INSPIRED by the church’s calls to holiness, many young people have found themselves drawn to religious life. Yet, with the average inquirer to religious life owing $33,000 in student loans and hampered by the costs of insurance and housing among other major expenses, many religious communities have found it necessary to turn promising candidates away until they are debt-free—a process that can take years.

To address this problem the National Council of Catholic Women established the VOCATION PURSE CLUB in 2016. Through the generosity of our local councils across the country, this past year we raised $21,000 to assist young women entering religious life.
A new generation grateful for your encouragement and commitment

The young men and women coming to religious life are beautiful people inside and out. They are highly educated, deeply spiritual, socially conscious, and compelled by their love for Jesus to commit their lives in service to God and the Church. The world needs their witness and service. We appreciate your generous support of their vocations.

—Mark Teresi, Director of National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations

In partnership with the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations (NFCRV), NCCW was able to support eight young women as they begin their journey to become Catholic sisters.

We hope to fill our VOCATION PURSE once again this year so that more vocations can be saved by removing the financial obstacles, such as educational debt and other unavoidable expenses, preventing entry into religious life.

We welcome the efforts each local council takes to help support the VOCATION PURSE CLUB, which has already had a significant impact not only on the lives of young women entering religious life and the communities they serve, but on all of us—as part of the universal church—who benefit from the mission and ministries of religious women.

Each dollar you give in support of a vocation is returned a hundredfold in love and service.

For more information about the VOCATION PURSE CLUB and other NCCW initiatives, go to NCCW.org. Send donations to NCCW, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 725 Arlington, VA 22203.