

For High Schools & Parishes

Vocation Fairs:

The fair consists of various religious congregations coming to display information about their particular way of life as a religious sister, brother or priest.

The school/parish provides a large area for gathering i.e. vestibule, breezeway, chapel, etc. with individual tables for each participating religious congregation to have a display. During a class period or after each mass, students/parishioners are invited to interact with the Vocation Ministers at their displays as they discover more about religious life with its varied charisms and ministries in the Church.

Displays often include free materials e.g. prayer cards, booklets, and other "fun" pieces, such as pens or other giveaways which have the religious congregation's logo and website information. These materials can be used in the home as a way of promoting religious vocation awareness in the imaginations and hearts of our children and youth.

It is ideal to schedule a Parish Vocation Fair on an existing Donut & Coffee Sunday on the parish calendar.



You provide

- ✓ Large gathering space
- ✓ A table & chair for each display
- ✓ Time schedule
- ✓ Those eager to learn more about who the Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests are in the diocese.

CAVA provides:

- ✓ Vocation Ministers present all day or after each mass
- ✓ Materials at the displays
- ✓ An opportunity to meet and interact with Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests

Contact Information

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Or register online:
www.VocationsCAVA.org

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&
CAVA -
Chicago Archdiocesan
Vocation Association*



**Nurturing a
Vocation
Culture
In Our Church**

For 1st-5th Graders



Individual Classroom

Visits: A Vocation Minister goes to each classroom for a presentation. The talk begins with general vocation awareness & call flowing

from our Baptism. The presenter then shares her/his own vocation story and insights into the daily life of a religious sister, brother or priest.

Depending on the grade level, a presentation can be as short as 15 minutes and as long as 45 to 50 minutes including questions from the students.

Presenters can be available for a whole day/evening or just for as long as you need them to cover all of your classes.



High School Vocation Fair

Various religious congregations come with booth displays and interact with students. A planning kit is available - all we need is the date, the space, and a contact person.

For 6th -12th Graders

Panel Presentation: Students are usually gathered in a large group. 3-4 Vocation Ministers sit together and take turns explaining about their charism (particular gift of the Holy Spirit for the Church) and sharing their vocation story. Students are given time to ask questions. This is a delightful experience with the 6th-8th graders and high school students. It is usually about an hour long.

Round Table Discussions: 3-4 Vocation Ministers spread out to one table each in the room. The class divides up and several students sit at each table. The Vocation Minister shares his/her vocation story, charism, etc. Once the time is up for the first session, students move to another table. How many sessions are in a time period depends on how long the class period lasts. It is up to the team of presenters to determine with the teacher how long each table talk will last (10 minutes or so). This too is a delightful experience with 6th-8th graders and high school students.



For Teachers & Staff

Renewing Your Call (RYC)

In a workshop/retreat style format teachers are engaged in deepening their understanding of their own vocations and about how they can bring vocation awareness into the classroom. This is about a two-hour program.

Deepening Your Call (DYC)

Also a two-hour program in a workshop/retreat style format, DYC is a follow up to the RYC program for teachers/staff. As suggested by its title the goal is to give a further understanding of how we continue to live out our call in the vocation we have said "Yes", to in our lives.



For Parents

Homemade Vocations: An hour program for parents that fosters vocation awareness right in our homes. Practical suggestions include: sharing prayer resources to be used at home, sharing ideas for monthly projects that teach children how to be generous, unselfish and altruistic, teaching creative practices that can become traditions in the home, etc.



Each program is presented by a Sister, Brother, or Priest, who is a member of a congregation presently ministering within the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Arrangements for programs are made through the Office for Religious

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