

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2011

- Sept. 8** **Vocation Reflection Evening**  
Assumption Seminary
- Nov. 10** **Vocation Reflection Evening**  
Assumption Seminary
- Dec. 2-3** **Discernment Weekend for Men**  
Assumption Seminary
- Dec. 2-4** **Discernment Weekend for Women**

### 2012

- Jan. 8-13** **National Vocation Awareness Week**
- Jan. 19** **Vocation Reflection Evening**  
Assumption Seminary
- Mar. 7** **Vocation Reflection Evening**  
Assumption Seminary
- Apr. 19** **Vocation Reflection Evening**  
Assumption Seminary
- May. 25-28** **Life Awareness Discernment Retreat**  
Our Lady of the Lake University

### ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

The Vocation Office of the Archdiocese of San Antonio provides guidance, resources, and events for all people in discernment.



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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, especially diocesan vocations.

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 contact with potential candidates.

The Vocation Office is a member of the *Regional and National Conference for Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD)*, and the *National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC)*, which provide professional training and resources.

## 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:

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

## Ways the Vocation Office serves...

### 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 contact place to help answer questions.

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

## Ways the Vocation Office serves...

### Parish and School Groups

#### Archdiocesan Vocation Committee

Men and women vocation directors from the various religious communities in the Archdiocese who work in collaboration 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 and/or members from the vocation committee are available to speak to parish groups and Catholic school groups about their experiences as Priest, or as a Religious Priest, Sister or Brother.

## VOCATION PROGRAMS

### • Vocation Reflection Evenings

An opportunity for men and women seeking more information about the Archdiocesan priesthood and the consecrated religious life.



### • Vocation Discernment Retreat for Men

This is a 2-day discernment retreat in December, for those discerning a vocation to the Archdiocesan priesthood or the religious life.

### • Nun Run

An opportunity for discerning women (18-45) to spend time sharing, praying and visiting with sisters in their convent setting.



### • Life Awareness Discernment Weekend



Is a 3-day discernment retreat for men and women ages 18-45. 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.

### • THE CALL

A 30 minute vocation program on the Archdiocesan television station, CTSA and is hosted by Fr. Alex Pereida, Vocation Director, features interviews with Archdiocesan priests and religious men and women serving in the Archdiocese.

### • National Vocation Awareness Week

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

