



# NRVC

National Religious  
Vocation Conference

2015

## Workshops & Programs

Women and men  
committed to vocation promotion  
in the Catholic Church



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# WAKE UP THE WORLD!

—— 2015 Year of Consecrated Life ——

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### for NRVC 2015 Workshops & Programs

**T**HE National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) reflects all forms of religious life and is committed to providing its membership with educational opportunities, resources, and other supportive services that strengthen and enhance spiritual, professional and personal growth. NRVC recommends that all vocation ministers participate in ongoing educational opportunities to further develop their professional skills and competencies.

This year, NRVC is offering nine programs for professional development through its comprehensive Summer and Fall Institutes, as well as Advent Days for Renewal and Reflection.

Workshops are intended for vocation ministers, formation teams, seminary personnel, religious leadership and others entrusted with the assessment of inquirers and candidates. Workshops are designed for those who wish to deepen their understanding of the complex theological, spiritual, psycho-sexual, ethical, and diversity issues often present in contemporary vocation ministry.

*While the message from the risen Christ to "Come, follow me" has not changed in over two millennia, the methods used to promote vocations continue to evolve. Through our programs, NRVC strives to provide participants with the tools and information they need to minister effectively in this day and age.*

—SISTER DEBORAH M. BORNEMAN, SS.C.M., DIRECTOR OF MEMBER RELATIONS AND SERVICES

### REGISTRATION REMINDERS

**Please register online for all workshops and programs.  
Find links to the online registration form following each workshop description.**

#### COMMUTER:

If you do not require overnight housing, please register as a *commuter*.

#### RESIDENT:

If you need overnight accommodations, please register as a *resident*. Please note that limited housing is available. Room reservations must be made at the time of workshop registration to ensure a room.

Reservations for rooms are made in a block schedule for each workshop. You are responsible for the full payment of the room reservation, regardless of your arrival or departure times. In addition, dates cannot be adjusted for early arrivals or late departures.

If you are traveling from overseas, please call the NRVC office at 773-363-5454 for possible housing alternatives if you need additional nights of accommodations.

#### LATE REGISTRATION:

Registrations for workshops received after the following dates will incur a \$100 fee:

SUMMER INSTITUTE: Late fee begins on July 1.

FALL INSTITUTE: Late fee begins on October 1.

ADVENT DAYS OF RENEWAL AND REFLECTION:

Late fee begins on December 1.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellation of any summer workshop or room accommodations must be received in writing before the dates listed below to receive a refund less a \$100 processing fee. After the deadline, all payments are nonrefundable.

SUMMER INSTITUTE: Nonrefundable deadline begins on July 1.

FALL INSTITUTE: The nonrefundable deadline begins on October 1.

ADVENT DAYS OF RENEWAL AND REFLECTION:

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The 2015 Summer Institute will offer four workshops at DePaul University's Chicago Loop campus.

## SUMMER INSTITUTE July 17-31, 2015

OUR ANNUAL Summer Institute will offer four workshops at the downtown campus of DePaul University, July 17-31. 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 in Chicago, Illinois 60604-2287. For more information, go to <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 workshop close to restaurants, shopping, museums and Lake Michigan. The University Center offers two-person suites, which include a private bedroom and a shared bathroom with another NRVC workshop participant.

A complimentary buffet breakfast is offered during the weekday for residents. Weekly linen service is included as well as an in-room microwave and a micro-fridge. For more information, visit <http://universitycenter.com/inside/>. Limited rooms are available; make your overnight accommodations when you register online for your workshop. *Please do not call the University Center for reservations.* See page 2 for Registration Reminders.



The University Center's cafeteria.

*I loved the accommodations: they were safe and close to the DePaul University. The cafeteria at the University Center was also very good; I used it often for my breakfast.*

—FATHER REMO ZANATTA C.R.S.

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## BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT II

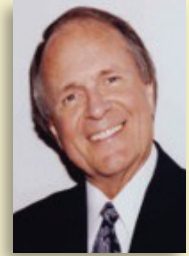
This workshop is a follow-up to Behavioral Assessment I and builds upon those skills. It is directed to those who have had experience in conducting assessment interviews. Workshop participants are invited to come prepared with topics, discussion questions or case studies to consider during the workshop. Behavioral Assessment I is a prerequisite for this workshop.

