ALMOST FINAL 35 Years of NALM Milestones & Accomplishments

1977  NALM begins assisting individuals in understanding their service in the Church and beyond as expressions of lay ministry

1985  Published A Gospel Call to Collaborative Ministry (book and video)

1987  Co-Sponsored the Synod Conference on the Laity in Rome

1997  Published Formation of Laity for Lay Ecclesial Ministry

1998  Spearheaded the collaboration of national organizations leading to the development of Common Competencies in lay ministry
    Published No Turning Back

1999  Published Forging a Ministerial Identity

2000  Published Moving Ministry Forward: A Perspective Beyond the Pew
    Published Common Formation Goals for Ministry
    Published Competency-Based Ministry Assessment Tool

2002  Secured a $2 million grant from the Lilly Foundation to fund Phase I of the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project (www.emergingmodels.org)

2003  Played a significant consultative role in drafting the USCCB’s Co-Workers in the Vineyard document

2004  Published National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, 2nd Edition
    Emerging Models: First of eight Regional Symposium Reports published
    Emerging Models: A Profile of Lay Ecclesial Ministers Serving as Parish Life Coordinators

2005  USCCB publishes Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry
    Emerging Models: Understanding the Ministry and Experience: Parish Life Coordinators in the U.S.
    Emerging Models: Lay Parish Ministers: A Study of Emerging Leadership
    Emerging Models: Parishes Entrusted to Parish Life Coordinators
    Emerging Models: Understanding the Ministry: Parish Life Coordinators in the U.S.

2006  Published Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord Study Guide
    Published National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, 3rd Edition
    Emerging Models: Multiple Parish Pastoring

2007  Published That Ministries May Flourish
    Emerging Models: Inter-Parochial Pastoral Councils
Emerging Models: Parish Vitality Indicators

2008  Lead the collaboration with five national organizations in hosting the Emerging Models Summit
Emerging Models: Deacons Entrusted with the Pastoral Care of a Parish According to Canon 517.2
Emerging Models: Listening to the Spirit: Bishops and Parish Life Coordinators
Emerging Models: Summit Recommendations
Emerging Models: Ministry in Multicultural and National/Ethnic Parishes
Emerging Models: Young Adult Catholics and Their Interest in Ministry

2009  Secured $1 million grant from the Lilly Foundation to launch Phase II of the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project. This phase begins a new set of research initiatives focused on pastoral leadership.
Emerging Models Book Series: Pastoring Multiple Parishes (Loyola)
Emerging Models Book Series: Parish Life Coordinators: Profiles of Emerging Ministry (Loyola)

2010  Emerging Models Book Series: The Next Generation of Pastoral Leaders: What the Church Needs to Know (Loyola)

2011  Launched its 35th Anniversary Year at the Annual Conference celebrating Vision, Voice and Vitality
Emerging Models: Pay & Benefits Survey of Catholic Parishes

NALM Ongoing Initiatives

Provides a public voice and representation for lay ministers throughout the United States.

Serves as the voice of lay ministers regarding the establishment of professional standards for ministry common competencies and specific competencies for ministry.

Developed specific standards for pastoral associates, parish life coordinators and pastoral ministers.

Works in collaboration with an alliance of national organizations to develop National Certification of Lay Ecclesial Ministers.

Conducts an annual Lay Ministry Formation Directors Institute.

Offers annual roundtables for pastoral associates, parish life coordinators, parish business managers and Hispanic ministry.

Encourages the development of graduate level lay ministry programs at Catholic institutions of higher learning.

Publishes an annual directory of distance learning opportunities.

Initiated and continues to support the Home Mission Network.

Hosts regional gatherings and webinars for ongoing formation of lay ministers throughout the United States.