

- **Discernment Retreat for Men**

A 2-day discernment retreat, for those discerning a vocation to the Archdiocesan priesthood or the religious life, ages 18-40. Retreatants experience an atmosphere of prayer and reflection, with the opportunity to share and meet new friends.



- **Come & See**

A 2-day retreat for men who are discerning the calling to the priesthood. Participants have the opportunity to tour the seminary, meet seminarians and learn about seminarian life, discuss the priesthood, attend classes, and pray with the seminarians. Young Adults (fall); High School Students ages 17+(spring)

- **THE CALL**

A 30 minute vocation program on the Archdiocesan television station, CTSA, hosted by Fr. Jonathan Felux, Director of Vocations and Seminarians. Features interviews with Archdiocesan priests and religious men and women serving in the Archdiocese.

- **National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW)**

This week in November brings public attention to the need for vocations. Parish ministry leaders are encouraged to promote awareness. Our office can help you schedule priests, seminarians and religious to give presentations to parish groups.

“Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision.... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love.”

—Pope Francis, Address to Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013



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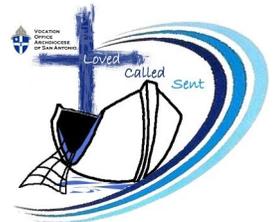


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Learn How the VOCATION OFFICE Can Serve You



Archdiocesan Vocation Office of San Antonio

The universal call to a life of holiness and service is made by God to all the baptized: single, married, ordained, and consecrated. While the Archdiocesan Vocation Office values all vocations, it is commissioned to provide resources and discernment opportunities that promote and cultivate vocations to ordained and consecrated life, with an emphasis on diocesan priestly candidates.

The Vocation Office strives to be sensitive to the cultural milieu of the Archdiocese on every level of its service to individuals, parishes, schools, campuses and church organizations. Its ministry is strengthened by the collaboration it shares with the *Vocation Committee*, priests, religious and monastic congregations and lay vocation promoters who serve in the Archdiocese, and with pastors and lay leaders who keep in contact with potential candidates.

Ways the Vocation Office serves...

Discerners

Guidance for Candidates

Individuals considering a vocation to the priesthood or to the religious life can contact us to receive:

- Guidance in the discernment process
- Information about being a priest
- Information about the various men's and women's religious communities in the Archdiocese
- Assistance in finding a spiritual director

Parish Ministers and Vocation Promoters

Parish Vocation Ministry

Many parishes throughout the Archdiocese have established vocation committees/promoters who foster awareness and implement vocation activities in their parishes. The Vocation Office can help a promoter get started, provide information and other resource materials for promoting vocations in the local parish, and serve as a point of contact to help answer questions.

- Contact us for guidance on developing a Parish Vocation Committee.

Parish and School Groups

Archdiocesan Vocation Committee

Men and women vocation directors from the various religious communities in the Archdiocese who collaborate with the Vocation Office in the planning and implementation of various vocation discernment programs throughout the Archdiocese.

Vocation Presenters or Panels

Representatives from the Vocation Office, Seminarians and members from the vocation committee are available to speak to parish groups and Catholic school groups about their experiences as a Diocesan Priest, Religious Priest, Sister or Brother.

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Vocation Presentation



Youth Spectacular 2017 Vocation Panel



VOCATION PROGRAMS

• Andrew Dinner

Andrew Dinners afford priests of the Archdiocese the opportunity to invite individuals whom they think might have a priestly vocation or the qualities needed in a good priest to share a meal and receive guidance from the Archbishop, the Vocation Director and other priests and religious men.



Guidance from the Archbishop



• Miryam Dinner

This dinner is an opportunity for women, ages 18-35, to learn about the Consecrated and Religious Life and to meet some of the Religious Women serving in the Archdiocese.

• Nun "Run"

A Nun Run is a point-to-point driving excursion for single women ages 18-45 to visit Sisters' homes/convents.

• High School Discernment Day

The day of discernment is designed to help youth come to a deeper understanding of God's call for their lives. The retreat is open to young men and women, ages 15-18.

• Insight

For single men ages 18-45 who are interested in gathering regularly with other men in discernment for a meal, conversation, prayer, and fellowship.

• Life Awareness Discernment Weekend

A 3-day discernment retreat for men and women ages 18-40. During this retreat, discerners hear personal testimony from priests and religious, participate in small and large group discussions, meet and interact with other discerning participants, and spend quiet time in reflection and prayer.



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