**July 17-18, 2014**

This workshop begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 17 and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18.

### Presenter

**Father Raymond P. Carey, Ph.D.** is a priest of the Archdiocese of Portland, OR. He has taught at both the secondary and university levels, and currently teaches at Mount Angel Seminary Graduate School of Theology in Saint Benedict, Oregon. Father Carey holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Ottawa, Canada. He has presented workshops in North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. He is a past recipient of the NRVC Harvest Award for his work in service of vocation ministry.



### Workshop fees

Fees include lunch, materials, speaker and facility fee, but **not** parking, breakfast, or supper.

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| COMMUTER: | \$ 300 – NRVC Member     |
|           | \$ 450 – Non-NRVC Member |
| RESIDENT: | \$ 615 – NRVC Member     |
|           | \$ 765 – Non-NRVC Member |

Room reservations are for 3 nights with a check-in after 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 16 and a check out by 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 19. The Center has a locked storage unit to hold luggage until you are ready to leave on the day of your departure.

*My community said: "Anything you can get from a Ray Carey presentation is great!" They were right!*

—SISTER MARY JO STEIN, D.C.

*Father Ray is a great presenter and he makes it great because he has so many stories to make it interesting.*

—SISTER BARBARA SMITH, O.S.B.

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## BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT I

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**July 20-22, 2015**

This workshop begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 20 and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22.



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### Workshop fees

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#### COMMUTER:

\$ 450 – NRVC Member

\$ 675 – Non-NRVC Member

#### RESIDENT:

\$ 870 – NRVC Member

\$ 1095 – Non-NRVC Member

Room reservations are for 4 nights with a check-in after 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 19 and a check out by 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 23. The Center has a locked storage unit to hold luggage until you are ready to leave on the day of your departure. If you are staying for the next workshop, you will not need to check out.



*This workshop covered all it set out to do. The content was clear and relevant to my mission and ministry. What I found most helpful were the sample case studies and guidelines for organizing the data into useful reports.*

—FATHER NAM VU, S.V.D.

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## ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR NEW VOCATION DIRECTORS

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**July 24-28, 2014**

This workshop begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 24 and ends at noon on Tuesday, July 28. Some of the printed material is now available in Spanish. Please indicate when you register if you would prefer an English or Spanish binder.



### Presenters

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### Program fees

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COMMUTER:   \$ 630 – NRVC Member  
                  \$ 945 – Non-NRVC Member

RESIDENT:   \$1155 – NRVC Member  
                  \$1470 – Non-NRVC Member

Room reservations are for 5 nights with a check-in after 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 23 and a check out by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28. If you are staying for the next workshop, you will not need to check out.

*I really appreciated all of the featured resources, both in print and in electronic media. Everything was very practical.*

—BROTHER JOHN EUSTICE, C.S.V.



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# THE ASSESSMENT OF FAMILY ORIGIN ISSUES FOR CANDIDATES TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

Family of origin issues often present many land mines for vocation and formation personnel. All too often these issues end up sabotaging the individual and the community's health and well-being if left unaddressed. One of the principal objectives of this workshop will be to help vocation ministers formulate specific and more appropriate questions, which when answered, may inhibit or exclude candidacy. The format will be within an adult learning methodology. It will attempt to be highly interactive with ample time for individual and group processing, discussion of specific cases and utilizing the very latest in research and theory on this topic.

**July 29-31, 2015**

This workshop begins at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29 and ends at noon on Friday, July 31.



## Presenter

**Father Gerard J. McGlone, S.J., Ph.D.** is a Jesuit priest of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus ordained in 1987. He currently consults nationally and internationally with many organizations, including the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM). He was a clinical and research fellow at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and an Assistant Professor at Georgetown University, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. He has held several clinical and leadership roles at major treatment centers in the United States and served as a bilingual psychotherapist.

