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To: Pastor, Parish Vocation Committees, Religious Women and Religious Men

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Date: January 23, 2023

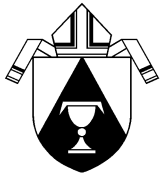
Subject: Parish Vocation Committee Meeting Notes and Parish Vocation Committee Retreat

Along with this memorandum, please find the summary of the last Parish Vocation Committee Meeting held on December 3, 2022. Please share this information with the ministries at your parish who are somehow connected to vocations, such as youth ministry coordinators, religious education program, altar server coordinators, young adult groups and prayer groups.

We suggest the following ad in your bulletin announcement to help us invite Parish Vocation Committee members or volunteers and lay people at your parish who are interested in becoming involved in the ministry of vocations:

Parish Vocation Committee Retreat: The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations, invites Parish Vocation Committee Members, volunteers and other lay people in the parish who are interested in working in the ministry of vocations. The retreat will be on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Pastoral Center from 9am to 2pm. To register [Parish Vocation Committee Retreat 2023](#) or for more information, please contact us at (916) 733-0258 or by email at msmith@scd.org.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your prayers for our seminarians and for your work in promoting vocations!



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Dear Parish Vocation Committee Chairperson,

It was good to see everyone on December 3rd for the Parish Vocation Committee meeting on Zoom. I am sending the following summary notes for everyone not present:

The following topics were discussed at our meeting:

- Parish Vocation Committees help the pastor in the ministry of creation awareness, promotion, sustaining and accompanying the young people and families in their vocational journey.
- The work that the Parish Vocation Committee does is to prepare the hearts of the people of God to welcome the Lord and people be able to be open to Him.
- The experiences that we shared in our meeting were full of joy and enthusiasm as the members of the Parish Vocation Committee saw the fruits of their labor in the lives of their parishes. I am amazed at the creativity that you put in the work of promoting, accompanying and sustaining the vocational journey of the people in your local communities.
- **Christmas:** important opportunity to talk about vocations as we celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord who came to save us. There is no better gift than offering our own lives to Him.

Resolutions

- **For the New Year:** offering oneself to the Lord. Starting up with prayer, service at the parish, etc.
- **Lenten Season:** Time of reflection about the call to follow Christ in a deeper way.
- **Easter Season:** Time to receive special graces from the Lord to follow Him.

The following are the dates that I gave to those who attended the Parish Vocation Committee Member Meeting in December. I promised to send this information out, so you that you may have this in mind and be prepared to do something at your parishes in consultation with your pastors.

Important Dates for Vocations in 2022-23:

1. **Discernment Retreat for men:** January 27-29, 2023 at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park
2. **Day of Consecrated Life:** February 2, 2023 (Celebrated on February 4th & 5th)
3. **Parish Vocation Committees Retreat:** March 11th 2023. Pastoral Center
4. **VOCARE - Discernment Retreat for Young Adult Men and Women:** April 1st, 2023. Pastoral Center
5. **Deus Vocat Retreat for girls ages 13 to 17:** April 21-23, 2023
6. **World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday):** April 23, 2023
7. **Ordination to Priesthood of Deacon Eric Patrick:** Saturday, June 3rd, 2023
8. **Quo Vadis Retreat for boys:** July 28-30, 2023.

The Vocations Team is grateful for your love and self-giving work in the ministry of Vocations for our Diocese!

In Christ,

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Director of Vocations