

A time  
of transition  
& growth



**NRVC**  
National Religious  
Vocation Conference

2016-17  
Annual Report



# 2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES



Dear Friend of NRVC,

On the topic of change, Cardinal Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, said, “Fidelity is always a change, a blossoming, a growth. The Lord brings about a change in those who are faithful to Him.”

These words serve as guidance and inspiration to NRVC as we faithfully move into a new chapter of our organization.

In September of 2016 Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., who served as NRVC Executive Director for 14 years, was called to leadership in his community. Brother Paul created a lasting legacy for the organization through his years of extensive networking and outreach. NRVC’s profile as a national and international “go-to” organization for all things related to religious vocations was firmly established. Brother Paul spearheaded many important projects during his tenure, including the 2009 Vocation Study, the Moving Forward in Hope initiatives, the International Vocation Conference, expanded member services, and a restructuring of the NRVC national office. He brought intelligence, competence, and humor to his role, and honesty that helped highlight the challenges and opportunities facing religious communities in the 21st century. We are grateful for his service and wish him countless blessings in his new role.

In June 2017 NRVC hired Sister Sharon Dillon, S.S.J.-T.O.S.F., for a limited contract to serve as executive director. Under Sister Sharon’s direction the NRVC staff and board began preparation for a new five-year strategic plan. In December 2017, NRVC Development Director Mr. Mark Teresi announced his plans to end his term. Mark also served as director of the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations, established by the National Religious Vocation Conference, which serves as a direct benefit to NRVC members. Mark laid the groundwork for achieving the fund’s ambitious goal of eradicating the obstacle of educational debt to religious vocations. We now begin our search to find someone to carry on this important work as well as the much needed sponsorship and development for NRVC.

Throughout all these changes, NRVC saw a blossoming and growth in the NRVC membership, staff, and board. Members continue to receive excellent programming, services, and resources and the board continues the planning and collaboration necessary for furthering NRVC’s mission to promote vocations to religious life and provide vocation-related advocacy and education on behalf of and for the benefit of our members.

We are primed for the changes the Lord continues to hold in store. We pray that we embrace the transitions and growth with grace, compassion, and, above all, hope.

In His Heart,

Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C.

NRVC Board Chair

2013-2018

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MEMBERS

**VOCATION AMBASSADORS PROGRAM** In June of 2016 and 2017, NRVC sponsored a new workshop in South Bend, Indiana called “Share the Sacred,” for 21 teams of vocation ambassadors. The teams of three included a millennial, communications professional and vocation director. Participants learned communications strategies and tactics to create a strategic plan to promote religious life. By taking part, all vocation ambassador teams committed to 100 hours of additional work to promote vocations to religious life. This program was funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation grant.

**CONVOCATION** The 2016 convocation was held in Overland Park, Kansas, October 27-31 with over 300 participants from the United States and seven other countries. With a theme of “Awakened by the Spirit: Called to Discipleship,” this gathering brought together vocation directors, leaders, and others involved in inviting a new generation to religious life. Keynote presenters included Ms. Sherry Weddell of the Catherine Siena Institute, Father Kevin O’Brien, S.J. of the Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University, and Father Thomas Rosica, C.S.B. of Salt + Light TV and the Holy See Press Office. For the first time, NRVC held a livestreamed panel of young discerners and newer members. The livestream, funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, was hosted by Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann of Salt + Light TV. Also at Convocation, NRVC voted on restructuring its 14 regions to 12 Member Areas.

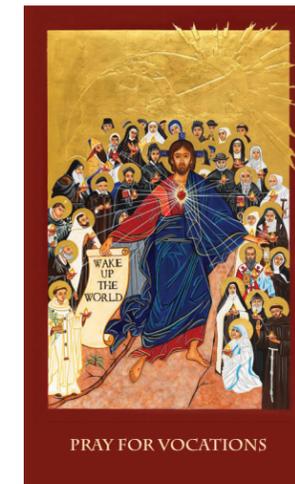
**MEMBER AREA COORDINATOR GATHERINGS** In September 2016 and 2017, NRVC member area coordinators met in Chicago for prayer, professional development, and updates from the NRVC Board and staff.

