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Date: October 6, 2023

To: Pastors/Parochial Administrators

From: Fr. Mémo Hernández
Director of Vocations

OK Fr. Mémo

Re: Seminarian Poster & Flyers 2023-24/Other Vocation Events and Promotion Ideas and Formation Opportunities

We are pleased to share the current information of our seminarians and other vocations events for 2023-24. Included with this information, you will find the following:

- A List of Promotion Ideas and Formation Opportunities
- Calendar of Events for Vocations 2023-24 - Dates of all Vocation Events for the Year:
 - Please let us know, which events you may be able to participate.
 - Sign-up Sheet for Priest Participation-Office of Vocations 2023-24
 - We need assistance with confessions and giving talks at our retreats.
 - Selling tickets for the Basketball Game: Priests + Seminarians that will be on June 18, 2024
 - Organize a Holy Hour to pray for vocations with the help of your Parish Vocation Committee or another ministry at your parish that supports vocations.
 - Create awareness during the annual vocation dates that are celebrated.
- New Seminarian Poster for 2023-24

A Deus Vocat & Quo Vadis Retreat (for ages 13 to 17) "Save the Date" Postcard— will be mailed to you soon! When you receive the postcard, please share it with the families who have children in this age group in your religious education program, altar server and/or youth ministry programs.

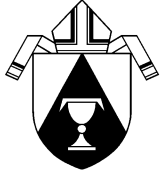
These are materials that can be used for the promotion of vocations in your parish. Therefore, when you receive the posters and flyers, please post them in a visible place at your parish where families and young people can see them.

You can invite us to Confirmation retreats throughout the year, and we can share a talk regarding vocations during the retreat.

If you do not have a Parish Vocation Committee, please contact us and we can provide some support to launch the vocations ministry at your parish.

The information included in this correspondence will be mailed to you at your parish. Thank you for your support in the promotion of vocations and for praying for our seminarians.

cc: Parish Vocation Committee Chairperson



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Promotion Ideas and Formation Opportunities

Promotion Ideas

- Help with the promotion of Vocations events throughout the year.
- Adopt a Seminarian:
 - Members of youth groups and students in the parish Religious Educations Program can pray for a seminarian, send a birthday card or other cards of encouragement.
 - Cards: Send seminarians a birthday card/Christmas card.
- Vocation Cross: One family can take the Vocation Cross each week
- Pray for Vocations at the end of Mass.
- Include a prayer for vocations in the prayers of the faithful.
- Promote and create awareness of the different important dates for vocations throughout the year:
 - Priesthood Sunday (September)
 - National Vocation Awareness Week (November – 1st week)
 - World Day of Consecrated Life (February)
 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations (April or May)
- Stations of the Cross for Vocations during lent.
- Holy Hours for Vocations: with the support of the pastor, the Parish Vocations Committee can organize a Holy Hour.

Formation Opportunities for Parish Vocation Committees

- Retreat for Parish Vocation Committees (usually in the spring)
- Attend Ministry Day talks for Vocations (September)
- Annual Rosary with Parish Vocations Committees, Volunteers & Knights of Columbus (Fall)

Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations

National Vocation Awareness Week
November 5-11, 2023

World Day of Consecrated Life
Celebrated on February 3 & 4, 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
April 21, 2024

Office of Vocations Annual Events—Save the Date!

♦ VOCARE Discernment Retreat for Young Adults ages 18-35

Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 (4pm-9pm)
Saturday, February 24, 2024 (9am-5pm)
Location: Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

♦ Parish Vocation Committee Retreat

Dates: Saturday, April 6 from 10am to 1pm (English)
Saturday, April 6 from 4pm to 6pm (Spanish)
Location: Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA

♦ Deus Vocat (God is Calling) - Retreat for girls ages 13 to 17

Dates: April 26-28, 2024
Location: Trinity Pines Catholic Center, Colfax, CA

♦ Vocations Dinner—Saturday, June 15, 2024:

