A Message from the Chair — Keith Davis

May 2019

2019 has been a good but busy year so far for NALM, and that is a good thing. Advocating for you and all of our brothers and sisters called to serve and exercise their baptismal calling is important work. Thank you for being a part of it!

This past spring we asked for our members to give important input to our organization. First, we asked you to help begin a process of evaluating our very mission—the heart and soul, or at least the identity of NALM. What is the National Association for Lay Ministry? Forty-four of you responded and offered important insights. We were given terms like “co-responsibility and “accompaniment”. We were reminded that our work is very broad in scope and scale; that pastoral ministry is not limited to parishes and dioceses but includes lots of institutions; that we are bigger than the United States; that we need to relook at the term “lay ecclesial” ministry again.

And, there was much more.

The NALM Board will process what you contributed over the next few months and let you know what we are able to construct. Of course, nothing will be done without your approval. My hope is that this effort will be part of a larger project for rebuilding NALM to be responsive to the dynamic needs and realities of lay ministry and of lay ecclesial ministers.

The second area of input from our members was, of course, the elections for the Board of Directors. While we only had three candidates and three openings, it was yet important for you to be a part of the process. Forty-six of you took the time to vote in this election, which is only about 12% of our membership but you spoke clearly that these three candidates were highly respected. I look forward to working with Dr. Dorothy Mensah-Aggrey, Sr. Diane Koorie and Fr. Joe Merkt after they are sworn in at our conference later this month.

Finally as a reminder, there is still time to register for the conference, though time is running short. We have a fine schedule of speakers and activities that will, we hope, prove to be both enlightening, supportive and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing you there!

Peace,
Deacon Keith

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When I was young, my family always vacationed at the Russian River, a resort just north of San Francisco. On the way to “The River”, the questions from the back seat were what you would expect: “Are we there yet?”, “How much longer?” and “When are we going to get there?” These same questions come to my mind when I speak about Lay Ecclesial Ministry in the Catholic Church. It has been over fifty years since the Vatican II document Lumen Gentium was written and yet we still have a long way to go before its goals are fully realized. Those questions from the back seat keep coming and sometimes it can get downright discouraging that we have not made more progress.

To be sure, much has been done to promote lay ecclesial ministry in the Church and the trends are encouraging. Every day I see Lay Ecclesial Ministers who are serving with great distinction and success. These women and men are making huge sacrifices to live out their vocation of service in the Catholic Church. Often working long hours and well beyond the minimum expectations, they are serving the People of God by administering parishes, teaching the faith, visiting the sick, running diocesan programs, and so much more. They are highly dedicated and professional as evidenced by their time spent in initial and ongoing formation. Many of the faithful have told me how much they appreciate the work of Lay Ecclesial Ministers and how they have been supported by these exemplary ministers of the Gospel. In my own ministry I work closely with lay leaders who have major and pivotal roles in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. They not only make it possible for me to minister effectively in the Archdiocese but they also inspire and strengthen me, helping me to grow in my own commitment to Christ and his Church. These colleagues, my brothers and sisters in Christ, are not simply filling in a need due to a priest shortage but rather they are living out their call from Christ himself to work in close collaboration with the clergy.

Despite these encouraging and hopeful realities, the Lay Ecclesial Ministry in the Church has not yet “arrived.” There continue to be many issues, some practical and some theological, that need attention. Financial considerations, portability of benefits, standardization of terminology and requisite training, commissioning and authorization clarity and so much more needs to be resolved. Furthermore, hearts still need to be changed on the part of the clergy and laity when it comes to accepting the role of Lay Ecclesial Ministers in the Church. Some priests still see lay leaders as threats to their vocation instead of complementing their call. As a result, these same lay leaders have seen their roles dismissed, down-sized, intentionally limited in resources, or even eliminated. And there are laity who also have a hard time acknowledging the priesthood of the laity, preferring to see their parish priest as the only one who can speak and act on behalf of the Church. (Symbolic of this are those who switch Communion lines to receive from the priest instead of the lay Eucharistic Minister.)