## Workshop fees

Fees include lunch, materials, speaker and facility fee, but **not** parking, breakfast, or supper.

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| COMMUTER: | \$ 375 – NRVC Member     |
|           | \$ 563 – Non-NRVC Member |
| RESIDENT: | \$ 690 – NRVC Member     |
|           | \$ 878 – Non-NRVC Member |

Room reservations are for 3 nights with a check-in after 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 and a check out by 9 a.m. on Friday, July 31. The Center has a locked storage unit to hold luggage until you are ready to leave on the day of your departure. If you are staying for the next workshop, you will not need to check out.

*The networking and storytelling with other vocation ministers was most helpful. This is a safe space to ask questions.*

—SISTER TERESITA RICHARDS, S.N.D.

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The 2015 Fall Institute will offer four workshops at Marillac Center in Leavenworth, Kansas.

## FALL INSTITUTE October 13-25, 2015

**O**UR BIENNIAL Fall Institute will offer four workshops at the Marillac Center in Leavenworth, Kansas, October 13-25. Similar to the Summer Institute, it's your choice as to how many workshops you want to attend. Marillac Center is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and is located on their Mother House grounds. It is accessible from the Kansas City Airport (MCI). Participants can use the Super Shuttle from the airport, or if you are driving, there is free parking available at the Marillac Center. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.scls.org/Marillac-Center/Facilities-Services.aspx>.

Overnight accommodations are also available at the Marillac Center. Enjoy the convenience of having spacious bedrooms with a private bath with shower. A complimentary breakfast and supper is offered for residents. Lunch is included for all workshop participants. Wireless internet access is available for all meeting rooms and guest rooms.



Room accommodations at Marillac Center.

Limited rooms are available; make your overnight accommodations when you register for your workshop through [nrv.net](http://nrv.net). *Please do not call the Marillac Center for reservations.* See page 2 for Registration Reminders.

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*You present the latest material and information. Your obvious passion for your ministry and love of God is evident.*

—SISTER PHYLLIS HUNHOFF, O.S.B.

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**October 13-15, 2015**

This workshop begins at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13 and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15.

### Presenter

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### Workshop fees

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#### COMMUTER:

\$ 450 – NRVC Member

\$ 675 – Non-NRVC Member

#### RESIDENT:

3 NIGHT \$ 765 – NRVC Member

\$ 990 – Non-NRVC Member

4 NIGHT \$ 870 – NRVC Member

\$1095 – Non-NRVC Member

You have a choice in room reservations for this workshop. All check-ins are after 3 p.m. on Monday, October 12. You can choose a 3 or 4 night stay and check out by 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, or on Friday, October 16. The Center has a locked storage unit to hold luggage until you are ready to leave on the day of your departure. If you are staying for the next workshop, you will not need to check out.



*These days have been an experience of learning and reflection and have given me to tools I need.*

—Ms. ALMA GARCIA, MARYKNOLL LAY MISSIONERS

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## ETHICAL ISSUES IN VOCATION AND FORMATION MINISTRY

This workshop will explore ethical principles governing confidentiality, agency and obligations related to positions of trust. The workshop will also address issues related to dissemination of information, the timeliness of admissions or dismissal decisions, and other issues related to ethical rights of candidates as well as ethical rights of those in positions of authority.

**October 16-17, 2015**

This workshop begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 16 and ends at noon on Saturday, October 17.



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### Workshop fees

Fees include lunch, materials, speaker and facility fee, but **not** parking, breakfast, or supper.

#### COMMUTER:

\$ 230 – NRVN Member

\$ 345 – Non-NRVN Member

#### RESIDENT:

\$ 440 – NRVN Member

\$ 555 – Non-NRVN Member

*Excellent. Real. Pastoral.  
Does not shy away from  
tough issues.*

—SISTER SUSAN FRANCOIS, C.S.J.P.

Room reservations are for 2 nights with a check-in after 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 15 and a check out by 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 17. If you are staying for the next workshop, you will not need to check out.