Location & Time: TBD (Auburn, CA)
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.
For more information please Contact—George Bagley 707-372-4913

♦ Sacramento Classic Basketball Game-Priests + Seminarians

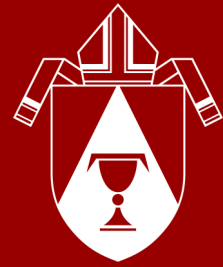
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Time: 6pm Doors Open/7pm Game Begins
Location: Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento

♦ Quo Vadis (Where Are you Going?) - Retreat for boys ages 13 to 17

Date: August 2-4, 2024
Location: Trinity Pines Catholic Center, Colfax, CA

For other opportunities to promote vocations, please visit:
“Meet Fr. Memo” (www.scd.org/vocations/meet-fr-memo)

Contact the Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations for any questions.



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Websites for Vocations Resources

- <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations>
- <https://nrvc.net>
- <https://www.vocationnetwork.org/en/>
- <https://vocationsandprayer.org/>
- <https://vocationministry.com/>
- <https://vianneyvocations.com/>

Office of Vocations
Ways for Priests to Support Vocations
Sign-up Sheet

Name of Priest _____

Name of Parish, City _____

Best Contact information - Phone: _____

Email: _____

Vocation Andrew Dinners

Dinner at Bishop Jaime Soto's Residence. You must be accompanied by young adult man who is discerning his vocation.

☐ Yes, I can commit to inviting a young adult man who is discerning his vocation to the priesthood to the Vocation Andrew Dinner. I can accompany him to the dinner with Bishop Soto and the Office of Vocations.

I am interested on the following date:

Dates:

- ☐ Monday, November 20, 2023 at 4:30pm
- ☐ Tuesday, January 10, 2024 at 4:30pm
- ☐ Monday, March 12, 2024 at 4:30pm
- ☐ Monday, June 3, 2024 at 4:30pm

VOCARE Discernment Retreat for Young Adults Ages 18-35

Date: Friday, February 23 from 4pm-9pm and Saturday, February 24 from 9am-5pm

Location: Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

Yes, I can help with the following:

- ☐ Confessions
- ☐ Vocation Story
- ☐ Talk

Comment: _____

Discernment Retreat – St. Patrick's Seminary

January 26-28, 2024

☐ Yes, I can commit to inviting a young adult man who is discerning his vocation to the priesthood to the Discernment Retreat at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. I or the Parish Vicar can accompany him to the dinner with Bishop Soto and the Office of Vocations.

Deus Vocat Retreat for Girls ages 13 to 17 at Trinity Pines Catholic Center, Colfax, CA
April 26-28, 2024

Discernment retreat for girls - Confessions

- ☐ Yes, I am interested in supporting by offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - ☐ I am interested in offering confessions on Friday evening
- ☐ I am interested in offering confessions on Saturday

Quo Vadis Retreat for Boys ages 13 to 17 at Trinity Pines Retreat Center in Colfax, CA August 2-4, 2024

Discernment retreat for boys - Confessions

- ☐ Yes, I am interested in supporting by offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - ☐ I am interested in offering confessions on Friday evening
 - ☐ I am interested in offering confessions on Saturday
 - ☐ Yes, I am interested in offering a talk at the retreat
 - ☐ I prefer Friday evening
 - ☐ I prefer Saturday
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Basketball Game: Priests + Seminarians

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento

Parishes can support by promoting the event and selling tickets at their parish:

- ☐ Yes, I am interested in purchasing tickets as a donation to the Office of Vocations and selling these at our pace.
- ☐ Yes, I am interested in selling as many tickets as we are able to at our parish and returning unsold tickets to the Office of Vocations one week prior to the event.
- ☐ I am interested in being part of the basketball team.
 - ☐ I would like to be included in any correspondence for practice games with my brother priests.

