation Conference  
Statements of Activities  
Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

### FINANCES

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NRVC is grateful for the generosity of our benefactors who contribute to our organization in grants, in-kind contributions, and financial donations.

The following list reflects all gifts received from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012. Any donation or service received after that time will be included in next year’s report. Every effort was made to acknowledge all gifts received. We regret any errors or omissions and would appreciate receiving the corrected information.

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Adorers of the Sacred Heart
Hammont, CT

Apostles of the Sacred Heart
Canonsburg, PA

Augustinians
Chicago, IL

Athenaeum Sisters
Portland, OR

Alexian Brothers
Arlington Heights, IL

Benedictine Sisters

Boerne, TX

Benedictine Monks

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Brothers of Charity of St. Vincent

Brothers of the Christian Brothers

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Brothers of the Cross, Midwest Province

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Capuchin Friars, North America

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Carmelite Friars (Discalced)

Carmelite Friars Minor

Carmelite Nuns

Carmelite Nuns (Discalced)

Carmelite Sisters

Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm

Carmelite Sisters of the Most Holy Infancy

Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm

Cassinese Carmelites

Congregation of the Holy Cross

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Congregation of Divine PROVIDENCE

Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy

Congregation of the Sacred Heart

Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir

Congregation of the Sisters of the Madeleine

Cunard Sisters

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Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

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Father Andrew McAlpin, OP, Sister Colleen Smith, ASCJ, and Father Adam MacDonald, SVD (l-r), joined several other NRVC members at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry held in Orlando, FL in November 2012. NRVC and VISION also had a display booth.

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2012 NRVC Membership

Professional 461
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Group Associate 329
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TOTAL 921

The total membership reflects the following groups:

Sisters 676
Priests 161
Brothers 48
Deacons 4
Laywomen 32
Laymen 13
Women’s Institutes 257
Men’s Institutes 93
International Members (representing 12 countries) 58
Diocesan Vocation Offices 5
Vicars for Religious 7
Secular Institutes 3
Organizations 20

Board members Father Vince Wirtner, CPPS, and Sister Elsa Garcia, CDP, are all smiles as they assist in registering the 340 participants who attended Convocation 2012.
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The National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) is a professional organization of vocation ministers that presents religious life as a viable option in the Catholic Church. The 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.

NRVC GOAL #1
The NRVC proclaims a positive and hopeful image of religious life in the Church and society, while affirming the call to holiness of each person.

NRVC GOAL #2
The NRVC provides education, resources, networking, and support to its members and others involved in vocation work.

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The NRVC promotes dialogue among national organizations concerned with Church vocations, in particular to religious life.

NRVC GOAL #4
The NRVC recognizes and values the diversity within our church and strives to be inclusive of this diversity in all of its endeavors and programs.

NRVC GOAL #5
The NRVC fosters dialogue on vocational issues with a variety of church organizations with special emphasis on those who serve young adults and parents.

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The executive director, staff, and board of the NRVC ensure that the administrative responsibilities of the organization support and facilitate the purpose and mission of the organization.