

About Us

Mission

NALM is a collaborative organization of lay, vowed religious, and ordained ministers that empowers, advocates for, and develops lay pastoral leadership and promotes the growth of lay pastoral ministry in the Catholic Church.

Leadership

NALM is led by a group of volunteer board members as well as an advisor from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which recognizes our efforts.

History and Beyond

NALM traces its roots to 1981 when a group of lay people, vowed religious, and clergy began meeting annually. They shared their expertise and support for one another with the common goal of establishing and improving programs of lay ministry formation. Today, the vision has expanded to include lay ministers serving parishes, dioceses, higher education, healthcare, and prisons throughout the U.S. and world.

Join Us

There is a level of membership for everyone. Prices are listed on a per year basis.

 **Basic \$60**

 **Standard \$96**

 **Sustaining \$192**

Sign Up Today!



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Why I Chose NALM



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I am a member of NALM for several reasons. While many national organizations cater to

lay and ordained ministers, NALM uniquely provides a haven for collaboration among ordained and lay ministers. Whether listening sessions, retreats on the national standards, or discussions for ministry formation directors, NALM has room for development.



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The call to lay ministry is not recognized as a true vocation, yet many, like me, feel called and leave comfortable jobs to serve

the Church full-time. This is one of the reasons I am a NALM member. I believe in NALM's mission. As a member, I am able to contribute to this mission and meet dedicated, gifted, and passionate lay ministers in the process.

There are many benefits of a NALM Membership. Members receive access to exclusive professional development, newsletters, networking opportunities, discounts, and leadership opportunities. To see a full list with more information, visit our website, www.nalm.org

What We Do

For over 40 years NALM and its members have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Church and those striving to serve within it. We do this in many ways including:



Events

hosting an annual conference, seasonal assemblies, webinars, retreats, and more



Publications

publishing books, formation materials, and tools that help shape lay ministry



National Standards

developing and publishing standards for lay ecclesial ministers and their specialized ministries



Networking

creating opportunities for lay ministers around the world to be known

Is NALM for Me?

YES! You are a lay minister, a co-worker in the vineyard of the Lord!

Our members serve in diverse ways, capacities, and areas across the United States. Some members are professional lay ministers, while others are volunteer lay ministers, students, and even ordained ministers. All are welcome! Our members are using their gifts to serve in some of the areas below!



Campus & Youth Ministry, Christian Formation, Consulting, Publishing, Counseling, Spiritual Direction, Multicultural Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, Family Ministry, Pastoral Care, Liturgy, Music Ministry, Business Management, Parish Life, Parish Administration, Prison Ministry, Social Concerns, Homebound Ministry, Caregiver Ministry, Sacramental Preparation, or Communications