If you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets, how many would you request? _____

OnFiRE Confessions at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo

Please note: You will need to purchase your entry and parking ticket

Saturday, September 14, 2024 (Tentative Date)

- ☐ I am interested in offering confessions on Saturday.
 - ☐ I am part a religious order and I am interested in participating in the Vocations Carnival.
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Parish Vocation Committee: I would like to launch a Parish Vocation Committee at my parish.

- ☐ Yes, please contact me.
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Comments or suggestions: _____

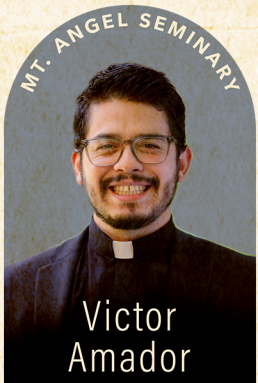
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“ Now you are THE BODY OF CHRIST and each of you is a member of it. ”

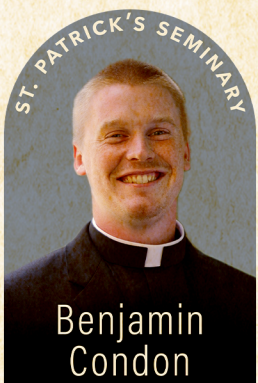


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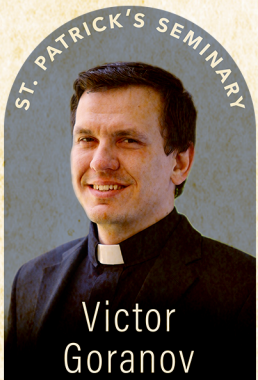
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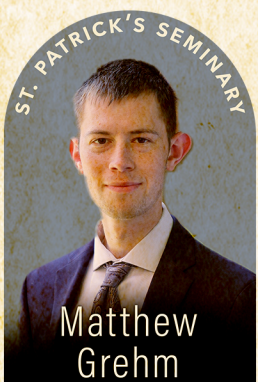
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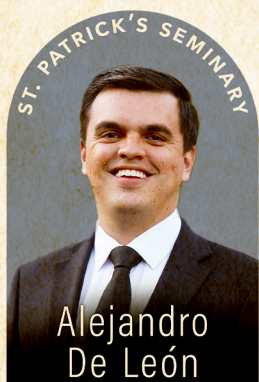
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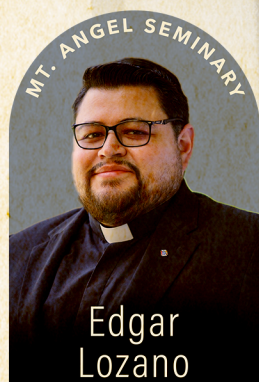
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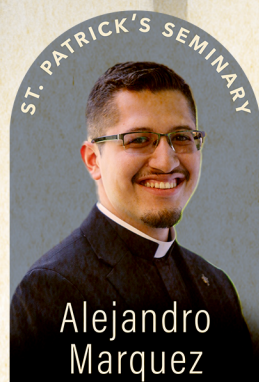
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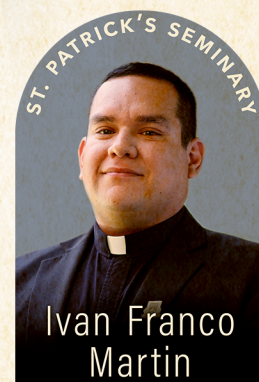
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THEOLOGY III



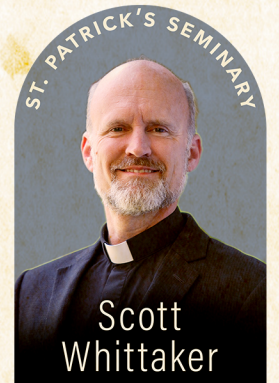
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PASTORAL
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THEOLOGY II



MT. ANGEL SEMINARY
COLLEGE II



ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY
ESL PROGRAM



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