



The National Association of Vocation & Formation Directors (NAVFD)

October 2019

RECENT VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE IN CANADA FOLLOW UP DIALOGUE DAY

As you can guess from these photos, animated conversations ensued at the first of the follow up dialogue days about the Research Project which was held in Toronto on Oct. 9th. A group of people, some of whom were relatively newer to religious life, met to talk about the results of the research. Their observations will be collected along with the results of the other conversation circles about the research which will be held across Canada over the next few months.



1. L to R: Sarah Rudolph, IBVM; Melinda Uy, IBVM; Joanne O'Regan, CSM; Lynn Cira, IBVM; Kristine Fernandes, CSJ, Mary Rowell, CSJ.



2. L to R: Kristine Fernandez, CSJ; Alfredo Medina, CSsR; Melinda Uy, IBVM; Marie de Levinfasse, CND.



3. L to R: John O'Brien, SJ and David Purcell, CSsR.

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CONFERENCE 2020



All persons who are passionate about creating a culture of vocation are invited to attend the 'Calling to New Horizons' conference sponsored by the National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors (NAVFD) from April 29 to May 2, 2020 in beautiful St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz' presentation is 'Toward a New Theology of Vocation' while Sr. Margo Ritchie, CSJ explores the image of the 'Adjacent Possible' and Fr. Dan Horan, OFM speaks of 'Discernment, Vocation, and Formation in the Thought of Pope Francis'. Interesting workshops as well! For more information, visit navfd.info or email navfdco@gmail.com.

FLIGHT DISCOUNT: As you make plans to attend the conference, you may be interested in knowing that there is a discount available from Westjet. Their message: "We are happy to confirm that for the upcoming **The National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors (NAVFD) Conference**, we are able to offer **5% off Econo*** and **10% off EconoFlex and Premium fares for travel within Canada and 2% off Econo*, 5% off EconoFlex and 10% off Premium base fares for guests travelling Trans-border** into and out of **St Johns, Newfoundland**. To take advantage of this offer, you will need the discount code listed. Please visit www.westjet.com/conventions to make a booking online."

Travel from: April 22, 2020 to May 9, 2020 Coupon code **F48JD81** Promo code: **W0004**

EARLY BIRD DRAW: Register by February 1, 2020 and your name will be entered for our Early Bird draw. Rev. Alarey Abella was thrilled to have won the draw for conference 2018: maybe this time it is your turn to win!

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF NAVFD

At our Annual General Meeting which will take place during the conference in Newfoundland, we will be looking for new people to join the Board to replace Fr. Tom Puslecki who has moved to the USA and Sr. Elaine Arsenault, SSS who will complete her time on the Board at that meeting. In order to qualify for nomination to the Board, you must be or become a member of NAVFD and have an interest and ability to participate in Board meetings. Meetings are held twice a year in person from 10 am one day until noon the following day in Toronto. All travel costs and accommodation are covered. In a conference year, the Board meeting is held right after the conference. If you are willing to offer your own name or someone else's (with whom you have checked to see if that is OK with him/her), then kindly contact Board Member Brother Denis Clavaz at denisclavaz@hotmail.com. Thank you.



Current Board of NAVFD: L to R: Nancy Sullivan, CSJ; Elaine Arsenault, SSS; Mary Rowell, CSJ; Denis Clavaz, FPM; Joanne O'Regan, CSM