



Partnership with Catholics on Call is open to men's and women's religious communities, college and university campus ministry and vocational ministry programs, full-time volunteer programs, young adult ministry programs and parishes that wish to learn more about supporting young adults in their discernment of vocation. We have 4 levels of Partnership: Basic, Advanced, Premium, and Ultimate.

Catholics on Call Partner Benefits

- Catholics on Call offers dynamic Young Adult Conferences that attract men and women who are considering a life of service in the Church at a very low cost. Through these conferences and the follow-up reunions, Catholics on Call assists young adults in the process of vocational discovery and discernment.
- The Catholics on Call website serves the needs of both young adults and our Partners. In addition to offering features appealing to young adults, the website will also provide Partners with insights into young adult spirituality, societal and cultural trends, and ways to strengthen connections with young adults.
- Catholics on Call will provide links to your ministry sites through our website and list you on the Partner Directory in the conference packet for the participants of the Young Adult Conferences.
- During the Young Adult Conference, Catholics on Call will set-up a display table with information and materials from our Partners.
- Catholics on Call will offer the annual Partner Conference at a reduced fee for our Partners. This particular conference is intended to be a valuable time and resource for expert input, networking, and dialogue for vocation directors, campus ministers, directors of volunteer programs, and all those who minister to young adults.

Catholics on Call Partner Roles

- Place information about Catholics on Call in your regular correspondence with young adults, such as email correspondence and weekly bulletins.
- Provide a link from your website to Catholics on Call (www.catholicsoncall.org).
- Write a letter of recommendation for all of your sponsored candidates to the Young Adult Conferences.
- If possible, assist your sponsored candidate(s) with travel expenses to and from the Young Adult Conferences.
- Follow up regularly with the young adults that your community or organization has sponsored for the Catholics on Call Young Adult Conferences. This includes, but is not limited to, providing spiritual direction for the participant or helping them find a spiritual director for the year following their participation in the Young Adult Conference.
- Keep the Catholics on Call office informed of any changes in staff so that our records will reflect the current contact for correspondence.

How to Become a Partner

Those organizations or communities wishing to become a partner should contact the Catholics on Call office at 773.371.5431 or catholicsoncall@ctu.edu to receive a Partnership Application/Renewal Form. The form can also be found on our website at www.catholicsoncall.org/partners.

Catholics on Call General Description

Catholics on Call is a **national vocations discovery initiative**, reaching out to young adults, ages 18-30, through our website (www.catholicsoncall.org), Young Adult Conferences, and local reunions. These programs are designed to complement the efforts of our Partners in their ministry to young adults who are considering a life of service in the Church as a lay ecclesial minister, religious sister or brother, or priest. Catholics on Call offers a pressure-free environment in which young adults are invited and encouraged to consider this abovementioned life of service.

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Young Adult Conference

The Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference is a national program, bringing in well-known speakers to enrich the lives of young adults in the process of discovery and discernment. The conferences consist of a blend of presentations, shared prayer in various forms, personal reflection and group discussion, interaction with outstanding pastoral ministers, and theological reflection on such experiences. There are also opportunities for individual meetings with mentors, as well as recreation and personal interaction with peers.

Conference topics include the following:

- “Biblical Foundations of Call”
- “Grace Upon Grace: A Theology of Vocation”
- “Foundations and Dynamics of Prayer”
- “What Is Discernment and How Does It Happen?”

Frequent presenters include the following: Laurie Brink, OP, Stephen Bevans, SVD, Robin Ryan, CP, and Sallie Latkovich, CSJ.

Unfortunately, the 2017 Young Adult Conference, originally scheduled for Wednesday, August 2 – Saturday, August 5, has been CANCELLED. Keep checking the website for more information about the 2018 Young Adult Conference.

Young adults are asked to apply for admission to the conference according to the admission guidelines, which, along with the application itself, can be found on the website at <http://www.catholicsoncall.org/apply>. The registration fee is \$100.00 and includes room and board. Partners are asked to help their sponsored young adults with travel expenses.

Conference participants are also invited to attend a local reunion held in different places during the wintertime, designed to encourage further reflection on and integration of the summer experience.

Catholics on Call participants are active Catholic men and women, ages 18-30, who are **thinking about** pursuing a life of service in the Church and who are open to meeting a diverse group of peers asking similar questions about the future. It is **not** for those who have formally entered a process of formation for religious life, priesthood, or lay ecclesial ministry. The exception to this principle is a lay minister who is considering religious life or the priesthood.

Partner Conference

Every fall, Catholics On Call offers the Partner Conference, where representatives of religious communities, college and university campus ministry and vocational ministry programs, young adult programs, volunteer programs, and others come together to learn and discuss the best practices for supporting young adults in their vocational discernment. This conference is offered at a reduced charge for our Partners (\$100.00), versus the full amount for non-Partners (\$120.00). To find out more information about the Partner Conference, past and upcoming, visit <http://www.catholicsoncall.org/partner-conference>.

The 2017 Partner Conference is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 – Friday, September 22, and will feature nationally-known youth minister, speaker, and author Frank Mercadante.