**Click [here](https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1665685) to register for this workshop.**

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**October 18-22, 2015**

This program begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 18 and ends at noon on Thursday, October 22. Some of the printed material is now available in Spanish. Please indicate when you register if you would prefer an English or Spanish binder.



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#### COMMUTER:

\$ 630 – NRVC Member

\$ 945 – Non-NRVC Member

#### RESIDENT:

\$1155 – NRVC Member

\$1470 – Non-NRVC Member

Room reservations are for 5 nights with a check-in after 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 and a check out by 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 22. If you are staying for the next workshop, you will not need to check out.

*Good suggestions that were  
professional and informative that will  
help me with men in discernment.*

—BROTHER PAT DOUGLAS, S.J.



**Click [here](https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1665679) to register for this program.**

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In Special Commemoration of the Year of Consecrated Life

## VOCATION MINISTRY WITHIN THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE: TRENDS, ISSUES, and BEST PRACTICES

*I am counting on you “to wake up the world,” since the distinctive sign of consecrated life is prophecy. . . . This is the priority that is needed right now: to be prophets who witness to how Jesus lived on this earth.* —POPE FRANCIS, APOSTOLIC LETTER MARKING START OF YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

POPE FRANCIS proclaimed 2015 a Year of Consecrated Life and in celebration of this commemorative year, NRVC is offering this seminal workshop which will feature three professionals treating the topic of religious life and its implications for vocation ministry, with and among the young Church today. Approaching the topic from their own expertise, each presenter will offer the trends, issues, best practices and skills needed for credible and proficient vocation ministry, in three individual day long workshops. The central focus of this comprehensive three day workshop is for participants to echo the words of Pope Francis: to “look to the past with gratitude . . . live the present with passion . . . [and] embrace the future with hope” as we “Wake up the World” while celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life!

**October 23-25, 2015**

This workshop begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 23 and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 25.

### **DAY 1 A call to encounter/encuentro: Invitations and implications for religious life today**

In an age of many meetings about varied topics, the deeper call and invitation of religious life today is to encounter/encuentro. Encounters hold the potential of calling us forth more deeply and fully in God, with one another and in creation. This day will consider five dimensions of encounter in order to see what invitations they offer us and also where encuentros will, if we are willing, lead us as religious in the world today. Our exploration of encounter will be through the multi-faceted lenses of scripture and tradition, religious (life) history, the arts and your own experience.



**PRESENTER Sister Maria Cimperman, R.S.C.J.** is a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She is the Director of the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life at Catholic Theological Union (Chicago), where she is also Associate Professor of Theological Ethics. Sister Maria’s work is at the intersection of moral theology, social ethics and spirituality. Her passion for and commitment to religious life is clear as she writes and presents both nationally and internationally on contemporary religious life. Sister Maria earned her M.Div. from the University of Notre Dame, S.T.L. from Weston Jesuit School of Theology and Ph.D. in theological ethics from Boston College.

**Click [here](#) to register for this workshop.**

Or key in <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1671927>

## DAY 2 Vocation ministry through the lens of transformation

Religious life is at a graced crossroads, moving through a period of profound transformation, and communities are discerning God's call to new life. Despite this growing recognition, and for many a growing crisis, many communities will fail to engage in the hard work of transformation and deep change. Vocation efforts are at the center of the demographic crisis among religious congregations. Members have placed nearly all of their hopes for a future upon the recruitment of new members only to have these hopes dashed. This workshop will address how vocation efforts can become a catalyst for transformation using new paradigms for vowed communal life.



**PRESENTER Dr. Ted Dunn, Ph.D.** is a licensed clinical psychologist working internationally to provide consultation, training, and facilitation services to religious communities. He has written extensively about religious life and regularly presents at Chapters and assemblies. His current focus is on guiding communities as they discern God's call to new life through processes that encourage deep change and transformation. The integration of spirituality, psychology, and systems theory, along with the use of nonviolent communication skills, are key to his efforts.

Though clients and methods vary, his compassionate approach to healing, belief in the amazing resiliency of the human spirit, and personal commitment to lifelong learning remain the foundation to all his professional endeavors.

