***Frequently Asked Questions about Vocations***

*There are still significant numbers of women and men who are responding*

*to a call to religious life and are hopeful about its future.*

1. How many religious institutes are there in the United States/world? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Source:* *2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life)*

1. **True/False** The majority of religious of religious institutes have had at least one serious

discerner since 2003. *(Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life)*

1. **True/False** The majority of religious institutes are accepting new members.

*(Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life)*

1. **True/False** The majority of religious institutes are promoting vocations to religious life.

*(Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life)*

1. **True/False** The majority of religious institutes have reconfigured since 2003.

*(Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life)*

1. **True/False**: The majority of religious institutes have at least one person in formation.

*(Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life)*

1. **True/False**: The majority of inquirers, discerners, applicants and those in initial

formation lack parental and family support *(Source: Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life & 2015 Study on the Role of the Family in Nurturing Vocations to Religious Life and the Priesthood)*

1. **True/False** One-third of newer entrants have a relative who is a priest, deacon,

or religious sister or brother. *(**Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life)*

1. **True/False**: The majority of those entering religious life have earned at least an

undergraduate degree *(Source: Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life and the 2012 NRVC/CARA Study on the Educational Debt and Vocations to Religious Life).*

1. **True/False:** The majority of religious institutes have one or more vocation directors

or a vocation team. On average, this vocation director has served in vocation ministry for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *(Source: 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life)*

***Always have a reason for the hope you have but do this with gentleness and respect* (1 Peter 3:15).**

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