## RESOURCES AND WEBSITE CONTENT

- In 2016, NRVC created a new resource entitled “Vocation Culture: Reflection to Action” to help women’s congregations in diverse settings evaluate and strengthen their internal vocation culture. These questions were written by women for women and are based on eight critical needs identified by the Women Religious Moving Forward in Hope participants. NRVC is grateful to the GHR Foundation for underwriting this project. This resource is available for complimentary download for members and for purchase. It was among the five top best sellers in 2016 and 2017. <https://nrvc.net/329/publication/4524/article/11644-women-s-assessment-instrument>
- A final report summarizing the impact of NRVC’s series of four “Today’s Catholic Sisters” gatherings was pub-

lished. The report is intended to increase awareness and understanding of Catholic sisters among laity, clergy, media, and other interested parties. A higher public profile contributes to a church culture that encourages and inspires young people to desire religious life. <https://nrvc.net/332/publication/4534-today-s-catholic-sisters>

- In 2016, NRVC asked Sister Kathleen Bryant, R.S.C. to adapt her book, *Vocations Anonymous*, for a new booklet, *Discerning Your Vocation: Religious Life & Diocesan Priesthood*. This resource was among the top five best sellers in 2016 and 2017. <https://nrvc.net/store>



NRVC prayer card

- In 2017, NRVC produced two new resources for celebrating World Day for Consecrated Life: an upbeat video on “Why we love our vocation” produced by NRVC Board member Father Toby Collins, C.R. and Andrew Turski and a prayer card featuring the beautiful “Wake up the World” icon art written by Vivian Imbruglia and a prayer drawn from the words of Pope Francis. A number of additional handouts and updated brochures were added to the NRVC store ([nrvc.net/store](http://nrvc.net/store)).

- NRVC continues to add content to the Members Only Section of the NRVC website. New additions include:

- » Online Vocation Director’s Manual. A members-only resource, it is organized into eight main topics and 47 sub-topics and will continue to be updated. [https://nrvc.net/vocation\\_directors\\_manual](https://nrvc.net/vocation_directors_manual)
- » A Vocation Video Page was created in 2017 with over 75 links to videos and songs used in vocation discernment. <https://nrvc.net/329/publication/4524/article/15038-vocation-videos>.
- » A Bibliography of over 70 books on Vocation, Discernment and Religious Life.
- » Updated Member Directory that includes website and social media platforms [https://nrvc.net/re\\_institutions](https://nrvc.net/re_institutions)
- » Member Map to assist members to locate one another while traveling and for professional networking. [https://nrvc.net/member\\_directory](https://nrvc.net/member_directory).
- » Online HORIZON library with over 80 topics representing 17 years of HORIZON editions [https://nrvc.net/horizon\\_library](https://nrvc.net/horizon_library).
- » Updated Curriculum document for the professional preparation and continuing education of vocation ministers.



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## NRVC PUBLICATIONS



**HORIZON** In 2016 and 2017, the NRVC journal, HORIZON, continued its tradition of excellence. The Catholic Press Association recognized HORIZON with five editorial awards in 2016 and one in 2017, ranging from best feature article to best review section to best essay.

In keeping with its commitment to helping communities navigate intercultural issues, HORIZON's coverage included stories on building intercultural communal life and assessing cross-cultural candidates. In honor of the 2016 Year of Mercy, HORIZON published a special edition mercy and vocation. Other editions examined assessment, leadership, communal life, discipleship, vows, and more.

To make it easier for readers to search and access its extensive online archives, in 2016 HORIZON created an online library searchable by topic. Now readers may easily find articles since 1998 on dozens of topics.

## VISION VOCATION GUIDE AND VOCATIONNETWORK.ORG

NRVC's VISION Vocation Guide continued to be the most comprehensive resource available to those considering religious life. It gave special attention to the Year of Mercy in its 2017 edition (released during the Year of Mercy), and VISION had a presence, along with NRVC staff, at the Mercy Center in Krakow for the 2016 World Youth Day.

