

NALM News and Notes



National Association
for Lay Ministry

The professional organization that supports,
educates and advocates for lay ministers and
promotes the development of lay ministry in the
Catholic Church.

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Liturgical Calendar for October:

1	SOLEMNITY ~ ALL SAINTS' DAY
2	All Souls Day
3	St. Martin de Porres
4	St. Charles Borromeo
9	FEAST ~ Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
10	St. Leo the Great
11	St. Martin of Tours
12	St. Josephat
15	St. Albert the Great
16	St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude
17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18	Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul
	St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
20	SOLEMNITY ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22	St. Cecilia
23	St. Clement I, St. Columban, Abbott & Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
24	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs
25	St. Catherine of Alexandria
27	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
30	St. Andrew, Apostle



A Message from the Chair—Mark Erdosy

NALM AT 40 ~ A RICH HISTORY TO BE PROUD OF

Fall has officially begun. The daylight shortens considerably. Mornings and evenings are cooler. Morning dew on the grass is an almost daily sight. In several states, the fall colors will begin to dot the landscape adding to its natural beauty. St. John Paul the Great's ability to see grace in all things of nature and more importantly in people inspires me. He had a vision of Church as a communion, a "we", ordained, vowed religious, and lay. For "to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor 12:7).

As we enter fall, there are many NALM items where grace abounds. The revised webpage will continue to evolve, including more resources for you and potential members. Planning the 41st NALM Conference begins more intensely. The NALM Board face to face meeting quickly approaches as we consider our vision,

mission, and values for the next 40 years. Discussions about National Certification and NALM's continued membership in the Alliance are on-going. And so much more!

Memory and storytelling has always fascinated me. Maybe it's because as a child my immigrant grandfather delighted in telling my brothers and I stories of the "old country". We learned about our Hungarian heritage, family, and values through his many stories. This might explain why studying the liturgy has captured my imagination for the last twenty years or more.

On Tuesday, August 30th, Fr. Joe Merkt and I visited the Notre Dame Archives. We had two tasks. One, was to add eight boxes to the NALM collection, thus more than doubling the NALM archival material. The second was to learn more about the people who have led NALM, how NALM has played a leadership role in forming lay ministers, and any other previously undis-



covered information that might help us move forward as an organization.

While on the sixth floor the Hesburgh Library, Fr. Joe and I searched through the archives and discovered a virtual treasure chest of information about our rich NALM heritage. My friends, for forty years NALM has been a leader in educating, forming and informing, and advocating for lay ministers. In this issue of News and Notes, you will read some of that rich information. More will be coming in the months to follow.

Mark

NALM UPDATES

INTRODUCING NALM'S NEW OFFICE

ADMINISTRATOR! Lisa Wagner Carollo



I am thrilled to be working at NALM. I have been doing lay ministry for all of my adult life – and I feel blessed to have this opportunity to support other lay ministers around the country- and to be enriched and uplifted by their wisdom and experiences. To all members: please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Peace!

ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors of the National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM) has approved some amendments to the By-Laws of our Association. These changes are intended to reflect the reality of our identity as a board-led organization, as well as the importance of leadership continuity in such an organization. In order for these amendments to take effect, they must be approved by a vote of our membership.

Before we take this vote, we would like to get your input on these amendments, in case we identify any changes which may be necessary before submitting the amendments for a membership vote.

THIS SURVEY IS NOT A VOTE ON THE AMENDMENTS; it only allows a period of comment until midnight on **Monday, October 12, 2016.**

All members should have received an email but if you have not yet commented, you can still access the current text of the NALM By-Laws with the Proposed Amendment side by side along with the rationale for amending the current By-Laws.

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any questions regarding the proposed amendments, please contact either a NALM Board member or your regional representative. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

2017 Conference



Join us in Indianapolis, Indiana on **June 1-3, 2017**, to celebrate the close of NALM's 40th anniversary year.

Come to the "Crossroads of America" and celebrate!

Our theme for our 41st annual conference is

"Joy on the Journey: Serve. Collaborate. Dream."

Our pre-conference event on May 31 and all conference activities will take place at the Hyatt Regency-Downtown.

Save the dates and **[CHECK BACK](#)** in the coming months.

NALM AT 40 ~ TAKING A LOOK BACK

HISTORY AND CODE OF ETHICS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LAY MINISTRY

Part 1: History of NALM

In 1977 a group of about 20 lay ministry formation directors (the original core membership of the organization) met in Philadelphia at the invitation of Br. Loughlan Sofield. The meeting was a success, and the group decided to reconvene the next year in Dallas. Once again, the second gathering was productive and a 3rd National Conference of Lay Ministry Coordinators was planned for Chicago in 1979. It was during the Chicago conference that the question was formally raised as to whether there was enough in common among this loosely affiliated group of formation leaders to form an association. A task group was charged to study the ques-

tion.

