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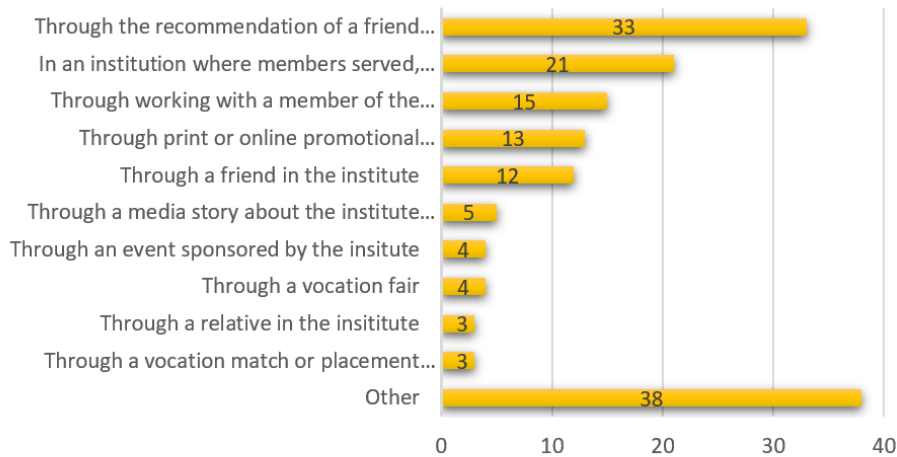
March 2019

VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE STUDY

The nationwide study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life in Canada (commissioned by NAVFD, undertaken by CARA and sponsored by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation) continues to be unpacked. Here are some of the results of the study that may be of interest to you. To see the complete study, check out www.navfd.info

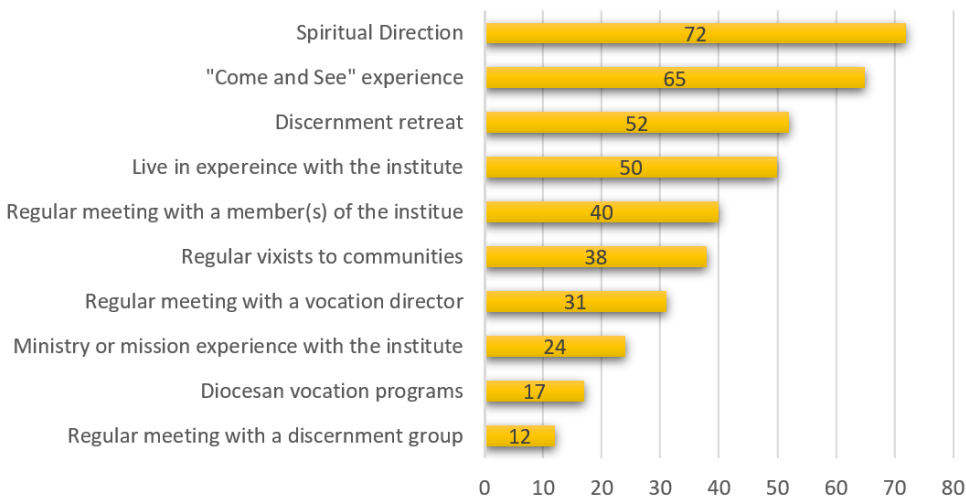
How did you first become acquainted with your religious institute?

Percentage of all new members



Did you participate in any of the following before you entered your religious institute?

