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VOCATION MINISTRY IN A GLOBAL CHURCH AND WORLD

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS VOCATION CONFERENCE
CONVOCATION 2010

November 4-8, 2010
InterContinental Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio



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Our Catholic Church and world has become much smaller because of improved technology and communication, shared global economies, and environmental and security concerns. It is in this changed world that religious institutes continue the rich, lasting legacy of religious life by inviting men and women who feel called by God to a radical lifestyle of poverty, chastity, and obedience, rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This convocation will look at the theory, theology, and spirituality posed by the oppor-

tunities and challenges presented to vocation ministry by our global Church and world.

We invite vocation ministers, religious leadership, formation directors, communication directors, and all those who share responsibility and concern for future membership in religious life to attend this convocation. Through the input of our keynote speakers, diverse workshops, theological reflection, and celebrations of common prayer and Eucharist, we will be inspired to “cast our nets” wider to a new generation and world full of future hope and possibilities.

Keynote Speakers

Brother David Andrews, CSC, is a religious of over 45 years in the Congregation of Holy Cross, Eastern Brothers' Province. He is Senior Representative at Food & Water Watch, a consumer organization dedicated to defending the rights of citizens to safe and healthy food, water and fish resources, nationally and internationally. He spends most of his time working with the international sector, but works on public policy linking federal government policy to global policy. He served six years as the coordinator for Justice and Peace for the Congregation and was Senior Advisor on Food, Water and Development to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations. He was the Executive Director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference for 13 years and was advisor to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. He has spoken on global and national policy around the world. His writing is published in *America*, *U.S. Catholic*, and the *National Catholic Reporter*. He has spoken at over 30 universities in the United States and served on numerous boards of organizations dealing with food, water, agriculture and development.



Sister Angela Zukowski, MSHH, directs the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives and teaches in the religious studies department at the University of Dayton. She co-directs the Caribbean School for Catholic Communication. An internationally known pioneer in the use of new media for religious education, she's often invited to give lectures and workshops around the world.

For seven years, she served as the world president for the International Catholic Association for Radio and Television, known as UNDA. As a member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications - the first woman with voting privileges on that Vatican council - she was principal author of the important Vatican document, *Aetatis Novae*. The document called for development of pastoral communications planning around the world. She co-authored the book, *The Gospel in Cyberspace* and developed the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation, a pioneering project in online religious education with courses in English and Spanish.

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Reverend Bryan Massingale, S.T.D., specializes in social ethics with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching, liberation theologies, African American religious ethics, and racial justice. His recent work applies Catholic social thought to the issues of affirmative action, racial reconciliation, environmental justice, HIV/AIDS stigma, racism post-Katrina (and now, post-Obama), and the challenge of peacemaking in an age of terrorism. He has authored over sixty articles, book chapters, and book reviews published in many diverse journals.

Fr. Massingale is a leader in U.S. Catholic theology. He is President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. He is a noted lecturer and commentator on issues of social and racial justice, having addressed numerous national Catholic conferences and gatherings, as well as many colleges and universities. He has served as a consultant to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, providing theological assistance on issues such as criminal justice, capital punishment, environmental justice, and affirmative action. He has also been a theological consultant to the National Black Catholic Congress, Catholic Charities USA, the Catholic Health Association, and the National Catholic AIDS Network. In addition to being Associate Professor at Marquette University, Fr. Massingale is a professor in the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana.

Most Reverend Pietro Sambì, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be this year's prayer breakfast speaker. Archbishop Pietro Sambì, widely regarded as one of the Vatican's most able diplomats, was appointed to his present position by Pope Benedict XVI in 2005. Ordained a priest on March 14, 1964, for the diocese of Montefeltro, Italy, he holds doctorate degrees in theology and canon law and is fluent in English, Spanish, and French. He joined the Vatican diplomatic service in 1969 and served in the Nunciatures or Apostolic Delegations to Cameroon, Jerusalem, Cuba, Algeria, Nicaragua, Belgium, and India. In 1991 he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Indonesia and in 1998 was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Israel and Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine. Both Jews and Palestinians regarded Archbishop Sambì as a courageous and uncompromising voice for peace, and as scrupulously fair with both sides.



