USCCB & Vocations

NCDVD Institute for Diocesan Vocation Personnel
July 29, 2020


Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations
USCCB Structure

- **Officers**
  - Archbishop José Gómez, President
  - Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Vice President
  - Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Secretary
  - Bishop Gregory Parkes, Treasurer
- 4 Management Committees
- 17 Programmatic Committees
- 17 Subcommittees
- 2 Task Forces
Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations (CCLV)

Committee
• Bishop James Checchio, Chairman
• +7 Bishops
• Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg

Consultants (4)
• Mrs. Rosemary Sullivan

Secretariat
• Rev. Luke Ballman, Executive Director
• Rev. Daniel Hanley, Associate Director
• Ms. Casey Brusnahan, Administrative Assistant
CCLV Committee Mandate
Diaconate & Vocations/Priestly Formation

Guidelines for the Use of Psychology in Seminary Admissions

Program of Priestly Formation

Vocations and Priestly Formation

N o t a t i o n: N a t i o n a l D i r e c t o r y

C o m p e n d i u m o n t h e D i a c o n a t e 

A Resources for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons

D i a c o n a t e
Priestly Life/Ministry & Consecrated Life

- Commission on Religious Life and Ministry Meeting
- *Mutuae Relationes*
Collaborative Projects

• Provides information for dioceses, eparchies and religious communities to prepare international pastoral ministers for service in the United States

• In response to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s call to improve the quality of preaching; draws from Jesus’ preaching in the Gospel, writings from St. Paul, and explores the homily’s relationship with Scripture, the Eucharist, and Church doctrine and catechesis
CCLV Consulting Organizations
Asociación Nacional de Sacerdotes Hispanos en Estados Unidos

Clergy

National Association of Diaconate Directors

National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy
Consecrated Life

- Conference of Major Superiors of Men
- United States Conference of Secular Institutes
- United States Association of Consecrated Virgins
- National Conference of Vicars for Religious
- Leadership Conference of Women Religious
- Conference of Major Superiors of Women Religious
- National Conference of Women Religious
Serra International

Vocations

National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors

National Religious Vocation Conference
CCLV Collaborative Organizations
St. John Vianney Center

Treatment Facilities

St. Luke Institute  Guest House
J.S. Paluch

Vocations & Consecrated Life

Labouré Society

Commission on Religious Life and Ministry
CCLV Committee Strategic Priorities (2017-2020)

- Foster a Stronger Culture of Vocations in Youth / Young Adult and Campus Ministry

- Increase the Ethnic Diversity of New Vocations, especially among Hispanics
CCLV Annual Projects

Vocation Events

• National Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 1-7, 2020

• World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: Feb. 2, 2021

• World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 25, 2021

Surveys

• Ordination Class of 2020

• Profession Class of 2019

• Portrait of the Permanent Diaconate 2019-2020
COMING SOON!

USCCB COMMITTEES

Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations

The Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations assists bishops in promoting, supporting, and educating about the Church’s pastoral needs and concerns for the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life within culturally diverse communities of the United States; and in addressing issues concerning the life and ministry of bishops.
Ordination Class of 2020
&
Profession Class of 2019
"People might be surprised to know...

...I used to be on our high school varsity golf team.

—Justin Oh, Archdiocese of Los Angeles"
PEOPLE MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO KNOW...

...I always wanted to be a professional sports reporter; over time, I discovered that God desired for me to report on a different sort of “news”: the Good News!”

—CONNOR PENN, DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG
"PEOPLE MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO KNOW...

...I disliked going to church as a child. Thanks to God, I cannot picture my life outside of Christ’s Church.

—DENNING ACHIDI, DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
“People Might be Surprised To Know…”

“…before I entered the Carmelites I was a dentist!” — Sr. Cecilia Ashton

“…that I studied pharmacy before entering religious life.” — Sr. Faith Marie Zerwic
Ordination Class of 2020: Race & Ethnicity

- Caucasian/European American/White: 67%
- Hispanic/Latino: 16%
- Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian: 6%
- African/African American/Black: 1%
- Other (mixed): 10%

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Profession Class of 2019: Race & Ethnicity

- Caucasian/European American/White: 68%
- Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian: 9%
- Hispanic/Latino: 10%
- African/African American/Black: 8%
- Other: 2%
- Mixed: 3%

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Participation in Parish Ministries

Altar Server
Ordination %: 78
Profession %: 47

Lector
Ordination %: 53
Profession %: 51

EMHC
Ordination %: 40
Profession %: 42

Campus/Youth Minister
Ordination %: 33
Profession %: 40

Music Ministry
Ordination %: 28
Profession %: 30
Participation in Religious Activities

- **Youth Group:** Ordination 53% / Profession 48%
- **CCM / Newman Center:** Ordination 30% / Profession 24%
- **WYD:** Ordination 16% / Profession 16%
- **High School Youth Conference (Franciscan University):** Ordination 14% / Profession 15%
- **NCYC:** Ordination 7% / Profession 9%
- **FOCUS:** Ordination 8% / Profession 5%

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**
## Prayer Practices Before Entering

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Sources of Encouragement

- Parish Priest: 68%
- Friend: 46%
- Religious: 21%
- Mother: 38%
- Father: 28%
- Parishioner: 42%
- Teacher/Catechist: 28%
- Campus Minister: 18%
- Youth Minister: 14%
Sources of Discouragement

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