To better meet the needs of Spanish-speaking discerners, editions released in 2016 and 2017 both included a special section in Spanish, with particular emphasis on Hispanic culture and people in religious life.

VISION received multiple awards for editorial excellence in 2016 and 2017 for both its print and online coverage. The Catholic Press Association recognized VISION's online blog "Questions Catholics Ask" in 2016, and in 2017 it granted VISION awards for best publication, best article, and best columnist.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

In 2016, NRVC's two main publications, HORIZON and VISION, together received seven national honors for

editorial excellence. Thank you to the talented writers, photographers, and editors at TrueQuest Communications who produce these periodicals and to the NRVC editorial board members who provide creative input for HORIZON.

- In 2017, VISION was recognized with three awards and HORIZON was recognized as the best professional and special interest magazine. Congratulations to all our editors, designers, and writers who create and contribute, including: Patrice Tuohy, Jennifer Tomshack, Anne Marie O'Kelley, and Carol Schuck Scheiber.

- NRVC honored the following people and organizations for their outstanding contributions to vocation ministry at its 2016 Convocation:

- » Harvest Award: Catholic Volunteer Network
- » Outstanding Recognition Award: Sisters Adrienne Kaufmann, O.S.B.; Lynn Levo, C.S.J.; and Patricia Twohill, O.P.
- » The Mustard Seed Award: Dubuque Area Vocation Association.

- In 2016, at the annual J.S. Paluch Seminar in Chicago, Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C. received the Paluch Family Foundation Vocation Award in honor of his 14 years as NRVC executive director.

- In 2017, the J.S. Paluch Company's National Vocation Awareness Division awarded Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., NRVC Board chair, the Leadership in Vocation Ministry Award at its 30th annual J.S. Paluch Vocation Seminar. Each year the National Vocations Awareness Division (NVAD) of the J.S. Paluch Company gives an award to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to vocation ministry.

- In 2016, the NRVC Board provided Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C. with a lifetime membership to NRVC and then in 2017, provided Miss Dolores Orzel with a lifetime membership to NRVC for their outstanding long-term contributions to NRVC.



\* RELIGIOUS BROTHERS' DAY + MAY 1, 2017 \*

## NATIONAL COLLABORATION

NRVC regularly participates in and presents at the conferences of national organizations to cultivate relationships and awareness so that a culture of vocations can be nurtured throughout the Catholic Church.

- National Brothers Symposium: More than 200 people

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representing 32 religious institutes gathered for a National Brothers Symposium at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana on March 25, 2017. NRVC member, Brother John Mark Falkenhain, O.S.B. was the keynote speaker. The program was based on the Vatican document "Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church." The symposium was sponsored by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the National Religious Vocation Conference, the Religious Brothers Conference, the Religious Formation Conference, and the University of Notre Dame. Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. represented NRVC at this event.

- An inaugural Religious Brothers Day was celebrated May 1, 2017 from a collaborative effort of the Brothers Think Tank, made up of members from the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Religious Brothers Conference, National Religious Vocation Conference, and the Religious Formation Conference. Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. served on this planning committee.



Sister Ana Gonzalez, O.P. and Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M., at the 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) held November 15-18 in Indianapolis.

a "Publicity Blitz and Glitz" and communal prayer service at CTU. A mini-grant from National Catholic Sisters Week through the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation enabled these organizations to purchase promotional items.

- Mark Teresi and Maureen Cetera represented NRVC at the annual Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI) in St. Louis, October-November 2017.

- Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. and Maureen Cetera attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in November 2017. Under its theme "Called - Llamados," over 20,000 high school teens, parents, youth ministers, and NRVC members celebrated faith and discipleship and

sponsored the Inspiration Nook and Marian Chapel. NRVC members representing 50 religious institutes participated. Sister Debbie presented the workshop "How do I recognize God's voice?" Sister Ana Gonzalez, an apostolic novice with Dominican Sisters of Peace and NCFRCV recipient, led morning prayer in Lucas Oil Stadium. NRVC member, Brother John Mark Falkenhain, O.S.B. with monks from Saint Meinrad Archabbey led participants in Compline in the Lucas Oil Stadium. NRVC members were invited to lead the candlelight procession for morning prayer and the closing Mass. NRVC's participation was funded through a Conrad N. Hilton Foundation grant.