CONVOCATION SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, November 4

8:30	Registration for Pre-Convocation Workshops
9:00 – 4:30	Pre-Convocation Workshops
12:00	Lunch
2:00 – 6:30	Convocation Registration
4:45 – 5:30	Regional Co-Chair Meeting
7:00	Welcome/Opening Ritual/Social

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Friday, November 5

9:00	Morning Prayer
9:45	Break
10:15	Keynote Speaker: Brother David Andrews, CSC
12:00	Lunch
2:00	Keynote Speaker: Brother David Andrews, CSC
2:45	Break
3:15 - 4:15	Regional Meetings
4:30	Eucharistic Liturgy

Free Evening - Dinner on your own.

Saturday, November 6

8:30	Morning Prayer
9:00	Keynote Speaker: Sister Angela Zukowski, MSHH
10:15	Break
10:45	Keynote Speaker: Sister Angela Zukowski, MSHH
11:30	Eucharistic Liturgy
2:00	Saturday Matinee and Theological Reflection (optional)

OR

Free afternoon and evening to tour Cleveland – Lunch and Dinner on your own.

Sunday, November 7

9:00 – 12:00	Workshops
10:30 – 11:00	Break
12:00	Lunch
1:30	Keynote Speaker: Reverend Bryan Massingale
3:00	Break
3:30	Business Meeting
5:30	Eucharistic Liturgy
6:30	Reception
7:15	Banquet/Awards/Entertainment

Monday, November 8

8:30	Prayer Breakfast with Keynote Speaker: Most Reverend Pietro Sambì
11:30	Departure

Please note that this is a tentative schedule to use for planning purposes only. It does not indicate all session details or breaks. A complete schedule will be included in your registration materials at Convocation.

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Pre-Convocation Workshops

This year we are offering three pre-convocation workshops on November 4, 2010 at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. Participants are welcome to register and attend one of these workshops for an additional fee.

Fees include breaks, lunch, and materials.

Schedule

NRVC Professional Member	\$140
NRVC Associate Member	\$145
Others	\$155

Registration:	8:30 AM
Workshop Begins:	9:00 AM
Workshop Ends:	4:30 PM

Behavioral Assessment II

This workshop is a follow-up to Behavioral Assessment I and builds upon those skills. It is directed to those who have had experience in conducting assessment interviews. Workshop participants are invited to come prepared with topics, discussion questions or case studies to consider during the workshop. Behavioral Assessment I is a prerequisite for this workshop.



Reverend Raymond P. Carey, Ph.D., is a priest of the Archdiocese of Portland, OR, and was ordained in 1970. He has taught at both the secondary and university levels, and is a pastoral consultant to religious communities and dioceses in the United States and Canada. Father Carey received his doctorate in clinical psychology in 1979 from the University of Ottawa. He has given workshops in North America, Europe, and Australia and was the recipient of the NRVC Emmaus Award for his contribution to vocation ministry.

Whispers from God: A Workshop for Those Who Teach and Practice Discernment

This workshop will include an introduction to the practical theology of discernment, educational settings for teaching it, and resources available to facilitate its practice. Participants will complete a series of basic exercises which can be adapted to different vocational or other types of discernment settings, including one-on-one conversations, retreats, seminars and full course-work. In addition, participants will review resources which enhance discernment retreats and classes such as, personality theory and career counseling tools; spiritual practices; techniques for self-reflection; and, research gleaned from the social sciences and humanities. Using this collection of resources, participants will be encouraged to create their own curricula or make concrete plans for retreats.

Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, D.Min., is the Director of Campus Ministry at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky. As a former high school counselor and now campus minister, she has served as an instructor and advisor of students for twenty years, walking with them as they discern their respective vocational calls, choose their majors and careers, and work through the many ethical dilemmas which college and culture present to them. Her academic background includes graduate degrees in history, counseling and student personnel services, and theological studies. For her doctoral project, she taught a class on the Theology of Discernment, a practical theology which blended concepts from the liberal arts and sciences with prayer and personal faith perspectives.



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Vocation Ministry and the Issues of Civil, Canon, and Immigration Law

This workshop will treat those 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; clarification of key immigration terms; documentation and tracking immigration status; working and discerning with foreign-born candidates; legal responsibilities of the religious institute and the candidate.



Father Daniel J. Ward, OSB, is the Executive Director of The Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI) in Silver Spring, MD. He is an author, legal consultant and lecturer. In the past Fr. Dan has served as prior in the Bahamas, administrator at St. Gregory Abbey in Oklahoma and professor of canon and civil law at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN. Fr. Dan is a graduate of St. John's University, Catholic University of America, and the University of Iowa. He is a Benedictine monk of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota.

Annemarie Gibbons is the Director of the Center for Religious Immigration and Protection of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). She joined CLINIC in 1998 and has been with the Religious Immigration Section since 2000, where she represents Catholic dioceses and religious communities bringing foreign born priests, brothers, sisters, novices, seminarians, and religious workers into the U.S. to work for the Church. Before joining CLINIC, she was in private practice, and coordinated the American Bar Association project in South Texas to provide pro bono representation to indigent and detained asylum seekers.



Sunday Morning Workshops and Presenters

1. "Working From Abundance: Balance, Self-Care, Boundaries, and Support in Vocation Ministry"

Presenter: Kathy Galleher, Ph.D.

This workshop will focus on support for vocation ministers in their work. We will discuss sustainable ministry and ministering from abundance, and identify common sources of depletion. We will look at the importance of self-care, spiritual practices, and boundary setting as tools for promoting joyful life-long ministry. We will also identify common challenges in vocation ministry, such as, dealing with sexuality issues, boundaries, and conflict, and discuss tools for addressing these challenges.

2. "Is There a Place for African-American Men/Women in Your Religious Institute?"

Presenters: Sister Anita P. Baird, DHM and Father Joseph A. Brown, SJ

In 2010 there are still challenges in creating a smooth transition for people of color who are interested in entering religious institutes where the majority of its membership is white. This workshop will explore concrete steps to be taken when incorporating African-American candidates, develop new awarenesses, and gain insight into creating the necessary support system to sustain the candidate throughout the formation experience.

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3. "Coming To A Neighborhood Near You"

Presenters: Sr. Carmen Torres, SHCJ; Sr. Catalina (Mary Kay) McDonald, MSBT; Sr. Hilda Maria Reynoso, SJS; Br. Laurence Lujan, C.Ss.R.; Fr. Luis M. Madera, OSA; Sr. Marcy Romine, OSF

Experience an interactive and dialogical workshop that includes the significance of culture in today's vocational promotion and retention with a focus on the potential Latino-Hispanic inquirer. Topics that will be covered include the cultural context, family dynamics, the ideal Hispanic prospect, relationship between vocation minister and Hispanic inquirer.

4. "Sex and the Soul: Juggling Sexuality, Spirituality, Romance and Religion on America's College Campuses"

Presenter: Donna Freitas

The title of this workshop says it all. Come and discover the implications of today's "hook up culture" for men and women who are promoting vocations to religious life.

5. "Campus Ministry Best Practices – St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M"

Presenter: Marcel LeJeune

St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M University is the largest campus ministry in the country with 4,000-5,000 students at-

tending Mass on weekends, over 80 student organizations and a pastoral team of 22 (total staff of 44). This campus ministry is considered a "vocation powerhouse" with 130 religious and priests from A&M and 43 currently in formation. This workshop will present best practices from St. Mary's and answer the following questions:

- How did St. Mary's experience its explosive growth over a short time-frame?
- What does St. Mary's do that other campus ministries do not?
- What are the best practices from St. Mary's?
- What can vocation directors learn from St. Mary's?