The landscape of Lay Ecclesial Ministry is certainly mixed: we can applaud true progress while at the same time lament its slow pace and even some areas of regression. In the midst of this reality, and with a nod to the Covey Institute, it is vital to keep the main thing the main thing. We must always remember that it is Jesus Christ who calls everyone to a royal priesthood through the Sacrament of Baptism. And this call has been affirmed again and again by the Church, especially in the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

St. Paul points to this call of Christ in his letter to the Corinthians: “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” (1 Cor. 12:13) St. Peter confirms this fundamental truth when he encourages us to “…be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5)

The Church echoes this call in a variety of ways, particularly through the documents of Vatican II. Take the (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)
Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, no. 10, for example: “The baptized, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, that through all their Christian activities they may offer spiritual sacrifices and proclaim the marvels of him who has called them out of darkness into his wonderful light.” Father Paul Philibert, OP, in his book, Priesthood of the Faithful, amplifies this sentiment beautifully when he says, “Each baptized person, living in the spirit of Jesus, is an instrument whom God has claimed for the work of directing the world and its energies to the glory of God and the joy of God’s friendship.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church captures the role of the laity in the life of the Church quite concisely: “The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation each according to [their] own vocation, in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are ‘consecrated to be…a holy priesthood.” (CCC, no. 1545)

These references point out the dignity of the priesthood of the laity and its proper role in our Church. However, whether by habit or design, some see this role as competing with ordained ministers and therefore tend toward minimizing or even denying the call of the laity to lead. I believe we must move toward a more fundamental understanding of competition. To compete means that we make each other look good, bringing out the best of both sides. In a baseball game, there is no way for a pitcher to demonstrate his talents and skills if there is no one to pitch to. Competition, in its truest sense, is not to determine a winner but to engage in an activity that highlights the skills of everyone. And so it is as we consider ordained and lay ministry. In developing the USCCB pastoral letter Co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord, it quickly became clear that any consideration of lay ecclesial ministry had to include its relationship to ordained ministry, and vice versa. This point was emphasized in Lumen Gentium (no. 10) and in Pope St. John Paul II’s apostolic exhortation, Pastores Gregis, when he said that ecclesial communion “presupposes the participation of every category of the faithful, inasmuch as they share responsibility for the good of the particular Church which they themselves form.” (no. 44) In the present discussion, we are not dealing with an “either/or” situation but rather a “both/and” one.

This brings us back to the fundamental point that Christ, who calls each of us by name, breathes his Spirit into the Church and orders its ministries in a marvelous and harmonious manner. No ministry is superior or inferior to another. Rather, all is ordered for the service of the faithful and the glory of God who has called us to be a holy, priestly people. In this way, we can fulfill the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel, which is the work of all ministry, as we go forth to baptize all nations, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. True, we are not there yet; indeed, we have a long way to go. But we walk by faith, not by sight, and we believe that our shared ministries will accomplish the purpose that God intends, moving us toward the fullness of the Kingdom which is already being realized in the journey.

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Faith sees that Jesus Christ is present in everything and works through all history to the end of time; that every fraction of a second, every atom of matter contains a fragment of his hidden life and his secret activity.” (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)
PARISH PASTORAL MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY
WHERE IS THE ROAD LEADING US?

In collaboration with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 (1:00 pm) — FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019 (4:00 pm)
University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois (North of Chicago)

Do you find it challenging to minister to various cultures in your parish community?
Do you wonder what it will be like moving ahead as a minister in the Church of the 21st century?
Did you know the updated certification standards are a great resource for parish job descriptions and performance evaluations?
Have you heard about the new document Priestly Formation in Collaboration with the Laity developed by NALM?

The upcoming NALM Conference is the place to be for all of the above!!
Share with your colleagues in ministry including pastors, deacons, business managers and others you work with!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATTENDEES TO DISCUSS AND SHARE

There are several Open Forums and Panel Discussion Sessions to allow conference participants to interact and share with our speakers and other attendees.

Wednesday May 29
♦ Challenges Encountered by Lay Ministers in Parishes

Thursday May 30
♦ Tips and Tricks to the Certification Process
♦ Parish Applications of the Common Standards

Friday May 31
♦ NALM into the Future: Needs of Parish Lay Ministers of Tomorrow

For a full conference schedule and to Register for NALM’s annual conference.
Room accommodations are booking up fast so register today and CLICK on housing options!

If you are not a member of NALM, consider joining now and save an additional $100 off your conference registration!

Click here for details and to register
There is a veritable alphabet soup of Catholic ministry associations in this country, for example, NCCL, CPPCD, NACPA, NADD, NPM, NFCYM, NFPC. These associations along with the Alliance are affiliated members of NALM. Wondering who all these associations are? Go to www.nalm.org, click on About Us at the top of the page, then Affiliated Members and you’ll see who our partners are. (After all, space for this article is limited and just naming the associations would take it all!)

