This survey is part of a study to assist NAVFD and CARA in understanding religious life and religious vocations in Canada today. Please respond for the unit (congregation, province, monastery) for which you are responsible. If the unit is international, respond for Canada only.

Type of Institute or Society


2. Canonical Status:
   □ 1. Public association of the faithful
   □ 2. Religious institute
   □ 3. Society of apostolic life

3. Status of the institute or society:
   □ 1. Diocesan right □ 2. Pontifical right

Character or lifestyle of the institute or society (check all that apply):
   □ 4. Apostolic □ 7. Eremitic
   □ 5. Contemplative □ 8. Evangelical

Demographic Data

Please indicate the number in each category in your unit.

10. Pre-candidates/aspirants (before entrance)
11. Candidates/postulants (before novitiate)
12. Novices
13. Temporary vows/commitment
14. Final/perpetual vows/commitment

Men’s institutes and societies only:
15. Please indicate if your unit includes:
   □ 1. Brothers □ 2. Priests □ 3. Brothers and priests
If a mixed clerical institute or society, please indicate the number in each category in your unit.

16. Brothers in temporary vows/commitment
17. Priests/seminarians in temp. vows/commitment
18. Brothers in final/perpetual vows/commitment
19. Priests/seminarians in final/perpetual vows/commitment

Candidates/postulants novices, temporary professed Finally professed

Canada 53. 60.
USA or Mexico 54. 61.
Africa 55. 62.
Central/South America 56. 63.
Asia or Oceania 57. 64.
Europe 58. 65.
Place of birth unknown 59. 66.

Vocation Ministry

67. Does your unit have a vocation director?
   □ 1. Yes □ 2. No
68. **If yes to #67, which best describes the vocation director?**
   - □ 1. A member of your unit
   - □ 2. A member of another unit of your institute, society, or federation
   - □ 3. A member of another institute or society
   - □ 4. An associate
   - □ 5. A lay person who is not a member or associate

69. **Is the vocation director engaged in vocation ministry?**
   - □ 1. Full-time
   - □ 2. Part-time

70. **Does your unit have a vocation team, i.e., more than one person directly responsible for vocation ministry?**
   - □ 1. Yes
   - □ 2. No

71. **Number of members of the vocation team**

If your unit has a vocation team, please indicate if it includes the following (check all that apply):
   - □ 72. Member(s)
   - □ 73. Associate(s)
   - □ 74. Other lay person(s) who is/are not member(s) or associate(s)

75. **If your unit has a vocation director and/or team, what is the scope of his/her/their responsibilities?**
   - □ 1. Your unit only
   - □ 2. More than one unit of your institute, society, or federation (e.g., two or more provinces)
   - □ 3. More than one institute or society

Please indicate if your unit sponsors or co-sponsors the following discernment programs (check all that apply):
   - □ 76. Discernment groups
   - □ 77. Discernment retreats
   - □ 78. “Come and See” experiences
   - □ 79. Discernment house
   - □ 80. Live-in experiences
   - □ 81. Ministry/mission experiences

Please indicate if your unit has used any of the following for vocation animation in the last five years (check all that apply):
   - □ 82. Social media
   - □ 83. Advertising
   - □ 84. Website
   - □ 85. Other: __________

Please indicate if your unit sponsors or co-sponsors vocation animation or discernment programs specifically targeted toward these age groups (check all that apply):
   - □ 89. Age under 15
   - □ 90. Age 15 to 18
   - □ 91. Age 19 to 25
   - □ 92. Age 26 to 40
   - □ 93. Age over 40

Please indicate if your unit requires the following for admission (check all that apply):
   - □ 94. Medical assessment
   - □ 95. Psychological testing
   - □ 96. References

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**Formation/Incorporation Ministry**

Please indicate the number of individuals in each category in your unit. If your unit has been reconfigured since 2000, please include the numbers for the units that are now part of your unit.