6. "Speak, Lord, Your Servant Is Listening!"

Presenter: Father Brendan Moss, OSB

Often those discerning their vocation make great effort to listen for the Voice of God in prayer. Unfortunately, few discerners make the connection between theological reflection and their discernment. This workshop will help vocation ministers draw connections between the praxis of theological reflection and the process of discernment. In theological reflection one learns how to listen for and understand the presence of God as God has spoken and speaks now in our day-to-day living.

Registration and Travel Information

Convocation Registration and Fees

Please register for Convocation 2010 on the website at www.nrvc.net

Please note that late fees for convocation and pre-convocation workshops will apply to any registrations received after October 15, 2010. Cancellation of your Convocation registration must be received in writing before October 14, 2010 for a full refund, less a \$75 processing fee. Cancellations received after October 14th will not receive a refund. Those who wish to register after October 30, 2010 will need to contact the NRVC Registrar at 1-800-266-0866. These registrations will be considered based on availability.

Registration Fees:

Professional members	\$495
Associate members	\$520
Others	\$545
One Time Commuter Fee	\$ 35
Cancellation Fee	\$ 75

(Please note that these fees include an opening reception, two lunches, a closing banquet, and one breakfast.)



InterContinental Hotel (above) and InterContinental Cleveland Clinic Suites Hotel (right)



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Hotel:

Convocation participants will have two lodging options: the InterContinental Hotel, site of the convocation, or the InterContinental Cleveland Clinic Suites Hotel. Both are located near the University Circle cultural and arts district.

- Single/Double hotel rates are \$124 and \$119 respectively.
- The above prices do not include applicable taxes and gratuities.
- Rooms may be reserved at this rate 3 days prior to and 3 days following the convocation dates.
- To ensure that you receive the conference rate, please reserve your room(s) by October 4, 2010 using the link provided in the registration online. Reservations made after that date will be at the group rate based on availability only.
- Check-in time is 3:00 PM on the day of arrival. Check out is 12 noon on the day of departure.
- Discounted valet parking at \$12.00 daily with in/out privileges at both hotels.

www.cleveland-conferencecenter.intercontinental.com (General website about the hotel)

Airport: Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)

Airport transportation: Distance 16 MI / 25.75 KM SOUTH WEST to Hotel

Shuttle Charge (one way): \$45.00;

Shima Limousine (216-481-1888); A-1 Mr. Limo (440-943-5455)

RTA Red Line to Tower City to Healthline on Euclid Corridor to 101st St. then walk over to the hotel at 9801 Carnegie Avenue.

Driving Directions from Airport:

General driving directions: From Akron, Alliance, Canton, Wheeling, WV: I-77 North to I-90 East, exit Chester Avenue. Traveling eastbound, turn right onto East 79th Street, turn left onto Euclid Avenue. (Hotel is located on the corner of East 89th & Euclid Avenue).

From Youngstown, Pittsburgh: Ohio Turnpike Exit at exit #11 I-77 North to I-90 East, exit Chester Avenue. Traveling eastbound, turn right onto East 79th Street, turn left onto Euclid Avenue. (Hotel is located on the corner of East 89th & Euclid Avenue).

From Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Indiana: Ohio Turnpike Exit at exit #8A. Take I-90 East, exit Chester Avenue. Traveling eastbound, turn right onto East 79th Street, turn left onto Euclid Avenue. (Hotel is located on the corner of East 89th & Euclid Avenue).

From Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland Hopkins Airport: I-71 North to I-90 East, exit Chester Avenue. Traveling eastbound, turn right onto East 79th Street, turn left onto Euclid Avenue. (Hotel is located on the corner of East 89th & Euclid Avenue).

From Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Erie, Toronto, New York: I-90 West, exit at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (177). Turn left onto Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, turn right onto East 105th Street, turn right onto Chester Avenue, turn left onto East 79th, turn left onto Euclid Avenue. (Hotel is located on the corner of East 89th & Euclid Avenue).

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