Recently, a NALM member posed a question about why one would have membership in NALM and in one of the many other Catholic ministry associations. Short answer, NALM is the association for who you are, not for what you do, as a lay minister or supporter of lay ministry in Church.

NALM traces its roots to 1976 when a group of lay persons, vowed religious, and clergy began meeting annually to share their expertise and to support each other in the common goal of establishing and improving programs of lay ministry formation throughout the United States. Today, the original vision has expanded to include lay ministers serving parishes, schools, diocesan offices, higher education, healthcare, and prisons throughout the U.S. and world. Over 40 years later, NALM is still dedicated to providing vision, voice, leadership, and advocacy for lay ministers and for the development of lay ministry in the Catholic Church. We do this through fostering and supporting the spiritual and theological formation, training, and ongoing development of career and volunteer lay ministers.

Our mission and vision means NALM focuses on each one of us, and, all of us together, to support and provide personal and professional development for ministry. NALM does not focus on any one practice of ministry. Being a member of NALM and a member of another Catholic association related to one’s practice area means having the best of both worlds! You as minister and you as practitioner are both served and called to serve your colleagues through your membership and participation in both associations.

One prime example of the service NALM provides for ALL ministries, not any one practice area, is the recent document produced by the Advocacy Committee on Priestly Formation and Collaboration with the Laity. Fostering how clergy and lay ministers can better collaborate is essential to our future. [Note: This document is available at www.nalm.org, under the Initiatives tab on the Home page. There is also a survey to complete following your review of the document.]

Consider attending all or part of the annual NALM Conference to get a better understanding of NALM as a complement to your membership in another association. This year’s conference will focus on Parish Pastoral Ministry in the 21st Century - Where is the Road Leading Us? and is offered in collaboration with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. The Conference is Wednesday, May 29–Friday, May 31, at St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. You can find much more information and register on the homepage at www.nalm.org.

For much more information about NALM, please, visit the website www.nalm.org or reach out to your Regional Representative. You can email your Regional Rep from the Home page, under the About Us tab.
WHAT’S NEW ON THE NALM WEBSITE!

By Jamie Moloney

CREATE AND POST JOB OPENINGS – MEMBERS POST FOR FREE, NON-MEMBERS PAY A SMALL FEE

Post a job opening, whether you are a NALM member or not!

*Just a reminder, if you have not yet logged into your account since our new website went live in January, log-in and checkout all our new Member features! If you have any problems logging in, please contact Lisa at lisa@nalm.org.*

**Members only need Step 1. Nonmembers need Step 1 and Step 2**

**Step 1: Create and Submit a Job Opening** (with all the details)

1. Go to [www.nalm.org](http://www.nalm.org)
2. Click Career Center from the menu at the top of the page.

3. Select Submit an Opening from the menu under “CAREER CENTER”

   *Note: Members who are signed in will see more options than non-members.*

   ![Career Center - Submit an Opening](image)

4. Fill out all the information that you want to include in the job posting, then click **SUBMIT** at the bottom of the form.
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Step 2: Pay for the Posting (Nonmembers only)

1. Click CAREER CENTER from the menu at the top of the page, to return to the Career Center page.

2. Select the Job Posting option needed (30, 60, or 90 days, or unlimited)

CAREER CENTER – SUBMIT AN OPENING

To post a current opening in the Career & Volunteer Center, please fill out the form below. In order to attract the best candidate, please be as thorough as possible with the job description. Contact information posted through this form will be visible to all registered members.

* indicates a required field.

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Post Opening: 30 Days
Status: Internal
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City: Text City
Country: United States
State: Minnesota
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Additional Categories: Social Justice/Respect Life Ministry
Type of Position: Full-Time

3. Click ADD ITEM.

4. Click CONTINUE AS GUEST.

5. Fill out all the billing information, accept the terms of use, and click PROCEED TO CONFIRMATION.

6. Click COMPLETE ORDER after verifying everything is correct.

Go to all Job Postings

Post job openings, find potential candidates, search openings and subscribe to new posting notifications.

Anyone can post a job opening but only members can search for openings. Non-members are charged a small fee for posting a job.

- 30 Day Job Posting: $25 for non-members Free for members
- 60 Day Job Posting: $50 for non-members Free for members
- 90 Day Job Posting: $75 for non-members Free for members
- Unlimited Duration Job Posting: $100 for non-members Free for members

Members can upload their CV-Resume for employers to search

Welcome to the online community. Because of the built-in security and be approved before accessing many site sections. If you are unsure please register - we'd love you to be part of our online community!

