



National Association of Vocation & Formation Directors Conference

April 22-25, 2018

**Sheraton Hotel
116 King Street West, Hamilton, ON**

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1. General Information

The conference begins on Sunday, **April 22, 2018**. Registration is from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Welcome & Opening Ritual begins at 7:00 p.m. The Conference will close Wednesday, **April 25, 2018** with a Ritual at 11:15 a.m.

The registration fee includes a light Reception on Sunday night; continental breakfast each morning, nutrition breaks each day, lunches on Monday and Tuesday and the banquet on Tuesday. The other meals are on your own.

Conference Fees in Canadian funds:

NAVFD Member	\$450
Non-NAVFD Member	\$475

Please send your completed Registration Form with cheque or money order made payable to NAVFD to:

NAVFD Conference
School Sisters of Notre Dame
1921 Snake Road
Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0

Cancellation Policy: There is no penalty if registration is cancelled before April 5, 2018. Any cancellation after April 5, 2018 will not be refunded. Substitutions are acceptable at any time.

The cost of registration does **not** include your hotel stay expenses.

Your cancelled cheque (money order duplicate) is your receipt.

2. Hotel Information

The Sheraton Hotel at 116 King St W, Hamilton, Ontario is where the conference will be held and where all the amenities are waiting to make your stay delightful.

Reservations for hotel accommodation are to be made directly with the Sheraton Hotel and are **not** included in the conference registration fees.

To make your room reservations:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NAVFDConference2018>. Reservations can also be made by contacting 24 hour, toll-free reservations line at **[1-888-627-8161](tel:1-888-627-8161)** and asking for the 'NAVFD Conference 2018' group block.

The conference rate is \$134.00 plus taxes (single/double occupancy) per night and is in effect until **March 23, 2018**.

For more information about this venue: www.sheraton.com/hamilton

3. Keynote Speakers



Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec, will make two presentations. Cardinal Lacroix's first presentation will be Christian formation of young people relating to call and therefore consistent with NAVFD's commitment to a culture of vocation. His second presentation will be more specifically directed to religious and priestly formation.



Sister Nathalie Becquart is the Director of the National Service for Youth Evangelization and for Vocations at the Bishops' Conference of France as well as the Vice President of the European Vocations Service. She joined the Xavières, Missionaries of Jesus Christ (www.xavieres.org) in 1995 and holds a Masters degree of philosophy and theology at Centre Sèvres (Jesuit faculties of Paris) and Sociology at EHESS. She has also been a university chaplain.

Sister Nathalie's first presentation will be on key elements for developing a culture of vocation through:

- a vision of the church: the ecclesiology of communion
- a vision of baptismal identity: missionary discipleship
- a vision of pastoral care: from recruitment to accompaniment for discerning

Her second presentation will be on how to foster vocations to priesthood and consecrated life in our contemporary society: best practices, resources, and tools.

Opening Night Speaker:

Rev Tom Rosica, CEO of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation will rouse our spirits with his opening night presentation on youth evangelization and the upcoming Youth Synod.



Update from our U.S. Counterparts:

Rev Toby Collins, CR is a Member of the Board of the National Religious Vocation Conference, U.S.A. (NRVC) who will bring us up to date on the activities of vocation ministry in the USA. Sister Ellen Dauwer, S.C. is the Executive Director of the Religious Formation Conference (RFC) and she will be on hand to give us an update on formation activities in the United States.

4. Workshop Session Details

- 1. Praying with Young People: Meeting Them Where They Are and Expanding Their Horizons of Prayer** - Erika Toffelmire, Chaplain at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo and Marianna Worth, Chaplain at Resurrection High School, Waterloo.
- 2. How to Engage Young People** - Christina Mine, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton.

- 3. Dialogue on Visibility: the habit and other ways of being visible** –Brother Denis Claivez and Sister Costanza Romano, CSJ.
- 4. Inculturation and Formation-** Delia Calis, SSND talking about her experience of formation in various countries and others.
- 5. Best Practices re: International Candidates-**Eva Janning, CPS and Rosie Ong
- 6. Seamless Transitions from Initial Formation to Lifelong Formation** - Ellen Dauwer, S.C. , Director of the Religious Formation Conference (U.S.A.)
- 7. Celibate Loving-** Elaine Dombi, CSJ and Ray Douziech, C.Ss.R.
- 8. Social Media Toolkit: What You Need to Know for Today** –Andrew Turski of Andrew Turski Media
- 9. Why I Came. Why I Stay.** - a panel of four newer members sharing their thoughts of what drew them to religious life/priesthood.

Workshops Registration

Please choose only ONE workshop from each block and record your choice in the space provided on the Registration form.

Monday, April 23

Workshop Block 1

2:00—3:00 p.m.

1. Praying with Young People
2. How to Engage Young People
3. Dialogue on Visibility

Tuesday, April 24

Workshop Block 2

2:00—3:00 pm

4. Inculturation and Formation
5. Best Practices re: International Candidates
6. Seamless Transitions from Initial Formation to Lifelong Formation

Wednesday, April 25

Workshop Block 3

9:00—10:00 am

7. Celibate Loving
8. Social Media Toolkit: What You Need to Know for Today
9. Why I Came: Why I Stay

This will be a wonderful conference and the Planning Committee and the Board are delighted to welcome you to this exciting gathering.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Sr Nancy Sullivan, Executive Director of NAVFD at navfdco@gmail.com.

6. Conférence NAVFD 2018 - Formulaire d'inscription
22-25 avril 2018
Hamilton (Ontario)

Nom: _____
Titre Prénom Nom

Adresse: _____

Ville: _____ Province/État: _____ Code postal : _____

Pays: _____ Numéro de téléphone: _____

Adresse courriel: _____

Nom de la congrégation/du diocèse/de l'organisation (et initiales, le cas échéant): _____

Frais de la conférence en \$ canadien :
Membre de NAVFD \$450
Non-membre de NAVFD \$475

Pour votre inscription, veuillez libeller votre chèque, mandat ou traite bancaire au nom de NAVFD et l'envoyer avec ce formulaire d'inscription à:

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Politique d'annulation: Il n'y a pas de pénalité si l'inscription est annulée avant le 5 avril 2018. Les substitutions sont acceptables en tout temps.

Besoins alimentaires spéciaux : Repas végétariens? _____ Allergies alimentaires? _____ Sans gluten? _____

Choix d'ateliers: Veuillez lire les descriptions des sessions d'ateliers, en choisir une de chaque bloc, et placer le numéro qui correspond à votre choix dans l'espace ci-dessous :

Bloc 1: _____ Bloc 2: _____ Bloc 3: _____

Seriez-vous intéressés à recevoir des audio-fichiers des discours-programme et des ateliers pour un \$20 supplémentaire?

Oui ____ Non _____. S'il y a suffisamment d'intérêt, ils seront reproduits. Prière de ne pas envoyer d'argent à ce moment-ci.