NACS Conference
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CCLV Committee Mandate

- Diaconate
- Priestly Life and Ministry
- Consecrated Life
- Vocations and Priestly Formation
CCLV Annual Projects

Vocation Events
• National Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 7-13, 2021
• World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: February 2, 2022
• World Day of Prayer for Vocations: May 8, 2022

Surveys
• Ordination Class of 2021
• Profession Class of 2020
Ordination Class of 2021
The Class of 2021 follows the pattern in recent years of average age at ordination in the mid-thirties. The average age among all responding ordinands is 34 years old this year (Ordination Class of 2021). By comparison, responding ordinands were 34 years old on average in previous year (Ordination Class of 2020), and 33 years old on average two years ago (Ordination Class of 2019).

Due to relatively small number of responding ordinands in religious institutes, their average age is relatively volatile from one year to another.
Race & Ethnicity

- Caucasian/European American/White: 65%
- Hispanic/Latino: 16%
- Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian: 10%
- African/African American/Black: 6%
- Other (mixed): 2%

Other than the United States, the most common countries of origin are Mexico, Vietnam, Philippines, and Poland.
Participation in Parish Ministries

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Participation in Faith-Related Activities

- **Youth Group**: Religious % - 39, Diocesan % - 49
- **CCM/Newman Center**: Religious % - 31, Diocesan % - 24
- **Boy Scouts**: Religious % - 25, Diocesan % - 20
- **Knights of Columbus**: Religious % - 13, Diocesan % - 23
- **Young Adult Group**: Religious % - 20, Diocesan % - 20
Pre-Seminary Prayer Practices

- **Eucharistic Adoration**: Religious 61%, Diocesan 77%
- **Rosary**: Religious 61%, Diocesan 77%
- **Prayer Group/Bible Study**: Religious 34%, Diocesan 44%
- **High School Retreats**: Religious 39%, Diocesan 39%
- **Lectio Divina**: Religious 39%, Diocesan 40%
- **College Retreats**: Religious 30%, Diocesan 29%
Sources of Encouragement

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Note: The chart shows the percentage of sources of encouragement categorized as Religious and Diocesan.
Sources of Discouragement

- Other family member
  - Religious %: 28
  - Diocesan %: 25
- Friend
  - Religious %: 25
  - Diocesan %: 20
- Father
  - Religious %: 16
  - Diocesan %: 13
- Mother
  - Religious %: 17
  - Diocesan %: 9
- Colleague
  - Religious %: 6
  - Diocesan %: 8
### Contribution of Formation Activities

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"I have been thinking about becoming a priest ever since I was eight years old. This fascination with the priesthood came from observing the heroic work of priests in my hometown and the importance my family placed on the Mass."

Leonel Sepulveda
Archdiocese of Chicago
"I was born in India, grew up in England and now, being ordained for the Diocese of Columbus in America. Ultimately God is in control of our lives, and the sooner we realize it, the less we will struggle with our lives. Nevertheless, we do have the responsibility to be faithful to him each day – this never changes – our call to holiness."

EUGENE JOSEPH

Diocese of Columbus
"My vocation was born out of having experienced the visceral and unconditional love of God when I needed it most in my life. It is only by the grace of God that I'm alive today and am now a Capuchin brother whose future priesthood is to share this love of God with all of creation!"

MIKE DORN
Order of Friars Minor Capuchin