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PRIESTLY FORMATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LAITY:
BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION!

NALM’s recently approved document, *Priestly Formation in Collaboration with the Laity*, is now available on our website!

The Vatican’s Congregation for the Clergy has promulgated new general directives for all Bishops’ conferences around the world regarding seminarian formation. We at the National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM) have just completed a serious study of these general directives from a lay ministry perspective. We realize that this decree from Rome, *The Gift of the Priestly Vocation*, will have a powerful effect not only on seminarians and newly ordained priests, but also on lay ministers, especially those on parish staffs.

The NALM Board has put its insights into a brief, but substantial, summary entitled *Priestly Formation in Collaboration with Laity*. It references thirty-two passages in the Vatican document indicating that seminarian formation is to include significant collaboration with the laity. NALM’s commentary is now online for easy access and sharing with others. (See: [https://www.nalm.org/page/priestformation](https://www.nalm.org/page/priestformation))

It is hoped that this work, while serving NALM’s members, will also serve all individuals, associations and groups committed to lay ministry, seminarians, and their formators. It hopes that its research will bring an additional spark of supportive energy to all. Since NALM’s report raises as many questions as it answers, it certainly will “foster discussion with in-depth reflections on the intersections of lay ministry formation and priestly formation” (from the *Introduction* to NALM’s document).

NALM’s report concludes with a survey. The survey can be printed and mailed in or filled out online. The survey makes it possible for all participants across the country to share their feedback with each other.

The conclusion of the NALM study also encourages the reader to hand write a personal note to the USCCB committee working on the new U.S. guidelines for priestly formation chaired by Cardinal Tobin. This way we can all offer personal assurances to the committee of our prayerful support and of our hopes. Cardinal Tobin has already thanked NALM for its research and Archbishop Wester, Episcopal Advisor to NALM, has expressed thanks for the valuable resource it may be for his Archdiocese.

NALM’s *Introduction* notes: “The *Gift of the Priestly Vocation* challenges lay ministers, as well as future priests, to accept their respective calls as gifts from Christ: the call to lay ministry and the call to ordination. It expects both to support each other’s unique gift of priesthood . . .”

Therefore, we would again encourage you to study the document, facilitate discussions of it with others, and share your insights. We expect that this letter is but the beginning of a conversation among us all. We hope to be in touch with you in the near future. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact Deacon Keith Davis, Chair of NALM, at kdavis@archdiocesf.org, about the document itself or about its online use.

In Christ,
NALM Advocacy Committee

This is the document that will serve as a foundation at the NALM Conference on Friday May 31 in a session led by Fr. Joseph Merkt and Jamie Moloney:

**Exploring a New Road:**
Collaborative Formation for Laity and Clergy in 21st Century
THE CHURCH AFTER THE RESURRECTION

In those years following the first Easter, the young Church had many issues to overcome. Many of the issues dealt with the Message and how the disciples were to spread the Good News. Plans had to be made as to where each would go, what would they say, etc. These directions are dealt with in Scripture. Some are not so clear: financing the work of this new Church is one of these. We can assume that there were friends and newly baptized people that helped along the way. We hear of Jesus’s admonishment to stay in the home of believers accepting their hospitality. A guess, however is that there were times that the apostles needed funds to pay their way. From where did this money come? Grateful friends certainly helped along the way and their benefaction helped with the building of the Church’s foundation.

This year we read the Passion account of Luke. In Luke 22:35 Jesus asks the disciples to remember “When I sent you forth without a money bag or sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?” “No, nothing,” they replied. But now, as he prepares to leave them, he changes the instructions. He says to them, “But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one.”

Today, NALM is in the same situation. We need to prudently provide for the needs of the Association. NALM needs members and friends who know that more than membership fees will be needed to ensure that the work of NALM continues. We encourage every member to do his or her best to help make our association strong so that as the young Church depended on the generosity of its members, rich or poor, to support what was dear to them, NALM will have supporters to sustain it for the long haul. You can make your gift by going to www.nalm.org or by mailing it to NALM; P.O. Box 256785, Chicago, IL 66025.

FOCUSEQUIP APP

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students, a fast-growing college campus outreach with a presence at nearly sixty universities in the U.S. has announced that it has launched a new mobile application, FOCUS Equip. Building on the launch of its new website initiative, http://www.focusequip.org, the FOCUS Equip mobile app is a one-of-a-kind Catholic application that gives users access to Catholic resources that can be used for evangelization, personal formation, Bible study leadership and discipleship.

