PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND THE CULTURE OF VOCATIONS:
FINDINGS OF NATIONAL SURVEYS ON VOCATIONS FROM THE USCCB

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  - Archbishop Sartain, Secretary
  - Bishop Kevin Farrell, Treasurer

- 4 Management Committees
- 16 Programmatic Committees
- 14 Subcommittees
- 4 Task Forces
Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV)

Committee
- Bishop Michael Burbidge, Chairman
- + 8 Bishops
- Consultants (5)

Secretariat
- Fr. Shawn McKnight, Executive Director
- Fr. John Guthrie, Associate Director
- Fr. Ralph O'Donnel Associate Director (January 2015)
The CCLV Committee
Mandate

- Diaconate
- Priestly Life and Ministry
- Consecrated Life
- Vocations and Priestly Formation
CCLV Consulting Organizations

- Clergy
  - NADD
  - NFPC
  - NOCERCC
  - ANSH
  - Vicars for Clergy

- Vocations
  - NCDVD
  - NRVC
  - SERRA

- Priestly Formation
  - NCEA Seminary

- Consecrated Life
  - CMSM/CMSWR/LCWR
  - US Association of Consecrated Virgins
  - US Conference of Secular Institutes
  - Vicars for Religious
CCLV Collaborative Organizations

Clergy
- Treatment Facilities
  - St. Luke Institute
  - St. John Vianney Center
  - Guest House

- Ongoing Formation Institutes

Priestly Formation
- NACS
- NACTS
- IPF
- CMSM Formation Committee

Consecrated life
- Commission on Religious Life and Ministry
National Vocations Awareness Week

- Transferred to the first full week of November (2-8, 2014)
- Video reflections and homiletic notes for each weekday **social media material**
- Prayer card

www.usccb.org/vocations
CCLV Annual Projects

- **Events**
  - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (February 2)
  - World Day of Prayer for Vocations (4th Sunday of Easter)

- **Annual Surveys**
  - Ordination Class of
  - Profession Class of
Year of Consecrated Life

- USCCB Press Conference Held October 1
- CCLV Special Webpage
- “Days with Religious”
  - Day of Community (open house) February 8
  - Day of Service (summer)
  - Day of Prayer (September 13)
Year of Consecrated Life

www.usccb.org/consecratedlife
WORLD YOUTH DAY

July 26-31, 2016 – Kraków, Poland

Wed., July 27: USA National Gathering

wydusa.org · twitter.com/wydusa/
Stateside Celebrations

Every young Catholic is a WYD pilgrim!
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS: A KEY TO PROMOTING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS
Porta Fidei n. 15

“What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and true life, life without end.”
“Persons always live in relationship. We come from others, we belong to others, and our lives are enlarged by our encounter with others. Even our own knowledge and self-awareness are relational; they are linked to others who have gone before us: in the first place, our parents, who gave us our life and our name. . .The same thing holds true for faith, which brings human understanding to its fullness. Faith’s past, that act of Jesus’ love which brought new life to the world, comes down to us through the memory of others — witnesses — and is kept alive in that one remembering subject which is the Church.”
State of the Culture of Vocations

- CCLV Surveys
- Seminary Enrollment Trends
CCLV Surveys

- Consideration of Vocations by Never-Married Youth & Young Adults 2012
- Profession Class of 2013
- Ordination Class of 2014
VOCATION SURVEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Self-administered, national online survey, conducted in May and June 2012
- Scientific, probability-based sample of 1,428 never-married Catholics ages 14 and older [R: 14-35]

Males (average age 26):
- Six in ten are adults (18 or older)
- 36% Non-Hispanic white adults, 20% non-Hispanic white teens
- 19% Hispanic adults, 16% Hispanic teens
- 4% Other race adults, 5% other race teens

Females (average age 28):
- Seven in ten are adults (18 or older)
- 40% Non-Hispanic white adults, 15% non-Hispanic white teens
- 22% Hispanic adults, 13% Hispanic teens
- 7% Other race adults, 3% other race teens
No Shortage of Interest