- Carol Scheiber and Sr. Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. represented NRVC at the annual Communicators for Women Religious conference at Niagara Falls, Canada. Carol was honored for 10 years of service with CWR.

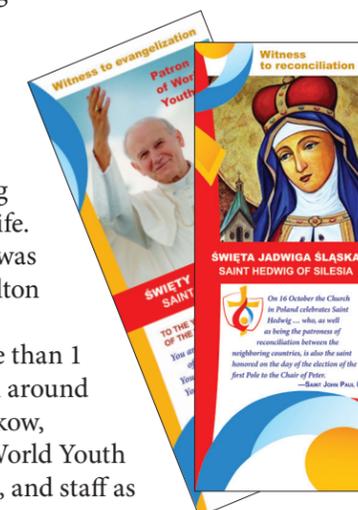
- Other conferences attended by NRVC staff included: Convocation of Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America; Conference of Major Superiors of Men; Leadership Conference of Women Religious; Religious Formation Congress; Catholics on Call Partners Conference; National Catholic Conference on Youth Ministry; National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers; GHR Convening on the Study of International Sisters; and USC and UCLA Conrad N. Hilton roundtable discussion. Also involved were USCCB, CMSWR, LCWR, NCDVD, NRVC, CCMA, and FOCUS as well as Texas A&M, Yale, Michigan State and USC.

## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- International Meeting on Consecrated Life in Rome Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., attended this conference sponsored by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL) Jan. 28- to Feb. 2, 2016. Gathering under the theme of "Consecrated life in unity," more than 5,000 men and women religious came from all corners of the globe to celebrate with Pope Francis the closing of the Year of Consecrated Life. Brother Paul's participation was funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation grant.

- World Youth Day: More than 1 million young pilgrims from around the world descended on Krakow, Poland July 25-31, 2016 for World Youth Day. NRVC members, board, and staff as

Banners of Polish saints for 2016 World Youth Day





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NRVC staff and board members at the Mercy Centre "Vocation Kaverna" at the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow.

well as VISION staff were present at the Mercy Centre. The Mercy Centre, which took more than two years to plan, was a collaborative effort of the Knights of Columbus, Canadian Salt + Light TV, Holy Cross Family Ministries, and NRVC. TrueQuest Communications was commissioned by the group to create a series of banners of Polish saints to line the walkway to the Vocation Cafe hosted by NRVC. NRVC's participation was funded through a Conrad N. Hilton Foundation grant.

- Vocations Ireland: Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. presented the "Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors" to more than 50 participants in Ireland, May 8-12, 2017. This collaborative work was funded by Vocations Ireland through a grant with the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The workshop is part of a larger Irish effort to provide assessment skills and professional development to vocation ministers.

- International Vocation Ministry Conference in Rome Sister Sharon Dillon, S.S.J.-T.O.S.F., Patrice Tuohy, and Father Toby Collins, C.R. took part in a gathering in Rome Dec. 1-3, 2017 to prepare for the 2018 synod on "Young people, the faith, and vocational discernment." The gathering, "Vocation Ministry and Consecrated Life: Horizons and Hopes," brought together more than 800 religious to confront the challenges of vocation ministry and consider new possibilities, starting with current best practices. The event was sponsored by the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL).
- NRVC/VISION traveled to Toronto to meet with Salt + Light Media to explore areas for collaboration. Father Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., director of Salt + Light, hosted Brother Ronnie Hingle, S.C., NRVC Board Chair, Sister Sharon Dillon, S.S.J.-T.O.S.F., 2017 NRVC Executive Director, Patrice Tuohy, VISION Publisher, and Phil Loftus, VISION Marketing consultant, to a tour of the Salt + Light studio and an afternoon's discussion with Salt + Light personnel, including

news anchor Noel Ocol, who interviewed the NRVC/VISION team for "Perspectives Daily."

