



**National Religious Vocation Conference  
Heartland Member Area  
Annual Meeting**

**April 25-27, 2016  
Dubuque, Iowa**

**Vocation Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
What we see depends on what we look for!**

**Presenter: Sr. Deborah M. Borneman, SS.C.M.  
NRVC Director of Member Relations and Services**

Known as outrageous optimists with an indefatigable spirit, the pace of enthusiastic vocation ministers can easily become relentless. The balance of prayer, ministry, and community/family is essential however, extra ministerial and communal responsibilities can lead to stretched and stressed ministers. Therefore, the morning presentation will be focused on resiliency and tenacity in vocation ministry using the skills needed by vocation ministers to overcome the various challenges, inevitable difficulties, and weariness that can undermine personal wellness, community spirit, and ministerial perseverance. The afternoon presentation will focus on how to integrate families while working with candidates in the discernment process using data from the 2015 NRVC/CARA Study on the Role of the Family in Nurturing Vocations to Religious Life and Priesthood. This day of professional development will provide concrete information, practical ideas, and creative solutions focused on these two topics essential to all vocation ministers.

Cost:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NRVC Member: \$75          | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-NRVC Member: \$115         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NRVC Member Commuter: \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-NRVC Member Commuter: \$40 |

Please Make Check Payable to: National Religious Vocation Conference  
Send check and registration form to: Mr. Len Uhal, Divine Word College, P.O. Box 380, Epworth, IA 52045  
RSVP by April 8, 2016

Location: Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2360 Carter Road  
Dubuque, IA 52001

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\*If you plan to travel by plane to Dubuque, please contact Len with your flight schedule.

## Meeting Schedule

### Monday, April 25, 2016

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM:	Arrival
5:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Welcome and Opening Prayer Social

### Tuesday, April 26, 2016

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	First Session with Sr. Debbie
Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Second Session with Sr. Debbie
4:50 PM	Mass
5:45 PM	Evening Fun Night

### Wednesday, April 27, 2016

7:30 AM	Mass
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member Area Reconfiguration</li><li>• Convocation Planning</li><li>• Share the Wealth (if time permits)</li></ul>
Noon	Lunch/Departure

### About the Presenter



Sr. Debbie began working for NRVC in August 2011. A Sister of Saints Cyril and Methodius and a native of Pittsburgh, PA, Sister Debbie served ten years as vocation director for her congregation. She has also ministered as coordinator for vocation awareness programs for the Diocese of Harrisburg and as a certified Catholic campus minister at Bloomsburg University of PA. Sister Debbie has a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University of Chicago. She focused her research on the "Weariness among Women Religious in Promoting Vocations in the 21st Century."