   _____ 99. Total number who entered since Jan.1, 2000
   _____ 100. Of the total in #99, number who remain

**Of those who entered and then departed since 2000, please indicate the number who departed at each stage:**
   _____ 101. During candidacy/postulancy
   _____ 102. During novitiate
   _____ 103. During temporary vows/commitment
   _____ 104. After final/perpetual vows/commitment

Please indicate the typical number of years that are required for each period of initial formation or incorporation in your unit (if less than a year, please specify fraction of a year):
   _____ 105. Pre-candidacy/aspirancy (before entrance)
   _____ 106. Candidacy/postulancy (before novitiate)
   _____ 107. Novitiate
   _____ 108. Temporary vows/commitment

**Does the unit have the following requirements for admission to candidacy/postulancy?**

Yes No
   □ □ 109. Minimum age (please specify): __________
   □ □ 110. Maximum age (please specify): __________
   □ □ 111. Minimum education
   □ □ 112. Minimum work experience

113. **If yes to #111 and/or #112, please describe:**
   __________
Do candidates/postulants in your unit spend all or part of their formation with others from:

Yes No
☐ ☐ 114. Other units of your institute, society, federation
☐ ☐ 115. Other institutes or societies

Do novices in your unit spend all or part of their formation with others from:

Yes No
☐ ☐ 116. Other units of your institute, society, federation
☐ ☐ 117. Other institutes or societies

Do those in temporary vows/commitment in your unit spend all or part of their formation with others from:

Yes No
☐ ☐ 118. Other units of your institute, society, federation
☐ ☐ 119. Other institutes or societies

Reconfiguration

Yes No
☐ ☐ 120 Has your unit reconfigured since 2000?
☐ ☐ 121. Is your unit in the process of reconfiguring?

122. If yes to #120 and/or #121, please describe:

Ministry

Active/apostolic institutes or societies only (#123-135):
Please indicate the number of members of your unit who are:

_____ 123. Active in a full-time ministry
_____ 124. Active in a part-time ministry
_____ 125. Retired from active ministry

Of members who are active (not retired from active ministry), number engaged in the following types of ministry:

_____ 126. Ecological Justice Advocacy
_____ 127. Congregational Leadership
_____ 128. Education
_____ 129. Health care
_____ 130. Pastoral ministry (e.g., parish, campus)
_____ 131. Spiritual direction/retreat work
_____ 132. Social work/social service
_____ 133. Social justice/advocacy
_____ 134. Internal ministry
_____ 135. Number of members serving in a ministry sponsored or co-sponsored by your unit

Community Life and Prayer

Please indicate the number of active members (not retired from active ministry) of your unit who:

_____ 136. Live singly
_____ 137. Live in communities of 2 or 3
_____ 138. Live in communities of 4 to 7
_____ 139. Live in communities of 8 or more

Please indicate which of the following characterize the regular communal prayer life of a majority of members of your unit (check all that apply):

☐ 140. Daily Eucharist
☐ 141. Liturgy of the Hours
☐ 142. Non-liturgical common prayer
☐ 143. Common meditation
☐ 144. Faith sharing

Contemplative institutes only (#145-147):
Please indicate the number of members of your unit who are:

_____ 145. Able to participate fully in prayer life
_____ 146. Able to participate somewhat in prayer life
_____ 147. Unable to participate in prayer life

Religious Habit

Yes No
☐ ☐ 148. Do members of your unit wear a habit?
149. If yes, please describe:

_____ 150. If yes to #148, what are the elements of the habit typically worn by the members?
   ☐ 1. Cross / Medallion / Devotional Scapular / Ring / Secular Dress
   ☐ 2. Tunic
   ☐ 3. Monastic Scapular
   ☐ 4. Cowl with a veil / a hood
   ☐ 5. Other

151. If yes to #148, is wearing the habit:
   ☐ 1. Required in all or most circumstances
   ☐ 2. Required only at certain times (e.g., ministry, prayer)
   ☐ 3. Optional
   ☐ 4. Other: ____________________________________
152. **If wearing the habit is optional**, how many members wear it all or most of the time?

- □ 1. None
- □ 2. A few (less than 25%)
- □ 3. Some (25-49%)
- □ 4. Many (50-74%)
- □ 5. Most (75% or more)

153. Please describe any special vocation animation or recruitment efforts your religious institute or society of apostolic life has undertaken in recent years. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

154. If your congregations are exploring any new and viable models/expressions of religious life, please describe them here. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

155. As part of this study for NAVFD, CARA will survey those who have entered religious institutes and societies of apostolic life in the last 17 years (entered in 2000 or later). Please list the names and contact information (email address, phone number, postal address, city, province, and postal code) for all those **currently in initial formation** (candidates/postulants, novices, and those in temporary vows/commitment) as well as those who **professed final/perpetual vows/commitment in your unit since 2000**. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

156. Please provide the information below for the person completing this survey so we may contact you for clarifications about your responses:

1. Name and Title: ________
2. Institute/Society and Province: ________
3. Phone, FAX, and E-mail: ________

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.
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