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To: Pastors, Deacons, Directors of Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Newman Centers, Parish Vocation Committee Members, School Principals, Secretaries, Religious Sisters, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

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Date: January 14, 2022

Subject: Workshop on Effective Ways to Create Awareness in Vocations for Priests and Lay-People

I invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** for some upcoming workshops that will be a great opportunity to launch, enhance, renew, revive and provide tools and guidance to continuously create awareness in vocations!

Statistics show that most of the vocations to priesthood and religious life come from parishes where lay people and schools are involved in this ministry on regular basis.

The workshops will be offered by speaker Rhonda Gruenewald, founder of *Vocation Ministry* (<https://vocationministry.com/about/about-the-author/>), who will provide valuable information about the role that a parish community has in the work of creating awareness, promoting, accompanying and maintaining vocations in our parish community and ministries. We are all connected!

The following is information regarding the workshops that will be offered:

- 1) **Workshop for Priests - Wednesday February 2nd 2022 from 10am to 3pm at the Pastoral Center:**
The first workshop is crafted exclusively for pastors, parish administrators and priests in general.
- 2) **Workshop for Lay-People involved in Ministry at a Parish or School - Sunday March 6th 2022 at the Pastoral Center:** The second workshop will be offered for lay people of our diocese. I encourage members of the following ministries to attend: **Knights of Columbus, Parish Vocation Committees, School Principals, Youth Ministers, Altar Server Coordinators, Religious Education Directors, Coordinators and Catechists** (in general, all lay people who are interested in supporting vocations and in gaining tools to systematically work on creating awareness, promotion and sustenance of vocations to priesthood and religious life).

Please contact Marisela Smith at msmith@scd.org or by phone at (916) 733-0258 for more details, if you are interested in attending or have questions. Registration link will be available on our website as of Thursday, January 20th.