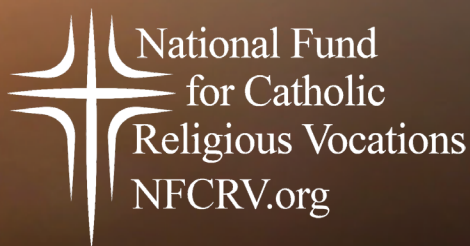


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All that we hope to be**



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COMMUNITIES SERVED

2024

Sisters of the Third Order
of St. Francis of Penance and of
Charity, Tiffin, OH

2023

Society of Mary, Marianists,
St. Louis, MO

2022

Felician Sisters of North America
Beaver Falls, PA

2021

Marianist Sisters, St. Louis, MO
Benedictine Sisters, Mount St.
Scholastica, Atchison, KS

2020

Carmel of the Sacred Heart,
Hudson, WI
Bernardine Franciscan Sisters,
Reading, PA
Salesian Sisters, Daughters of Mary
Help of Christians, Haledon, NJ
Marist Brothers, Forrest Hills, NY
Totus Tuus, Pittsburgh, PA
Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate
Province, Houston, TX

2019

Benedictine Sisters, Erie, PA
Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and
Infirm, Germantown, NY
Conventual Franciscan Friars,
Castro Valley, CA

Felician Sisters of North America,
Beaver Falls, PA
Salesian Sisters, Daughters of Mary
Help of Christians, San Antonio, TX
Salesians of Don Bosco,
New Rochelle, NY
Sisters of Christian Charity,
Mendham, NJ

2018

Sisters of Saint Joseph,
Rochester, NY
Benedictine Sisters,
Fort Smith, AR
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary, Scranton, PA
Dominican Sisters, Grand Rapids, MI
Salesians of Don Bosco,
New Rochelle, NY
Carmelite Sisters for the Aged
& Infirm, New York, NY
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas,
South Central, Silver Spring, MD
Congregation of Sisters
of Bon Secours, Marriottsville, MD
Redemptorist, Denver Province,
Chicago, IL

2017

Apostles of the Sacred Heart,
Hamden, CT
Congregation of the Holy Spirit,
Bethel Park, PA
Franciscan Friars, Conventual,
Chicago, IL
Poor Clare Nuns, Boston, MA
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary, Immaculata, PA
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, KS
Sisters of Christian Charity,

Mendham, NJ
Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-
the-Woods, IN
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia,
Aston, PA

2016

Dominican Friars, Province
of St. Martin, New Orleans, LA
Marist Brothers, Chicago, IL
Salesians of Don Bosco,
New Rochelle, NY
Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate,
Monroe, NY
Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius,
Danville, PA
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary, Monroe, MI
Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred
Heart, Josephites, Baltimore, MD

2015

Adrian Dominican Sisters, Adrian, MI
Congregation of Divine Providence,
San Antonio, TX
Daughters of Mary Help
of Christians, Salesian Sisters,
Haledon, NJ
Dominican Sisters of Peace,
Columbus, OH
Felician Sisters of North America,
Beaver Falls, PA
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary, Immaculata, PA
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LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

ALL THAT WE ARE. ALL THAT WE HOPE TO BE.



NFCRV Board Chair
Father Anthony
Vinson, O.S.B.

POPE FRANCIS designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Pope said, “I am happy to think that the year preceding the Jubilee event will be dedicated to a great symphony of prayer.” At the same time, the U.S. Bishops chose 2024 as a Year of Eucharistic Revival, to draw attention to what Vatican II called the “source and summit of the Christian life.”

As we entered 2024, the Vocation Fund dedicated itself to prayer and renewal, seriously discerning ways to move the Fund forward and broaden our reach and capacity. To that end, we examined our staffing needs and realized the time had come to commit to a full-time Executive Director. In years past, the Fund’s Executive Director served part-time in this role and part-time as Development Director for the National Religious Vocation Conference. In the fall of 2024,

I met with the Board of the National Religious Vocation Conference to discuss our desire to have Phil Loftus come on full-time at the Fund. In addition, the Vocation Fund Board explored ways to expand grant opportunities for the people we serve.

As we worked to implement these and other broader plans for outreach and mission expansion, we drew strength from prayer—the prayers of our Board members, our grantors and donors, and most of all, our grantees, who are world-class pray-ers. We featured many of them in a series of prayer cards.

All that we are and all that we hope to be comes from Christ, the source and summit of our lives. Yet His life is reflected in the lives of everyone who is part of the Fund.

We continually thank God for the religious vocations supported through the Fund, and we are enormously grateful for the generosity of the Helen Brach Foundation and the National Council of Catholic Women, as well as all our regular and one-time donors. Rest assured we are committed to being good stewards to the funds entrusted to our care. In 2024, we once again earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid/Guidestar.

Please join me in prayer—for the future of religious life, for the Fund, and for all that we each are and hope to be—as we continue to lift up the intentions of the many friends of the Fund.

In Christ,

I am

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Anthony, O.S.B." with a small flourish at the end.

Father Anthony Vinson, O.S.B.
NFCRV Board Chair

As we worked to get these plans and other broader plans for outreach and mission expansion underway, we drew strength from prayer,



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First pray together, that so they may associate in peace.

—SAINT BENEDICT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OVERVIEW

HAPPY 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

This past decade of shared experience and growth has resulted in our organization helping bring forth new vocations in service of God and the world.

The National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations filed their Articles of Incorporation just ten short years ago in 2014. We suspected that educational debt was proving to be a hindrance to vocations, and after the 2012 NRVC/ CARA study validated the issue of educational debt and its impact on young religious vocation discerners, we acted to address the problem.

