

May God Bless and Keep You

*May God bless and keep - you, may God smile on you.
May God show you kind - ness, fill - you with peace.
And may God - bless - you, now and al - ways.
May you al - ways love and serve,
filled with God's peace.*

*Numbers 6: 24-26, adapted by David Haas, Music: Adorote Devote
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Vision Statement

To set the world ablaze with the fire of God's love through the prophetic, joyful witness of religious sisters, brothers, and priests as radical disciples of Jesus.

Mission Statement

The National Religious Vocation Conference is a catalyst for vocation discernment and the full flourishing of religious life as sisters, brothers, and priests for the ongoing transformation of the world.

Values

In presenting religious life as a viable, prophetic option that remains mystery and gift, the NRVC seeks to:

- Provide professional development, best practices, and shared wisdom to animate the elements of vocation ministry: encounter, invitation, and accompaniment;
- Foster a culture of vocations in a spirit of collaboration, joy, and hope to inspire and be inspired by the minds and hearts of the young church;
- Celebrate the charism of each Catholic religious institute as part of the mission of Jesus; and
- Grow and nurture an intercultural approach to vocation ministry.



National Religious Vocation Conference

30th Anniversary Awards Banquet

**November 4, 2018
Buffalo, NY**

Welcome

Sister Kristin Matthes, S.N.D. de N.

Invocation

Sister Deborah Marie Borneman, SS.C.M.

Dinner

Mustard Seed Award

The Youth in Theology and Ministry Program

Presented by Mr. Gregory Darr & Sr. Stephanie Spandl, S.S.N.D.

Outstanding Recognition Awards

Sister Mary Rowell, C.S.J.

Presented by Sister Donna Del Santo, S.S.J.

Father Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S.

Presented by Ms. Michelle Horton

Harvest Award

NRVC Staff

Presented by the NRVC Board

Founding Members

Srs. Lucille Flores, SSM; Suzanne Marie Kush, CSSF;

Marie Francis Lomeo, RGS; Juliana Miska, SCC;

Josefina Ramac, SP; Concetta DeFelice, OSF and

Pat Dowling, CBS; Br. Bill Boslett, OSF

Presented by Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M.

Words of Gratitude

Sister Kristin Matthes, S.N.D. de N.

Harvest Awards

1990

The Lilly Endowment, Inc.

1992

Rev. Raymond P. Carey

1994

No award

1996

Ms. Dolores Orzel

1998

Bishop John McGraith

2000

Sr. Mary Johnson, S.N.D. deN.

Carol Schuck Scheiber

Claretian Publications

2002

National Coalition for

Church Vocations

2004

Mrs. Dorothy T. Foss

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine

2006

Serra International

Serra USA Council

2008

Patrice Tuohy

2010

Catholics on Call

2012

National Federation for
Catholic Youth Ministry

2014

Kathleen A. Mahoney

2016

Catholic Volunteer
Network

2018

NRVC Staff

NCRVD John Paul II Award

1983

Brothers' Task Force

Sr. Mary Ann Hamer, OSF

1985

Fr. Basil Pennington, OSCO

Glenmary Volunteer Program

1987

Rev. Raymond P. Carey

Mrs. Margaret A. Paluch

2018 MUSTARD SEED AWARD

Youth in Theology and Ministry Program



The Youth in Theology and Ministry program (YTM) at Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary in Collegeville, MN apprentices Catholic teens, college counselors and adult

mentors as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. The YTM curriculum takes a holistic approach to foster Christian discipleship and vocation discernment. The 13-month curriculum includes two 14-day summer institutes where high school teens come to Saint John's University to take college level theology classes, complete community service and practice a variety of Christian prayer forms. Between the summers, the teens complete a service justice project in their parish, with the help of an adult mentor. Upon returning for the second summer, the teens present their parish justice projects to our Vocation Partners.

YTM's holistic approach engages teens as Christian disciples on a mission to build the Reign of God. Part of the holistic approach is focusing in on vocation discernment. Data shows that before attending YTM, 49% of youth have considered priesthood or religious life. After attending the program (both summers) 77% report they are considering priesthood or religious life. Post institute, 89% of participants consider working for the church in some capacity and 20% of our participants go on to study theology in college..

YTM collaborates with 25 religious institutes from around the country in accompanying youth on their faith journey. Our Vocation partners support the YTM program not only with prayer and financial contributions, but with their presence at our two-week institute. Young people and Vocation Partners engage in dialogue, theological learning, service and prayer all while exploring vocational discernment and discipleship together. Vocation discernment is key in fostering discipleship with young people.

Outstanding Recognition Awards

1990

Fr. Jerry Kaelin, O.F.M.

1992

Sr. Catherine Bertrand, S.S.N.D.