“The goal of FOCUS Equip is to provide dynamic resources for college students, FOCUS student leaders and missionaries so they can continue to thrive in the faith and reach out to friends and family with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and his church”, said Kevin Cotter, director of FOCUS Equip. The mobile application takes that goal to the next level by meeting students where they are and providing the resources right on their mobile device. Although resources are targeted to students on FOCUS campuses, they can also be helpful to all Catholics for use in their parish, with their families or wherever they might need it.

The FOCUS Equip mobile application includes:
• Electronic Bible studies.
• How-to articles on practical evangelization, discipleship and leading a Bible study.
• Video and audio talks that can be used for evangelization or personal formation.

The FOCUS Equip mobile application can be downloaded for free on iPhone, iPad and Android platforms. Search focusequip in a mobile application store to find the app. http://www.focusequip.org and the FOCUS Equip mobile app will be continually updated. Find FOCUS Equip on Twitter at http://twitter.com/focusequip or on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/focusequip.

FOCUS is a national outreach that invites college students into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships in which they lead others to do the same. For more information, visit http://www.focus.org.
A MID-WINTER PRAYER FOR OTHERS

A PRAYER FOR SPRING

O God, all of your creation is a process.
Your original creation was a process of light and darkness, water and land, plants and animals and humans.
Christ, your Son, redeemed us through a process of life, death, and resurrection.
We continue to experience the process of creation and redemption in our world today.
In this time of spring, help us to be patient with the process.
May we allow your Spirit of Peace and Patience to compel us to enjoy the process,
to gently emerge from the days of winter.
May we revel in the moments and days of springtime sun that give us hope for new life.
Creator God, you are all good.
May all your creation - snow and clouds, sun and sky - give you praise and glory forever. Amen.

Teresa Burns

BOOK REVIEW

The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation
by Richard Rohr
SPCK Publishing (November 3, 2016)
Reviewed by Alex Rayment (Clarion—Journal of Spirituality and Justice, Nov 12, 2016)

This review is approached with fear and trembling. Fr. Richard Rohr is a writer who almost needs no introduction and his latest work, The Divine Dance, he describes as the ‘most important book [he has] written’. Even with a very limited knowledge of Rohr’s previous work, The Divine Dance is like reading a pilgrim’s journal at the peak of a very long and arduous journey. With extensive engagement of Christianity’s finest scholars, Rohr is taking the book entitled the Trinity of the bookshelf of the Church, dusting it off and reminding us of its essentiality.

The Divine Dance’s major project is to present both the sheer beauty and urgent centrality of the doctrine of the Trinity. Tracing the doctrine from Genesis to Revelation, from Early Church to contemporary writings, Rohr argues that whilst we talk about a Triune God, what Christians actually do is worship a patriarchal God that had an interesting Son and occasionally does things by his Spirit. Rohr implores us to re-cast all that we think about who God is and uses countless images of relationship as a way of refreshing this ancient doctrine. If one, as Rohr describes, ‘lives in the flow’, then this relationship language is the perfect language for describing a living relationship with God. As the title suggests, the perichoresis (circular motion) of the Trinity is not a movement happening in the abstract cosmos but is a very real invitation from God to His creation, asking us to join that dance. This ‘flow’ allows humanity to be truly human and enables us to be attentive and aware of the Spirit’s guiding. READ MORE
BROWSING THE STACKS

Browsing the Stacks is our member feature with a list of print articles or books you may be interested in checking out. Here are this month’s selections:

James Martin, S.J. “Why I Am Pro-Life.” America Magazine, March 4, 2019, 36. A passionate statement of Martin’s advocating for life at all stages of human development, an approach that has sometimes been called the “seamless garment.” In his words, “The longer I live, the more I grow in awe of God’s creative activity and in reverence for God’s creation.” To read the entire article, click HERE.


J. Philip Horrigan. “Interior and Exterior of Parish Should Foster Inclusion”. Pastoral Liturgy. Vol. 50, No. 3, May/June 2019. The words, actions, gestures, and attitudes that shape the Church’s liturgy—in other words, the many ways that we employ to pray together as the People of God, are at the very heart of what it means to be the Body of Christ. If liturgy, in all its expressions and implications, is at the heart of what it means to be Church, then hospitality is at the heart of the very action of gathering for, and participating in, the Church’s liturgy. READ MORE

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