



The National Association of Vocation & Formation Directors (NAVFD)

April 2019

MAY THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION, BE WITH YOU...

"Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet; see that it is I myself. Touch Me and see." (Lk. 24:38- 39)

After Jesus' long road to the cross we arrive at Sunday morning and a wonderful, though frightening, message is revealed; there is no Christ in the tomb. Alleluia! His vocation has been fulfilled!

Together, with the disciples and Jesus' loved ones, we contemplate while staring at the rolled back stone and ask what's happened? How did it all happen? Where did He go? There are no immediate answers to these questions. We respond and panic towards an empty tomb when our Saviour, Jesus Christ, is still living in our midst...

All because of the Resurrection!

Our prayer for all of you is that as we journey through our faith, we may encounter Jesus and forever choose Him as our everything. That we no longer remain looking in the empty tomb, instead we rely on the truth of His presence among us. As people who focus on the importance of vocation and formation, may we never exhaust our efforts in bringing others closer to the will of God. We desire for you many moments of joy, peace and time for prayer, so that we may have a second chance to touch Him and see Him.



Blessings

*Fr. Tom Puslecki, NAVFD Board Member
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On behalf of the Board*



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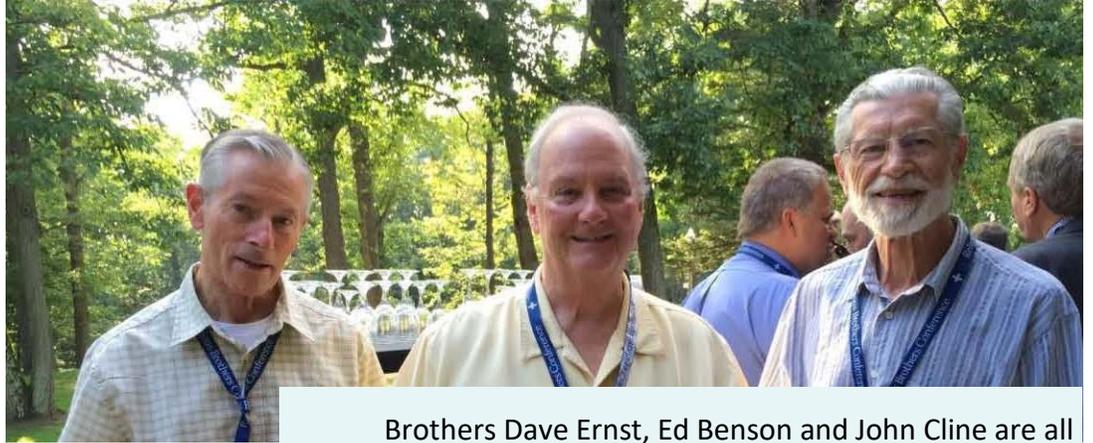
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RELIGIOUS BROTHERS DAY ON MAY 1

Let us remember and pray for all Religious Brothers on their special day of May 1st serving around the world. We thank them for their service.



Brother Denis Claivez is a Presentation Brother and a member of the NAVFD Board



Brothers Dave Ernst, Ed Benson and John Cline are all members of the Congregation of the Resurrection.



Jesuit Brothers

Brother Ray Pierce, Redemptorist



Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God

WEEK OF MASSES FOR PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Beginning Monday May 6th the Daily TV Mass community will be celebrating a Week of Masses for Prayers for Vocations leading up to the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday May 12th. Below is the schedule for the broadcast week and we encourage you to share this with your community and ask them to join in these prayers for Vocations.

Monday May 6th: Welcome to the Week of Prayer for Vocations: Fr. John Purdue will provide a kick-off to the week and share his perspective as a Vocations Director.

Tuesday May 7th: Preparing for Ordination: Transitional Deacon Raphael Ma will explore his call to the priesthood as he prepares for his ordination in a few weeks' time. Deacon Raphael will hopefully rejoin us as soon as his schedule permits to celebrate Mass with our community as a priest.

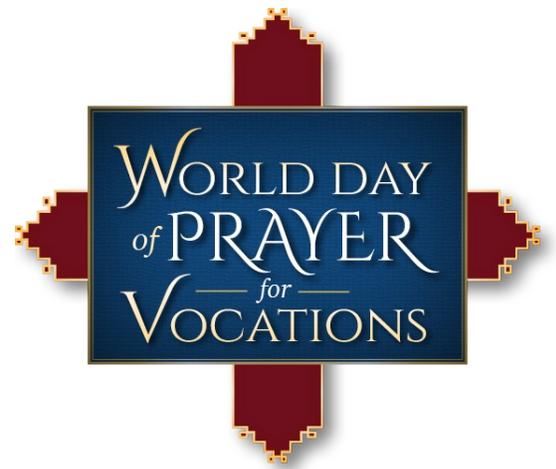
Wednesday May 8th: Call to Priesthood: Fr. Ryan Alemao participated in our first Week of Prayer for Vocations and will join us again this week to share his journey to the priesthood.

