



# NRVC Convocation 2018

## Walk with me: Encounter, Accompaniment and Invitation



**Registration Opens May 1st!**

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<https://www.nixmeetings.com/NRVC18>

### 2016 Snapshot:

**13 Presenters and 289 Participants,**  
*representing 30 States,*  
**the District of Columbia,**  
*and 15 Countries*

Share memories from last year's  
Convocation on our [Facebook Page!](#)  
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### Know an outstanding NRVC member?

There's still time for award nominations!  
Click [here](#) for Outstanding Recognition and  
[here](#) for the Mustard Seed Award.  
<https://bit.ly/2Knn9ZM> | <https://bit.ly/2Jy0lol>

### Register early to be eligible for a free trip to Niagara Falls!

On the 30th of each month from May through  
August, we'll draw one name from among those  
who have already registered. This excursion will  
be offered to all Convocation participants on  
November 5 for \$35 per person. See more details  
at [NRVC.net](#).  
<https://bit.ly/2HUWrt4>



*Special thanks to the Hudson Valley Member  
Area for hosting us this year and to Mikey  
Needleman who will be joining us as our  
music director.*

**Nov. 1-5, 2018 | Buffalo, NY**

Convocation is the place to gather for outstanding keynote speakers, networking opportunities, and lively discussions. Come celebrate NRVC's 30th anniversary and the culture of vocations it creates! There is no better way to lead into National Vocation Awareness Week. Join participants from across the country for this time of prayer, encounter, formation, and community.

### Speakers Include:



Fr. Kevin DePrinzio,  
O.S.A., Ph.D.



Mr. Miguel Naranjo



Sr. Deborah Cerullo,  
S.S.N.D., J.D., J.C.L.



Sr. Mary Pellegrino, C.S.J.



Dr. Crystal Taylor-Dietz, Psy.D.



Dr. Hosffman Ospino, Ph.D.



Sr. Xiomara Méndez  
Hernández, O.P.



Fr. James Greenfield,  
O.S.F.S., Ph.D.



Dr. Eran Talitman, Ph.D.

**SEE THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

<https://bit.ly/2JMLAid>

*NRVC Convocation has always fed my mind, nourished my soul, and lifted my spirits. I've always gained greater insights to be a more effective vocation minister and returned home renewed, joyful and even more determined. Hope to see y'all at Convocation 2018!*

-Br. Ronnie Hingle, S.C., NRVC Board Chair

**[Pre-Convocation Workshops:](https://bit.ly/2HJ31U7)** (<https://bit.ly/2HJ31U7>)

### **Issues of Civil, Canon and Immigration Law in Vocation Ministry**

*Presenters: Sr. Deborah M. Cerullo S.S.N.D., J.D., J.C.L., and Mr. Miguel A. Naranjo*

Learn about aspects of law as they pertain to vocation ministry from the corresponding areas of civil, canon, and immigration law. Some areas to be covered will include: assessment policies and record keeping; internal vs. external forum in candidate assessment; policies and practices regarding a candidate's financial assets; salary and tax issues during the formation period; special issues regarding older, widowed and divorced candidates; readmission and community transfers.

### **Finding your Digital Balance and Reducing Social Media Stress**

*Presenter: Dr. Crystal Taylor-Dietz, Psy.D.*

Technology, from smartphones to social media to virtual reality, is impacting our lives in ways no one could have predicted. While there are certainly benefits to these advances, being overly engaged with technology in its various forms can have long-term negative consequences for psychological and emotional health. This workshop will address the impact of being "plugged in" all the time and offers strategies for managing technology use effectively.

### **Screening Yellow and Red Flags in Candidate Assessment**

*Presenter: Dr. Eran Talitman, Ph.D.*

This presentation will focus on assisting vocation directors in determining the suitability of individuals seeking to enter religious life. It will specifically examine factors that enhance and detract from the suitability of a candidate. We will address concerns regarding personality disorders, sexual abuse, Asperger's Syndrome, and the use of pornography / social media. Come with your questions, doubts, and grey areas in screening and assessing candidates before application.

### **ROI Calculator: Grace or Grim?**

*Presenters: Fr. James J. Greenfield and Fr. Kevin Nadolski, O.S.F.S.*

This workshop will address the ups and downs of vocation ministry. ROI is an acronym for return on investment. In vocation ministry, the best programs do not always guarantee success, and the best candidates may change their minds. Therefore, this workshop will explore themes of community expectations alongside societal/cultural realities of young and middle adulthood, the changing landscape of religious life in North America, and best practices for human development and self-care in vocation ministry.

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## National Religious Vocation Conference

### **About Us:**

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. 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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