

# Windows on the Divine

## Continuing Education eCourse for Vocation & Formation Ministers

### Event Details

#### Theme

The theme for this year's eCourse is *Windows on the Divine*. For centuries, stained glass windows have graced simple chapels, parish churches, and medieval cathedrals worldwide. Each window, a unique composition of colour and shape, tells a story intended to support and enrich all who gaze and meditate upon its beauty. Similarly, our topics this year will comprise a unique set of processes and skills intended to support and enrich ministers as they accompany individuals during vocation discernment and the formative journey.

#### Topics

- The Use and Impact of the Internet and Social Media on the Formative Process
- Psychological Assessments: Exploring Benefits and Limitations
- Development and Use of a "Growth Plan" during the Formative Journey
- Post-Traumatic Growth: Yes, It's Really a "Thing"!

See the CRA website for a description of each topic.

**Dates** Thursday, 8 June 2023 - optional introductory session

4 sessions held monthly on Tuesdays:  
13 June; 18 July; 8 August; 12 September 2023

**Time** 9:30am QLD/NSW/VIC/ TAS | 9.00am SA | 7:30am WA

**Duration** 2.5 hours

**Mode** Online via Zoom

### Registration

**Fee:** \$300.00 AUD (Participation in this course includes **free access** to *SLIConnect: Resources for Healthy Life and Ministry*) for the duration of this eCourse

**Register online:** <https://events.humanitix.com/windows-on-the-divine> by 15 May 2023

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### Facilitator

Mary Pat Garvin RSM, PhD



Since 1994, Mary Pat Garvin has ministered both nationally and internationally in the field of vocation and formation ministry, explicitly focusing on the education of vocation and formation ministers. She has published numerous articles on vocation discernment and formation in *Horizon: Journal*

*of the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC), In-Formation: Magazine of the Religious Formation Conference (RFC), Religious Life Asia, Vita Consecrata and Human Development.*

In 2017 Mary Pat was the recipient of the Religious Formation Conference's "Penet Award" for her contribution to formation ministry both nationally and internationally.

Having served on her congregation's general leadership team she currently works with religious congregations worldwide and serves as the interim co-Executive Director of the Religious Formation Conference (RFC) in the United States.

Mary Pat is a Fellow in Human Formation with Saint Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Maryland. Her research interest is the interplay of spirituality and psychology in the promotion of a healthy and holy living of Religious Life.

