



OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS  
**Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association**

**What is a Parish  
Vocation Fair?**

The Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) offers a variety of vocation promotion and awareness opportunities in the Archdiocese of Chicago. One opportunity that CAVA offers and will help organize is the Parish Vocation Fair. The Vocation Fair provides an opportunity for parishioners to learn about vocations to religious life and the priesthood as well as to become more familiar with some of the religious communities that minister in the Archdiocese.

The parish agrees to host a Vocation Fair in the parish hall or narthex on a Sunday following the scheduled masses. Sundays that seem to work best are Coffee and Donut Sundays, Parish Anniversary Sunday, Parish Festival Sunday, etc. Vocation Directors from communities that serve in the Archdiocese agree to attend and set up information tables about their respective communities. Parishioners are invited to partake of coffee and donuts after Mass and visit the various vocation tables. Vocation Directors will provide information, answer questions, and hand out vocation materials. A CAVA member will serve as the contact to the parish and organize the visit by the Vocation Directors.

How to get started

1. **Decide** to hold a Vocation Fair & where it could be held in your church/parish hall.
  - Let us know about how many tables could be available for displays
2. **Contact** CAVA to set up a date
  - Phone: 312-534-5240
  - E-mail: [CAVA@archchicago.org](mailto:CAVA@archchicago.org)
  - Online at [www.VocationsCAVA.org](http://www.VocationsCAVA.org)
3. **Advertise** the Vocation Fair in parish bulletins, announcements, school/religious ed memos, etc.
4. **Provide** a table and chair for each vocation director attending
5. **Perhaps Provide** donuts and coffee for parishioners and guests

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