## DAY 3 Creating a religious life for the 21st century

The time has come to begin rebuilding religious life, this priceless gift to the Church and world, for a new age. This presentation will help participants to understand better religious life's pilgrimage during the past 50 years, to appreciate where this way of life stands today, and to look ahead to see what the future might hold. While monastic, mendicant, and apostolic expressions of consecrated life cannot be renewed in the same way, all three forms face some common challenges today: clarifying identity, reclaiming charism, reading the signs of this age, understanding the real changes that are taking place in our world and Church.



**PRESENTER Brother Sean D. Sammon, F.M.S.** is a Marist Brother who holds currently an appointment as Scholar in Residence at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Previously he served in Rome for 16 years as Superior General and Vicar General of his congregation. For several years Brother Sean was the International Clinical Director of House of Affirmation. He holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Fordham University and is the author of several books and numerous articles, including HORIZON articles, examining the interface of faith and social science. Recently he was a presenter at the NRVC's Men Religious Moving

Forward in Hope program.

### Workshop Fees

Fees include lunch, materials, speaker and facility fee.  
Resident fees include breakfast and supper.

Room reservations are for 4 nights with a check-in on Thursday, October 22 and a check out by 10 a.m. on Monday, October 26.

COMMUTER: \$ 450 – NRVC Member  
\$ 675 – Non-NRVC Member

RESIDENT: \$ 870 – NRVC Member  
\$1095 – Non-NRVC Member

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## ADVENT DAYS OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL



**A**DVENT can be the ideal time for busy vocation and formation ministers to slow down for much needed self-care and intensive prayer. This year, NRVC and the Religious Formation Conference (RFC) are collaborating to offer their members four days in the desert to focus on transformation and the journey of faith. The program will be held at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, AZ. Situated in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, it is a site that appeals to the nature lover and gently challenges city dwellers. Overnight accommodations include private room and bath as well as internet access and all meals. The retreat center is approximately 20 minutes by shuttle from the Tucson airport (TUC). For more information about the facility, go to: <http://www.desertrenewal.org/index.html>. *Please do not call the Redemptorist Renewal Center for reservations.*

### LEARNING TO LIVE AND PRAY IN JOYFUL HOPE

This Advent retreat experience offers vocation and formation ministers opportunities to embrace spiritual practices characteristic of traditional Advent spirituality: waiting, accepting, anticipating, listening, heightened awareness, gratitude, silence, and pondering into the depths of the heart. These practices aid us along the way of our hurried lives and especially help us to slow down a bit during the hustle and bustle of the commercialized rush to Christmas. Our days of reflection and renewal will offer participants a needed pause that will refresh bodies, minds, and souls with inspiration that flows from the season's scriptural readings, music, symbols, and rituals. Come join us as we pave the way for our hearts to wait in joyful hope to celebrate the wonder and peace of Christmas, not just for a day but the whole year long.

**December 14-17, 2015**

This program begins at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 14, and ends at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 17.



#### Presenter

**Sister Addie Lorraine Walker, S.S.N.D., Ph.D.** has been a School Sister of Notre Dame for over 30 years. She served as provincial leader of the Dallas Province of S.S.N.D. for nine years. Currently, she is Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and founder and director of the Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. Sister Addie Lorraine earned a Ph.D. in religion and education from Boston College in 1996, and now ministers as pastoral and practical theologian in university, high

school, and parish settings and n formation programs and retreats for religious congregations. She recently was a contributing author of *Power of Sisterhood: Women Religious Tell the Story of the Apostolic Visitation*.

#### Program fees

Fees include three meals, materials, speaker, and facility fee. **RESIDENT:** \$675 – NRVC or RFC member. Room reservations are for 3 nights with a check-in on Monday, December 14 and a check out by 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 17. If you need to arrive earlier than Monday or stay later than Friday, please contact NRVC for reserving additional days (based upon availability). *This program is limited to 25 participants.*

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**Registration for this program will open in May.**



*The sense of support from NRVC and the networking with other vocation ministers was extremely helpful. I like that there's ongoing educational programs through NRVC.*

—SISTER KELLEY RUSH, S.N.D.

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