

2025

# Gratitude Report



## Reflection

### Dear Partner in Mission,

The Conference is pleased to share this report with members, collaborators, and friends. Below please find a synopsis of our programming and a snapshot of our finances for 2025.

**RFC continues to invest in the *now* and *new* of religious life.** While there were many initiatives that animated our work last year, below are a few highlights.

- Last February, RFC collaborated with Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, PhD to host a workshop titled **“Navigating Individual and Communal Grief in Initial and Lifelong Formation.”** Former program participants attended to refresh their skills and deepen their learning.
- In March, RFC partnered with Saint Luke Institute to offer a virtual symposium, **“Reviving the Crushed Spirit: Trauma-Aware Ministry.”** Recordings are available for a nominal fee.
- Over the summer, RFC participated in a project with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) to offer **“Walking the Path of Synodality in the Footsteps of Saint Francis.”** Materials and session recordings are available on the LCWR and RFC websites for free.
- This past October, the 2025 Congress —**Pilgrims of Hope, Prophets of Light**—was held in Indianapolis October 23-25. Congress welcomed 61 congregations and 13 partners-in-mission. Among them were 55 first-time attendees.
- Late last year, the Conference partnered with Dianne Bergant, CSA, PhD to host an **Advent Scripture Readings** webinar that garnered over 800 registrants.



*Sister Joan Repka, SC, left, accepted the Mary Emil Penet, IHM Award on behalf of Sister Ellen Dauwer, SC, at the 2025 Congress.*

Alongside these highlights, our core programs—**ForMission, Life Commitment, and Orientation to Formation**—continued to support, resource, and activate women and men religious for lives of wholeness and holiness while our auxiliary programs—**Together** and the **InterCongregational Collaborative Novitiate (ICCN)**—contributed to the emerging intercultural, inter-congregational, and inter-generational character of religious life.

**We could not be more grateful to those who have invested in our work.**

Together, as collaborators-in-mission, we walk this uncertain path with bold faithfulness and courageous hope. Thank you for accompanying us on the journey!

Sincerely,

Ryan J. Hoffmann, DMin  
Executive Director



# Year in Review



## **ForMission (Winter)** January 2025 | Christian Renewal Center Dickinson, TX

Presenters:

*John Markey, OP, PhD*

*Renata Furst, PhD*

*Moises Gutierrez, OFM, PhD*

*Marianne Farina, CSC, PhD*

*Linda Gibler, OP, PhD*



## **ForMission (Summer)** June 2025 | University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

Presenters:

*Anita Baird, DHM, DMin*

*Pat Bergen, CSJ, DMin*

*Laurie Brink, OP, PhD*

*Anne Letourneau, CSJ, PsyD*

*Gerard McGlone, SJ, PhD*

*Robin Ryan, CP, PhD*



## **Ongoing Formation Circles** Spring and Fall 2025 | Online

Facilitators: *Jung Eun Sophia Park, SNJM, PhD*  
(Spring) and *Jane Aseltyn, IHM* (Fall)

## **Life Commitment** July 2025 | University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

Presenters:

*Xiomara Mendez-Hernandez, OP*

*John Barker, OFM, PhD*

*Karina Conrad, CDP*

*Paul Michalenko, ST, PhD*

*Romina Sapinoso, SC*

*Annie Klapheke, SC*



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*Sister Susan Rose Francois, CSJP, presenting her keynote address at Congress.*

### **Orientation to Formation September/October 2025**

Online

Presenters:

*Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, PhD*

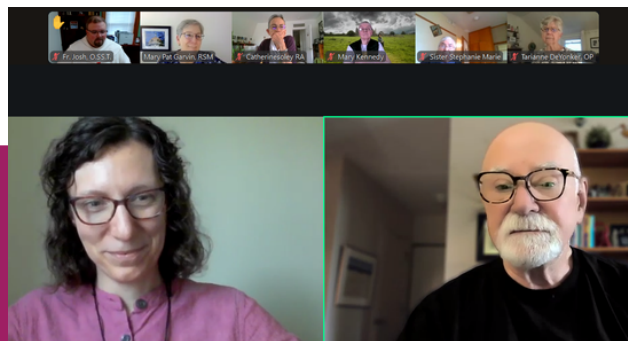
*Paul Michalenko, ST, PhD*

### **Congress 2025**

**Pilgrims of Hope, Prophets of Light**

October 23-25 | Indianapolis

The Conference recently announced the dates and location for the next national gathering: **November 4-6, 2027** at the **Maritime Conference Center** near Baltimore, Maryland.



### **Membership**

**Members are the heart and soul of the RFC.**

Guided by their charisms and call to serve the church and world, they embrace formation for mission and inform the work of the Conference.

*Photo: ForMission Summer 2025 participants and mentors*



### **Resources**

From archived webinars to recorded presentations to book reviews, **Conference resources add value to best practices that inform both initial and ongoing formation.** If you haven't visited the online Resources Portal recently, make sure to check it out: [relforcon.org/portal](https://relforcon.org/portal).



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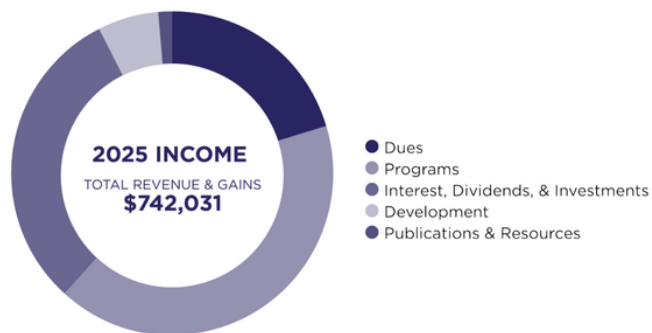
*Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (Houston) gathered for a group photo at the 2025 Congress.*

Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word  
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Society of the Divine Word  
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*Thank you!*

## 2025 Income

Dues	\$	151,592
Programs	\$	306,479
Interest, Dividends & Investments	\$	229,513
Development	\$	44,789
Publications & Resources	\$	9,658
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Gains</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>742,031</b>



## 2025 Expenses

Programs Services & Human Resources	\$	339,682
Advancement	\$	36,729
Communications & Publications	\$	62,680
Congress	\$	176,318
Management & General	\$	88,379
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>703,788</b>



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**Net Income: \$38,243**



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