

NRVC Executive Director Report March 2018

Our national and world context

At this time of contentiousness in the country over immigration and racial relations, it is my prayer that the staff, board, and membership of the National Religious Vocation Conference all work toward racial healing and respect for people of all nations. We are blessed to have the NRVC offices located within the community of Catholic Theological Union—an international mix of people that brings the world to us on a daily basis. NRVC's "Roots of Racism" workshop, held in February, was an important step forward. It looked at the origins of racism and implications for candidate assessment and integration.

NRVC strategic planning – member area coordinators give input

Because member area coordinators are important stakeholders in NRVC, they were asked to contribute to developing a new strategic plan. I created an invite and an email to collect their input; and at the February board meeting, a few member area coordinators participated in the strategic planning session via Zoom, while others sent in responses via email. The strategic planning process continues to develop and promises to continue to keep NRVC on track for a dynamic future.

NCDVD members offered digital membership

Each member of the National Conference for Diocesan Vocation Directors has been granted a digital membership to NRVC for 2018 in honor of the long standing collaboration of our two organizations and in honor of NRVC's 30th anniversary.

On-going development efforts continue

With Mark Teresi now working part-time and strictly for the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations, I have been leading our development efforts with assistance from other NRVC staff. I have written to and met with numerous organizations and individuals to discuss ways they might support NRVC, whether by underwriting a particular program, project, or special event, such as our convocation in November. If you have any suggestions of organizations or individuals that the I can connect with for sponsorship of the convocation please email me the information at: srsharon@nrvc.net

Grateful and hopeful

Thank you to each member, staff-member, and collaborator for your commitment to vocation promotion—and deep thanks to our board members for their hard work in leading the effort to continue our mission and vision. My heart is filled with gratitude. I feel blessed to be of service to the NRVC. I know we are well on our way to becoming even more solid financially, and to remaining a mission-focused organization as we continue to develop our strategic planning process

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