Percentage of all new members



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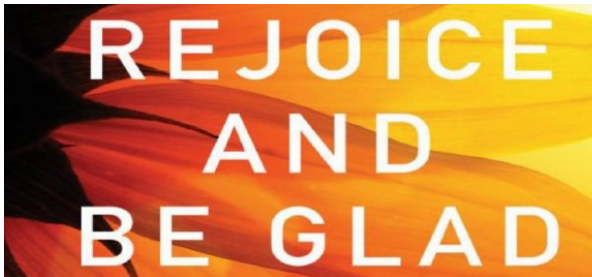
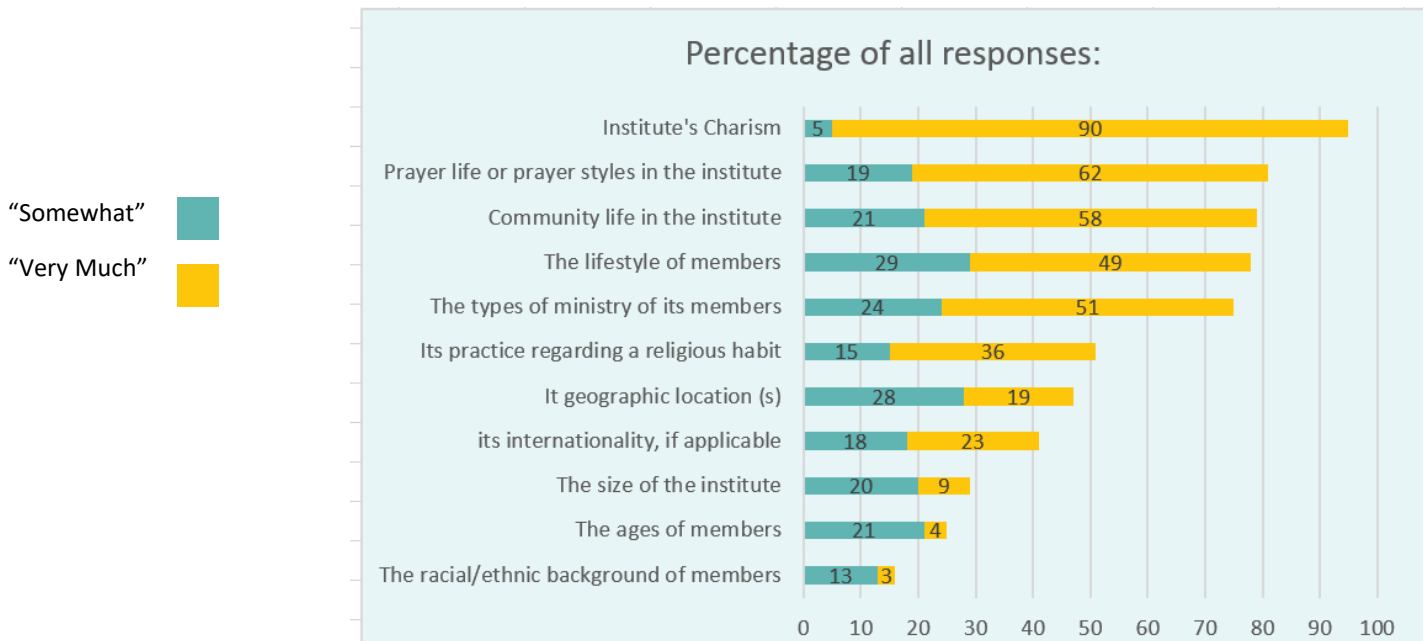
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How much did these influence your decision to enter your religious institute?



EASTER WEBINAR

NAVFD is proud to partner with the Religious Formation Conference (RFC) in offering a webinar entitled, **POPE FRANCIS' GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE** Tuesday, April 16 2:00 pm Eastern, 1:00 pm Central, 12:00 pm Mountain, 11:00 am Pacific

Drawing on the wisdom of the Second Vatican Council's landmark teaching on the universal call to holiness, Pope Francis addresses all Christian women and men in his latest apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad) and invites them to embrace fully their baptismal call to live the Gospel.

In this Easter webinar **Dr. Dan Horan**, a Franciscan Friar of the Holy Name Province, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union, and columnist for the *National Catholic Reporter*, will discuss his recent book on this encyclical by Pope Francis titled *Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis's Rejoice and Be Glad: A Faith Formation Guide*.

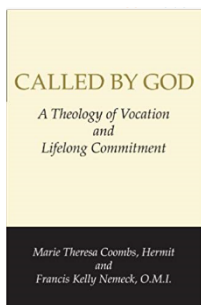


[<< CLICK TO REGISTER >>](#) There is no charge to attend this webinar.

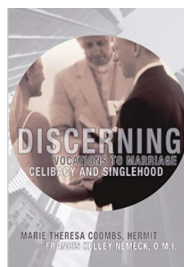
MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2019

Thank you to all who have already renewed or signed up for membership in NAVFD for 2019. It is that time of year when we ask that members renew their membership by completing the form and mailing it with the fee. We are always interested in having new members join us. An interest in vocation or formation ministry is the criteria. Membership includes a page on our popular website vocations.ca for your congregation, organization or diocese among other perks. You would also be supporting the work of NAVFD. Click www.navfd.info/membership for the membership form. Your support is appreciated.

BOOKS ON DISCERNING VOCATIONAL LIFESTYLES by Francis Kelly Nemeck, OMI and Marie Theresa Coombs, Hermit. Click the title to go to Amazon.ca and the book location.

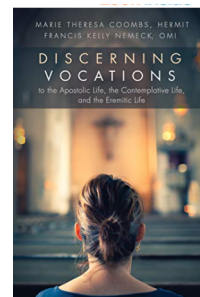


1. [Called by God A Theology of Vocation and Lifelong Commitment](#)



2. [Discerning Vocations to Marriage, Celibacy and Singleness](#)

3. [Discerning Vocations to the Apostolic Life, the Contemplative Life, and the Eremitic Life](#)



Marie Theresa Coombs, Hermit, lives as a canonically recognized hermit at Lebh Shomea, a contemplative-eremitical house of prayer in the desert region of South Texas. She earned a PhD in Theological Studies from Graduate Theological Foundation, Indiana. She has extensive experience as a spiritual director.

Francis Kelly Nemeck, OMI (+2014) taught theology in the United States and Canada, and did missionary work in Texas and Mexico. He earned a doctorate in spirituality from Les Facultes Catholiques de Lyon. From 1973 to 2013 he lived a contemplative life at Lebh Shomea House of Prayer. For over five decades, assistance to persons seeking spiritual direction was integral to his priestly ministry.

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

\$775 (or \$875 with ensuite)

Registration Deadline June 1

for information or registration contact Céline Belliveau, ndsc
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All members of NAVFD are invited to join the **Annual General Meeting** by zoom on video or by phone on **Monday, May 6, 2019** 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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Meeting ID: 394 101 9754