## COMMITMENT TO INTERCULTURALITY

NRVC's commitment to interculturality and diversity was evidence by the following initiatives:

- In June 2016, NRVC hosted a meeting of church leaders in Baltimore to discuss cultural diversity in religious life using the 2014 NRVC-CARA study on the topic. The day was facilitated by Sister Teresa Maya, CCVI, general superior of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Participants included NRVC board members and representatives from the leadership conferences. Other participants included Father Ralph O'Donnell from the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations; Sr. Ellen Dauwer, S.C. from the Religious Formation Conference, Sister Mary Johnson, S.N.D.deN.; Dr. Arturo Chavez, president and CEO of the Mexican American Catholic College; and Father David Songy, O.F.M. Cap, president of Saint Luke Institute. This gathering was funded through the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation grant.

- In conjunction with a 2017 CARA/Trinity Washington University Study on International Sisters in the United States, Dr. Arturo Chavez, president of the Mexican American Catholic College (MACC) asked for collaboration to write a reflection guide for religious communities to better negotiate intercultural issues. Underwritten by the GHR Foundation, collaborators included: NRVC, International Union of Superiors General; Asociación de Hermanas Latinas Misioneras en América; Leadership Conference of Women Religious; National Conference of Vicars for Religious; Religious Formation Conference.

## NRVC OFFICE EMPLOYEES

- NRVC welcomed Maureen Cetera in August 2016 as its Director of Finance and Human Resources.
- After 14 years as NRVC's executive director, Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C. was called to leadership for the Congregation of Holy Cross in September 2016.
- In June 2017, NRVC welcomed Sister Sharon Dillon, S.S.J.-T.O.S.F. as executive director for a one-year term.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In response to the 2016 Year of Mercy, NRVC established the Misericordia Scholarship Fund for helping religious communities in financial need with membership and workshop fees. Through the assistance of generous donors, the fund provided 41 religious institutes \$20,570 in scholarships in 2016, and in 2017, 32 religious institutes received \$16,165.

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+ Ended term Summer 2016  
++Ended term Summer 2017

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Sister Sharon Dillon, S.S.J.-T.O.S.F.,  
ex officio, 6/2017-12/2017

+ Began term Fall 2017  
++ Ended term Fall 2017  
\*Member of NRVC Executive Committee



# FINANCES

## NRVC Statements of Activities, Years Ending Dec. 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017			2016		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>						
Membership	346,897	24,507	371,404	344,963		\$344,963
Workshops and programs	159,756		159,756	321,669		321,669
In-kind donations	69,293		69,293	59,173		59,173
Publications and resources	68,620		68,620	71,589		71,589
Unrealized gain on investments	67,884		67,884	29,910		29,910
Honoraria	18,800		18,800	4,190		4,190
Interest and dividends	12,444		12,444	8,202		8,202
Contributions and grants	6,463		6,463	43,004	21,049	64,053
Miscellaneous income	715		715	14,534		14,534
Net assets released from restriction	529,329	(529,329)	-	374,975	(374,975)	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$1,280,201</b>	<b>\$ (504,822)</b>	<b>\$775,379</b>	<b>\$1,272,209</b>	<b>\$ (353,926)</b>	<b>\$918,283</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Salaries and benefits	335,275		335,275	171,704		171,704
Publications and resources	153,088		153,088	102,760		102,760
Workshops and programs	145,828		145,828	239,962		239,962
Administrative and general	118,403		118,403	148,265		148,265
Development	99,588		99,588	-		-
Board and committees	79,202		79,202	103,555		103,555
Hilton Foundation program	-		-	350,482		350,482
GHR Foundation program	-		-	5,414		5,414
Porticus Foundation program	-		-	6,847		6,847
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 931,384</b>		<b>\$931,384</b>	<b>\$1,128,989</b>		<b>\$1,128,989</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$348,817</b>	<b>\$(504,822)</b>	<b>\$(156,005)</b>	<b>\$143,220</b>	<b>\$(353,926)</b>	<b>\$(210,706)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>						
Beginning of year	\$704,212	\$531,331	\$1,235,543	\$560,992	\$885,257	\$1,446,249
End of year	\$1,053,029	\$26,509	\$1,079,538	\$704,212	\$531,331	\$1,235,543

