



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:

	Before March 15, 2018	After March 15, 2018
NAVFD Member	\$425	\$450
Non-NAVFD Member	\$450	\$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.

Update from our U.S. Counterparts:

Sister Sharon Dillon SSJ-TOSF is the Executive Director 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 Adults** - 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 Clavez and Sister Costanza Romano, CSJ.
- 4. Enculturation panel-** Sister Delia Calis, SSND talking about her experience of formation in various countries and others.
- 5. Best Practices re: International Candidates-**
- 6. Seamless Transitions from Initial Formation to Lifelong Formation** - Sister Ellen Dauwer, S.C. , Director of the Religious Formation Conference (U.S.A.)
- 7. Celibate Loving-** Elaine Dombi, CSJ
- 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 Adults
3. Dialogue on Visibility

Tuesday, April 24

Workshop Block 2

2:00—3:00 pm

4. Enculturation Panel
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.

5. NAVFD Conference 2018 Registration Form
April 22-25, 2018
Hamilton, Ontario

Name: _____
 Title First Last

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Postal Code/Zip Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone #: _____

Email address: _____

Congregation/Diocese/Organization Name (and initials if applicable): _____

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Special Meal Needs: Vegetarian meals? _____ Food allergy? _____ Gluten free? _____

Workshop Choices: Please see the Workshop Session descriptions and choose one from each block and place the number in the space below:

Block 1: _____ Block 2: _____ Block 3: _____

Would you be interested in receiving audio files of the key note addresses and workshops for an extra \$20?

Yes _____ No _____. If enough interest, these will be produced. Please do not send money at this time.