Thursday May 9th: Vocations of Marriage and the Permanent Diaconate: Deacon Robert Kinghorn will speak about Vocations of Marriage and the Permanent Diaconate with an emphasis on the call to service for the deacon.

Friday May 10th: Call to Consecrated and Religious life: Deacon Mike Walsh will deliver a short homily to be followed by a reflection by Sr. Helena Burns on the call to the Religious Life.

Saturday May 11th: Call to Missionary Vocations: Fr. Michael Knox S.J. will share the call to the missionary life and the call to live as part of a Religious community like the Jesuits.

Sunday May 12th: Worldwide Day of Prayer for Vocations: Bishop Bergie will conclude our Week of Masses on the Vocations with a look at the many ways people can share their gifts and to thank the Daily TV Mass community for their prayers for those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.



The Daily TV Masses are taped a week in advance and if you are able you are invited to join the congregation at Loretto Abbey in Toronto, Ontario Monday-Thursday at 4PM and 5PM Eastern Time. For more information please call the National Catholic Broadcasting Council at 1-888-383-6277 or visit their website at www.dailytvmass.com.

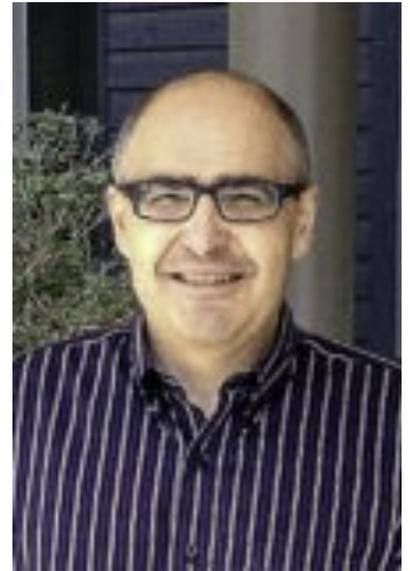
WEBINAR: SCREENING CANDIDATES

NAVFD is offering a webinar entitled, ‘**Screening Candidates**’ - **Friday, June 7 at 1 pm Eastern Time** led by Dr. Eran Talitman.

Dr. Talitman is a licensed psychologist in the province of Ontario. He has been working at Southdown Institute since 1998 and is currently the Clinical Team Leader there. He provides assessment and psychotherapy services to religious and clergy as well as consulting services to leadership. Some of the workshops he has offered include ‘Responding to the Call to Healthy Priesthood’ and ‘Developing Healthy Ministerial Boundaries.’

Dr. Talitman will be sharing with our members various red flags to be attentive to when meeting with potential candidates to priesthood, religious life and lay leadership. Dr. Talitman’s presentation will include but not be limited to issues regarding sexuality.

In October of 2018, NAVFD issued a statement on sexual abuse entitled, “[Toward Light](#)” (click link to open) In this statement is noted: *“We participate in and will continue to support and develop best practice in strategies for the assessment and screening of candidates to religious life and to holy orders and for positions of lay leadership in the Church.”* This webinar then is one way to live out this promise. See the May newsletter for more details.



PhD Clinical Team Leader **Eran Talitman** is a licensed psychologist in the province of Ontario. He has been working at the Southdown Institute.

HABITS OF THE HEART—SURVIVING AND THRIVING AS A YOUNG(ER) RELIGIOUS TODAY

with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

A retreat for Religious 55(ish) and under, serving the people of God in Canada (or with some affiliation). A time of input, silence, communal prayer, and conversation. The retreat invites us to ponder the habits of our heart that we need to embrace or abandon, to live and respond whole heartedly as younger Religious today in our communities, church and world.



Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,
Mississauga ON July 14 - 19, 2019

\$775 (or \$875 with ensuite)

Registration Deadline June 1
for information or registration contact
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All members of NAVFD are invited to join the **Annual General Meeting** by zoom on video or phone **Monday, May 6, at 1 pm** eastern time.

Tune in to hear all about what NAVFD has been up to since our last AGM held at the conference, April 2018, in Hamilton.

What?!!!! You are not a member of NAVFD? It is not too late. [Click here](#) for registration form.

To join **Zoom Meeting by video and/or audio:**
<https://zoom.us/j/3941019754>

Or to **join meeting by phone:**
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