### Finance Director's Report

Investments under management with Christian Brothers Investment Services grew 10% from 12/31/2015 to \$655,127 at 12/31/2016; the increase includes an unrestricted bequest of \$25,000 received from Dr. Pat Skarda. As of 12/31/2017, the Dr. Pat Skarda Bequest Fund totals \$29,099. Other investments held with Christian Brothers at 12/31/2017 total \$702,112.

In 2016, \$374,675 in net assets were released from restriction as the NRVC incurred expenses to satisfy the purpose specified by our generous donors. In 2017, \$529,329 in net assets were released from restriction as the NRVC incurred expenses or met the time restriction specified by the Hilton Foundation. Net assets decreased by \$210,706 from 12/31/2015 to 12/31/2016; net assets decreased \$156,005 from 12/31/2016 to 12/31/2017.

Membership revenue provided 38% of total revenue in 2016 and 46% of total revenue (exclusive of net assets released from restrictions) in 2017. Due to an accounting reclassification, Misericordia contributions are

included with temporarily restricted contributions in 2016, and temporarily restricted membership revenue in 2017. Workshops and Programs netted \$81,707 in 2016, a Convocation year. Workshops and Programs netted \$13,928 in 2017, a non-convocation year.

Salaries and benefit expense remained about even from 2016 to 2017; 2016 salaries were supported by the Hilton grant in 2016 at a level of \$158,737. Due to an accounting reclassification, Publications and Resources expense in 2017 includes \$49,601 expenses covered by in-kind donations from TrueQuest Communications. In-kind donations from TrueQuest Communications of \$35,958 is not classified in 2016 Publications and Resources expense. \$99,588 Development expense in 2017 was incurred to satisfy the purpose specified in the Hilton grant.

The 2016 Annual Financial Review was performed by Sassetti Auditors, and the 2017 Annual Financial Review was performed by Knutte & Associates. The NRVC closed 2017 with total net assets of \$1,079,538.

Respectfully,

Maureen Cetera, Director of Finance and Human Resources

# COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

NRVC is privileged to collaborate and partner with several Church organizations in their promotion of consecrated religious life. Their support is integral to our mission and helps us to sustain the vocation culture we celebrate.

### Major Collaborating Organizations

- Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM)
- Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL)
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- National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry

### 2016 NRVC MEMBERSHIP

License	605	<i>Total membership reflects:</i>	
Single	198	Sisters	588
Collaborators /staff	43	Priests/ Deacons	141
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>846</b>	Brothers	53
<b>Total Institutes</b>	<b>291</b>	Laypeople	64

### 2017 NRVC MEMBERSHIP

License	643	<i>Total membership reflects:</i>	
Single	179	Sisters	585
Collaborators /staff	49	Priests/ Deacons	158
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>871</b>	Brothers	70
<b>Total Institutes</b>	<b>331</b>	Laypeople	58

In 2017 Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., received the Paluch Family Foundation Vocation Award from Dolores Orzel (left), creative director of the Vocation Awareness Division of the J.S. Paluch Company, and from company owners Bill and Mary Lou Rafferty in honor of his years of service, including his 14 years as Executive Director of NRVC.



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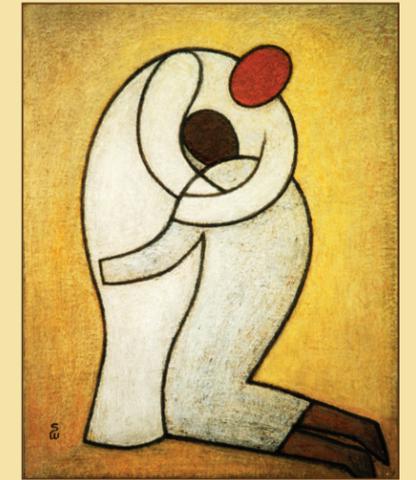
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