- **Priests and Religious Brothers**
  - Current population: 43,441
  - Never-married Catholics who have considered vocation at least "a little" or more: 1,411,200
  - Never married Catholics who have considered vocation "very seriously": 352,800

- **Religious Sisters**
  - Current population: 54,018
  - Never-married Catholics who have considered vocation at least "a little" or more: 1,274,000
  - Never married Catholics who have considered vocation "very seriously": 254,800

Legend:
- **Blue** Current population
- **Red** Never-married Catholics who have considered vocation at least "a little" or more
- **Green** Never married Catholics who have considered vocation "very seriously"
Most important:

- Those who attended Catholic educational institutions at any level
- Those who were encouraged to consider a vocation by any type of person
- Those who personally know priests and men and women religious
- Those involved in parish youth and young adult groups; World Youth Day and NCYC
107 potential candidates identified
75% response rate [69 Sisters / 11 Brothers]
74% Caucasian, 14% Asian, 12% Hispanic
24% foreign-born [Asia (11%), Europe (5%), Latin America (4%), Canada (4%)]
Average age: 41 / Median age: 37
Strong representation of Catholic High School (31%) and Catholic University/College (30%)
College debt is a factor [10% / 2 yrs./ $30,000]
477 potential candidates | 494

67% Caucasian, 15% Hispanic; 11% Asian; 4% African American

31% foreign-born (Mexico, Vietnam, Colombia, Poland, Philippines)

Average age: 34 / Median age: 32

Strong representation of Catholic High School (41%) and Catholic University/College (45%)

College debt is a factor [26% / $22,473].
Percentage of Hispanics by Generation

Race and Ethnicity of Self-identified Catholic Adults in the United States by Generation

Pre-Vatican II (b. before 1943)
- White, Non-Hispanic: 82%
- Hispanic: 11%
- Black, Non-Hispanic: 5%
- Other, Non-Hispanic: 2%

Vatican II (b. 1943-60)
- White, Non-Hispanic: 70%
- Hispanic: 23%
- Black, Non-Hispanic: 5%
- Other, Non-Hispanic: 2%

Post-Vatican II (b. 1961-81)
- White, Non-Hispanic: 52%
- Hispanic: 41%
- Black, Non-Hispanic: 6%
- Other, Non-Hispanic: 2%

Millennial (b. after 1981)
- White, Non-Hispanic: 50%
- Hispanic: 48%
- Black, Non-Hispanic: 1%
- Other, Non-Hispanic: 2%

Source: CARA Catholic Poll (CCP) 2011
### Annual surveys of new priests (2014) and religious (2013)

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Total Hispanic/Latino: 15%

US-Born Latinos: <5%

The key target: 70% of young Hispanic Catholics are U.S.-born
ENCOURAGEMENT

PROFESSION CLASS
- Religious (46%)
- Parish Priest (39%)
- Friend (39%)
- Mother (29%)
- Parishioner (24%)
- Father (23%)
- Other Relative (19%)
- Campus Minister (10%)
- Teacher/Cat. (10%)
- Youth Minister (6%)

ORDINATION CLASS
- Parish Priest (71%)
- Friend (45%)
- Parishioner (43%)
- Mother (38%)
- Father (28%)
- Teacher/Cat. (26%)
- Grandparent (26%)
- Other Relative (24%)
- Religious Sister (19%)
- Campus Minister (17%)
**DISCOURAGEMENT**

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The CCLV Committee Strategic Priorities 2013–2016

- Foster a Stronger Culture of Vocations in Youth/Young Adult and Campus Ministry
- Increase the Ethnic Diversity of New Vocations, especially among Hispanics
Seminary Enrollment Trends

Seminary Enrollment Trends: 1968-2014

- Theologate
- College Seminary
- High School Seminary
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<th>Year</th>
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Seminary Enrollment Trends

Pre-Theology Students, 1980-2014
Seminary Enrollment Trends

- Pre-Theology relative to Theology enrollment

- 1985:
  182 / 3,851 (4%)

- 2014:
  792 / 2,839 (22%)
CCLV On-Line Resources

www.usccb.org/vocations

www.usccb.org/priesthood

www.usccb.org/diaconate

www.usccb.org/consecration
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