



# 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 April 5, 2018	After April 5, 2018
NAVFD Member	\$450	\$475
Non-NAVFD Member	\$475	\$500

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.

**Early Bird Draw:** Everyone who has submitted their registration form by February 1, 2018 is eligible for the Early Bird draw of a prize.

## 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](http://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.



Sr. 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.

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 Claivez and Sister Costanza Romano, CSJ.
- 4. Enculturation panel-** Sister Julie Lattner, 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-** Father Sam Restivo, CR and Sister Julie Lattner, SSND.
- 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

11:00—12:00 pm

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

### **Tuesday, April 24**

#### Workshop Block 3

1:30—2:30 pm

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](mailto: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.

## 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 :	Avant le 15 mars 2018:	Après le 15 mars 2018:
Membre de NAVFD	\$425	\$450
Non-membre de NAVFD	\$450	\$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.