We awarded our 52nd educational debt relief grant, and we continue to be thankful for the ability to assist every religious sister, brother, and priest in-the-making and the religious institutes they are entering who have applied for a grant.

The reason we are able to help foster new vocations is because of so many generous people who continue to support our mission and have helped us address this ongoing need.



NFCRV Executive
Director Phil Loftus

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We are grateful every day to the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, GHR Foundation, Helen Brach Foundation, and the National Council of Catholic Women for their continued support of our mission, and to our individual donors who have answered our appeals to address the obstacle of educational debt to religious life.

Anniversaries are a time to look back to beginnings and to see how far you've come, acknowledge the work that you've accomplished, and be inspired by the vision of what comes next. I am grateful to our Board Chair Father Anthony Vinson, O.S.B. for his continued support and leadership along with our Board members who give so freely of their time, talent, and treasure.

We have awarded over \$1 million dollars towards the educational debt of young women and men who will engage in ministerial work for the good of the world. All of this done as a benefit of Religious Institutes who are members of the National Religious Vocation Conference. And it is all made possible because of the generosity of supporters and donors like you!

On behalf of our NFCRV Board and all of our grantees, I offer my deepest thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Loftus". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Phil Loftus
NFCRV Executive Director
ploftus@nfcrv.org

2024 HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES

FRIENDS OF THE FUND JOIN IN THE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

Two friends of the Vocation Fund were involved in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre of the Archdiocese of Louisville passed the monstrance to Archbishop Charles C. Thompson of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on July 9th, 2024 at Big Four Bridge, Louisville, Ky. The National Eucharistic Congress drew 40,000+ Catholics from around the United States to Lucas Oil Stadium and Convention Center in Indianapolis the week of July 17-21, 2024.

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre of the Archdiocese of Louisville with monstrance.



VOCATION FUND ATTENDS 2024 NCCW CONVOCATION

NFCRV Executive Director Phil Loftus attended the National Council of Catholic Women's 2024 Convention in Oklahoma City. In addition to greeting members at the Vocation Fund booth, Loftus was invited to speak at the Convention, where he took time to showcase the Vocation Fund grantees supported by the NCCW's annual Vocation Purse collection.



The Vocation Fund's booth at the NCCW Convention featured Pope Francis prayer cards and new grantee vocation prayer cards asking donors to "Pray for me as I pray for you."



NFCRV Executive Director Phil Loftus speaking at the NCCW 2024 Convention in Oklahoma City.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Fund Executive Director Phil Loftus attended a Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Networking Event in May 2024, hosted by Chuhak & Tecson P.C., where he connected with Melanie O'Brien, Regional Manager, Corporate Responsibility for Southwest Airlines. Southwest Airlines graciously awarded the NFCRV a grant in the form of travel vouchers in 2024.



"Whether in the air or on the ground," said O'Brien when awarding the grant, "we believe community is more than a place. It's at the heart of what brings us together. We appreciate all that you and your organization are doing to support your community. Therefore, we are very pleased to support your request." Thank you, Southwest Airlines and Melanie O'Brien for your support!

FINANCES

NFCRV STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

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PUBLIC SUPPORT, REVENUES, & GAINS	Without donor restriction	With donor restriction	TOTAL
Contributions and grants	43,088	35,031	78,119
Investment return, net	100,500		100,500
Transfer to net assets without donor restrictions arising from satisfaction of restrictions	4,281	(4,281)	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT, REVENUES AND GAINS	147,869	30,750	178,619
EXPENSES			
Program services	101,043		101,043
Management and general	37,722		37,722
TOTAL EXPENSES	138,765		138,765
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	9,104	30,750	39,854
NET ASSETS			
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	2,596,084		2,596,084
END OF THE YEAR	2,605,188	30,750	2,635,938

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PUBLIC SUPPORT, REVENUES, & GAINS	Without donor restriction	With donor restriction	TOTAL
Contributions and grants	60,502		60,502
Investment return, net	461,201		461,201
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT, REVENUES AND GAINS	521,703		521,703
EXPENSES			
Program services	135,388		135,388
Management and general	37,076		37,076
TOTAL EXPENSES	172,464		172,464
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	349,239		349,239
NET ASSETS			
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	2,246,845		2,246,845
END OF THE YEAR	2,596,084		2,596,084

VOCATION FUND GRANTEE STORY



Fr. Greg Dunn, O.P., during solemn vows celebration, says of the Vocation Fund: “I just feel this immense sense of gratitude. This is what I am called to do.” (Photo courtesy of Dominican Friars.)

FATHER GREG DUNN, O.P.

At the time Dunn was contemplating a religious vocation, he had just accepted a job offer for a CPA position, a dream he had worked for in college in an intensive program. “I sent an email to the partner at the accounting firm explaining I was thinking about joining this religious order.” On top of that stress, Dunn had thousands of dollars in education debt, a fact that garnered its own amount of trepidation.

“I was grateful for those experiences, and it was money well spent,” Dunn says. But the reality was, he wasn’t sure how he was going to fulfill his financial obligation while also giving his discernment a viable shot. “I really felt I had to give it a try, I had to see. You can only learn so much by reading and researching. To actually discern this life, you have to do it in the flesh and blood,” he says.

With the help from a grant from the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations, Father Dunn was able to do just that. “I was able to make the minimum payments on my student loans during my novitiate and that allowed me the freedom to be able to discern,” he says. As he kept going in his formation, the feeling of freedom to be able to discern shifted to one of thankfulness: “I just feel this immense sense of gratitude. This is what I am called to do.”

Find more Vocation Fund grantee stories at vocationfund.org/grantee-classes.

Please pray for all of NFCRV grantee communities and candidates discerning a religious vocation.

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