



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. The annual fee is \$90.

The Catholics on Call Benefits to Our Partners

- 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.
- 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 Partners Conference at a reduced fee for our Partners. We hope to establish the Partner Conference as a valuable time for expert input, networking and dialogue for vocation directors, campus ministers, directors of volunteer programs, and all those who minister to young adults.

The Roles of a Catholics on Call Partner

- 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 Adults Conference.
- Follow up regularly with the young adults that your community or organization has sponsored for the Catholics on Call Young Adults Conference. 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 Adults Conference.
- Keep the Catholics on Call office informed of any changes in staff, so 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 Form.



Catholics on Call is a **national vocations discovery initiative** reaching out to young adults, ages 18-30, through our website (www.catholicsoncall.org), Young Adults 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 a life of service in the Church.

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The Young Adults 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 that experience. There are also opportunities for individual meetings with mentors as well as recreation and personal interaction with peers.

Conference topics include:

- "Spirituality of Call"
- "Dynamics of Prayer"
- "Healthy Human Sexuality"
- "Religious Life Today"
- "What is Discernment and How Does It Happen?"
- "Lay Ministry in the Church"

Frequent presenters include: Bishop Robert Morneau, Donald Senior, CP, Sheila McLaughlin, Dr. Paul Wadell and Robin Ryan, CP.

The date for the **2013** conference is: **Tuesday, August 6 – Saturday, August 10, 2013.**

Young adults are asked to apply for admission to one of the conferences. The registration fee is \$100 and includes room and board. Partners are asked to help their sponsored young adults with travel expenses. Applications are available online at www.catholicsoncall.org.

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 ecclesial lay ministry. The exception to this principle is a lay minister who is considering religious life or the priesthood.

The 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.