1994

Sr. Jane DeLisle, C.S.J.

1996

Sr. Illeana Fernandez, C.S.J.

Fr. Marvin Kitten, S.J

Fr. Daniel Rauzi, S.D.B.

1998

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, R.S.C.

Br. Kenneth Grondin, C.F.

Sr. Gloria Marie Jones, O.P.

2000

Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C.

Rev. John Regan

Sr. Noreen Walter, S.C.L.

2002

Fr. Jack Kurps, S.C.J.

Sr. Carol Mucha, R.S.M.

Sr. Carol Tropiano, R.S.M.

Sr. Marcia Ziska, O.S.B.

2004

Sr. Mary Pellegrino, C.S.J.

Br. James McVeigh, O.S.F.

2006

Sr. Susan Kidd, C.N.D.

Sr. Rose Mary Rexing, O.S.B.

Fr. Warren Sazama, S.J.

2008

Sr. Anita Louise Lowe, O.S.B.

Sr. Rose Sevenich, O.S.F.

2010

Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, O.S.P.

Fr. Kevin Nadolski, O.S.F.S.

2012

Sr. Josita Colbert, S.N.D. de N.

Sr. Elyse Ramirez, O.P.

2014

Fr. Anthony Vinson, O.S.B.

Sr. Patricia Wittberg, S.C.

2016

Sr. Adrienne Kaufmann, O.S.B.

Sr. Lynn M. Levo, C.S.J.

Sr. Patricia Twohill, O.P.

Fr. Jack Kurps, S.C.J.

2018

Fr. Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S.

Sr. Mary Rowell, C.S.J.

2018 OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION AWARD

Sister Mary Rowell, C.S.J.



Mary Rowell is a Sister of St. Joseph in Canada. Currently, she is the Vocation and Candidate Director for her Congregation and President of the National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors (Canada NAVFD).

Additionally, Sr. Mary is a member of the NRVC Editorial Board and she is a member of the “Lifelong Formation Committee” of

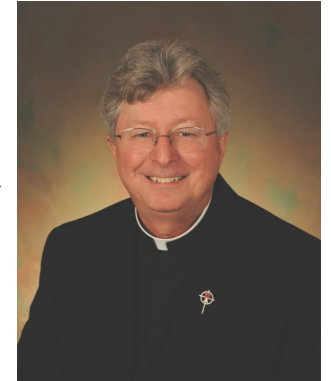
the United States Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph with special responsibilities, with others, for development of novitiate programs. She also participates in U.S. and Canadian vocation and formation initiatives with her CSJ companions.

Alongside vocation and formation ministries, Sr. Mary teaches moral theology and eco-theology at the University of Toronto School of Theology and she ministers through retreat facilitation, spiritual direction and ecology initiatives at her Congregation’s ecology and retreat center in Cobourg, Ontario. Sr. Mary frequently provides presentations and coordinates workshops for various groups.

A member of NRVC, Sr. Mary is profoundly grateful for our cross-border friendship and shared ministries through which we learn from and enrich one another’s experiences. In particular, she expresses thanks to NRVC for research initiatives that have been a tremendous guide as NAVFD in Canada recently completed their CARA study on new membership of religious communities. She has participated with NRVC colleagues in international vocation conversations convened by NRVC in Rome and France which have served to broaden our global approach to vocation ministry.

2018 OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION AWARD

Father Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S.



Joe Nassal is provincial director of the Kansas City Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. He has been engaged in retreat, renewal and reconciliation ministry since 1988, including director of Shantivanam, the House of Prayer for the Archdiocese of Kansas City. In 2002, he was part of the team that established the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation on the south side of Chicago. Ordained in 1982, Fr. Joe has also served Precious Blood parishes in Centerville, IA, St. Joseph, MO, and Sedalia, MO. He was coordinator of justice and peace for the Diocese of Davenport and the Gerber Institute Visiting Professor at Newman University in Wichita.

Fr. Joe served as vocation director and has served on the provincial council/leadership team for the province for more than twenty-three years, the last seven years as provincial. He holds a BA in English/Journalism from Rockhurst University, a Masters in Divinity from Catholic Theological Union, and Certificates in Religious Formation and Mediation Training.

Fr. Joe is the founding editor of The New Wine Press and The Wine Cellar and has published articles, poems, and prayers in numerous publications including National Catholic Reporter, HORIZON, and Review for Religious. He was recognized by the Catholic Press Association in 2015 for his HORIZON article. He is the author of eight books. Fr. Joe directed the NRVC Advent Days of Renewal in 2013, presented a pre-Convocation workshop in 2016 and directed the Midwest Member Area Retreat in 2018. He is also among the founding members of NRVC in 1988.