

National Conference of Vicars for Religious 2017 – 2023

2017:

New Leadership was elected in 2016. “Walking through Doors of Hope” was the theme for the Annual Assembly. Orientation for new members preceded the Assembly.

“Vultam Dei” and “Cor Orans” were published about monastic communities. Study and dialogue followed for several years with monasteries, canon lawyers and the Dicastery.

Reports were received from the International Conference of Vicars for Religious in Rome October-November 2016.

Survey sent to US Bishops without Vicars / Delegates of Religious in their dioceses asking for consideration to name someone.

2018:

50th Anniversary of NCVR: A video of NCVR past Presidents was created as a tribute to their leadership over the years. Several were present at the Assembly.

Assembly March 2018 was inclusive of presentations by representatives from other forms of Consecrated Life.

NCVR Manual update began. Review and renewal of NCVR Constitutions and By-Laws. (Completed in 2020.)

Election of NCVR Executive Board took place.

Outreach to International Conferences with members in US Dioceses.

Participated in RCRI’s “Fidelity to the Journey” seminars focused on communities moving to completion.

2019:

Assembly focused on “Missionary Disciples” recognizing more NCVR members from international / multi-cultural communities. Panel of Newer members to Consecrated life presented another culture of youth in the Church.

The Assembly Hosted a session for leaders from LCWR, CMSWR and CICL-SAL to address some common ground issues and points of convergence for consecrated life today in US.

Developed a new website for NCVR and began a series of offering scholarships to the Canon Law Institute for our members.

2020:

Assembly cancelled due to pandemic. President participated in the zoom Conference for AHLMA addressing the challenges Latin American women religious face coming to the

US. NCVR Board met several times via zoom to complete work on NCVR documents. Created a new logo for NCVR. Elections for the National Executive Board were also conducted virtually.

2021:

Still in the pandemic, so the annual Assembly was held virtually with a large number in attendance. The theme was “Called to Be Prophets of a Future Not our Own.” Many other conferences related to consecrated life gave short “Info-mercials” and provided materials. Specific interest groups on forms of consecrated life were offered.

A panel of NCVR Members addressed a few major concerns common among us.

The New Member Orientation was held virtually. The new NCVR Constitutions and By-Laws were affirmed by the membership.

A webinar on Synodality was offered to the members by the National Board. The NCVR members participated in the Synod for Synodality in each of the four Regions, their dioceses and congregations. A summative report was sent to the USCCB.

2022:

Annual Assembly became virtual when the site location for the assembly cancelled our reservation. The theme was “Mutuality and Communion” in the hope that the revised document, Mutuae Relationes would be published by then. Bishop Edward Malesic from Cleveland, OH and Sr. Sharon Euart, RSM from RCRI shared a dialogue on the relationship between Bishops and religious in dioceses.

A panel of representatives from International Conferences of Religious offered insights and helpful information on the cultural realities and adjustments for each group.

The Board has been meeting often via zoom to conduct business and plan new events and our 2023 in-person Assembly in March. We are exploring possibilities of a grant through Hilton and CARA to assist with the work of our offices in the dioceses.

Preparations for the visit to Rome in March 2023.

2023:

Assembly plans for March looking at theme: “Along the Paschal Journey” addressing the situations of governance and continuation in communities experiencing diminishment. Key is our role as Vicars / Delegates for Religious in assisting Superiors and congregations.

We will address the spiritual journey, the canonical and civil issues and the practical steps needed in this journey.

Elections for NCVR Executive Board will take place at the Assembly.