The 4th National Conference was held in Washington D.C., at Trinity College in 1980, and the task force recommended that a national association be formed. The recommendation was accepted, and the planning committee for the 1981 conference in Cleveland was also asked to complete preparation for the new association. The NCCB document "Called and Gifted" on the American Catholic laity was released in November 1980 and provided a strong foundation for the new association. One of the gifts the new organization offered was that of inclusion. All who supported the growth and development of lay ministry – lay and ordained ministers, single and

married, vowed religious, priests and deacons – were welcome to join.

In June 1981, the National Association of Lay Ministry Coordinators (NALMC) was formally established during the 5th conference, and a nine-person board was elected from the membership. The new board developed an organizational plan with priority focus on meeting the needs of two groups of members: volunteer and career lay ministers, and ministry formation coordinators.

At the 1984 conference in Boston, the organization completed a significant process of examining its identity and mission.

This process resulted in a new name: The National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM). The main reasons for this change were as follows:

- to clarify the focus on lay ministry rather than on lay ministry coordinators
- to emphasize the lay advocacy role through the phrase "for lay ministry"; and
- to welcome more paid and unpaid lay people as members.

READ MORE

National Association of Lay Ministry Records (NLM), University of Notre Dame Archives (UNDA), Notre Dame, IN 46566

GROWING IN THE VINEYARD

There is a second newsletter, *Growing in the Vineyard*, produced by the Publications Committee three to four times per year. This newsletter is especially for Catholic lay ministry formation students. The articles, written by NALM members who are theology faculty members, formation directors, practitioners, and students address a variety of topics within the area of pastoral ministry. All members of NALM may find benefit in these newsletters and have open access to these newsletters, found at [NEWSLETTERS](#).

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO NALM?

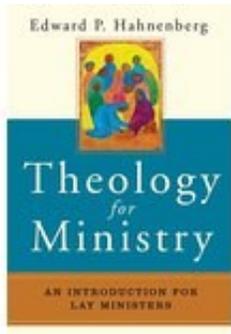
When you become a member of NALM, you take an active role in the development of lay ministry in the Catholic Church. Membership is available to anyone who believes in NALM's visionary mission and diverse lay ministry endeavors. NALM members serve in parishes, dioceses, hospitals, schools, higher education, and other settings. Still others actively support and advocate (as a layperson, religious, or clergy) for the thousands of lay ministers in throughout the United States.

Join Us!

Do you know someone who could benefit from belonging to NALM? Connect them by clicking here [MEMBERSHIP](#) or at <http://nalm.org/join-renew/>

BOOK REVIEW

***THEOLOGY FOR MINISTRY: AN INTRODUCTION FOR LAY MINISTERS* by Edward P. Hahnenberg**



In *Theology for Ministry*, Ed Hahnenberg invites all who feel called to serve through ministry in the Church into dialogue with the foundational areas of

theology needed in ministry. This accessible easy-to-read book, provides a practical schema to approach Church doctrine in a way that reveals many ways our Church Tradition can inspire and energize the work of lay ministers. Whether one is new to ministry and looking for an introduction to lay ministry, or wanting to deepen their understanding of God at work in their lives through their ministry, this book benefits all who want to notice God's continu-

ing presence in and through their lives and the lives of those they serve. Through a guided theological reflection process, *Theology for Ministry* is a valuable resource for those preparing for professional ministry in the Church or for ongoing spiritual formation in any parish or diocesan ministry setting. While deeply rooted in Scripture and Tradition, reflection on personal experience cultivates new ways of seeing, understanding and acting with the

mind of God.

The preface begins with the words "God is at work in your life." This is the beginning of the theological task of every Christian. What does that mean? Seeking understanding the early Christian community, as well as the Church today, enters into dialogue and deepening experience of the mystery of God in our midst.

[READ MORE](#)

Hymn to the Queen of the Holy Rosary

Queen of the Holy Rosary, O bless us as we pray,
And offer thee our roses in garlands day by day.
While from our Father's garden, with loving hearts and bold,
We gather to thine honor buds white and red and gold.

O Queen of the Holy Rosary! Each mystery blends with thine,
The sacred life of Jesus in every step Divine.
Thy soul was His fair garden, thy virgin breast His throne,
Thy thoughts His faithful mirror reflecting Him alone.

Sweet Lady of the Rosary, white roses let us bring,
And lay them 'round thy footstool before our Infant King.
For nestling in thy bosom God's Son was fain to be,
The Child of thy obedience and spotless purity.

From: <http://www.salvemariaregina.info/Prayers/October.html>



NALM News and Notes Submission

Do you have a piece of news, committee report, or interesting article that you would like to share with your lay ministry colleagues in the National Association for Lay Ministry? If so, please submit pieces by the end of each month to the Publications Committee Chair, Bridget Klawitter. Her email is klawitterb@archmil.org

