**CAVA Opening – August 31, 2016  
Notes from Individual  
and Group Process**

**Why Need CAVA? Church/Us**

Coordinate vocation efforts

Collaborate with others in events

Ongoing education of/for vocational trends, best practices

Continual support – most important

Because we need each other; can not do it on your own

CAVA helps the church and is dedicated to reaching out to others and promote vocations

To be strong group in the Archdiocese of Chicago

Be good Catholics – lead by example

Have a mindset of supporting each other (individually and community)

Because we need to collaborate on the larger mission in the church to encourage vocations to priesthood, diaconate and religious life

To keep the mission of the church active and alive

To collaborate with those who serve in vocation ministry in creating a culture of vocation within the Archdiocese of Chicago and to provide the resources, formation, and education to maintain professional and creative competency and mutual support

CAVA is a means of mutual support for those who are involved in vocation ministry

It is good especially when there is only one member of a community to share with others

As church CAVA brings awareness of the call to religious life and service

We need CAVA to communicate, inspire, and challenge us in promoting our Baptismal call to a life of fruitful service.

The church needs help! Talents and experience are too often “missed”.

Collaboration, support, awareness, witness to one another

Collaboration, support, sharing

To learn/share/support each other

Continue sharing our vocation/church work

Networking with other communities

Provide resources/professional development

The church needs CAVA to help invite people to be aware of different vocations

Great group to co-ordinate collaboration for all religious groups to work for the purpose of promoting and presenting religious vocations.

For purposes of evangelization

Collaboration and unity

Witness we give to each other

Provide resources to parish ministers both physically and materially

For us to stay connected with the bigger church

For the church to get to know the religious in the Archdiocese

Collaborative tool

To collaborate with each other to share experiences, work together in reaching out to the younger generations with the p a (?) focus on religious/priestly vocations in ?? creating a culture of vocations. Give/receive/collaborate together

A beacon of light, hope and healing and sign of joy and faithfulness to our vocation

We need CAVA to continue to be of assistance to communities in helping us promote vocations. Through CAVA we are able to get into schools; parishes; universities, etc. We are a support to one another.

Witness – collaboration; model – life with and for; supportive; talk, share

Collaborate, plant, risk

Support, sharing, feeling/being on the same page; being witness

For collaboration and to support one another

To help connect with those called to live the religious life

Want to be supportive and help collaborate connecting relationship

An alive group that challenges and supports each other to spread the word about religious vocations in the Chicago area

We need CAVA because otherwise we’re each doing our own thing and are less effective at witnessing the collaborative nature of religious life and ministry

Collaboration of others in this ministry i.e. ideas, feedback and support

Important that leadership be involved and support us

“We are all one body:

Collaboration, input, enjoyment, refreshing friendships

Collaboration, vocation promotion, share resources, create unity in religious life

Educate on vocation

Promote unity in religious community

Have resources that people can use for vocations

Be a go to place for discerners

For support, sharing, and spirit working together in ministry – especially vocation/recruitment ministry

Church always needs ministers to work together

I have heard about CAVA for a few years – how great it is – waited until I moved to the Archdiocese to join

Collaboration

Because we need to support one another in and learning from one another

To help make the people of God aware of religious life

I believe strongly in religious life and have gained much from being a part of vocation work

Awareness of options of religious life in the Archdiocese of Chicago

To build the kingdom of God

Collaborate and network in our ministry as vocation directors both for church at large and our communities

Service

Professional development

Professional support

Mutual dialogue

Be community with like-minded persons

See friends – make new friends

Collaboration among congregations to assist others to discern vocation

Support for vocation ministers

Service to local church: vocation promotion

Witness in the Archdiocese

To organize for access to Catholics in parishes, schools, etc. in the Archdiocese

Support and networking for vocation directors and others committed to vocation ministry

**What Needs in the Church Can We Meet?**

Witness the excitement and commitment present in priestly and religious vocations

Reaching millennials “where they are at”

We can provide a forum where discerners and directors can meet, pose questions, and share information

Encourage young people to live out faith joyfully

Being joyful Christian

?? learning about religious life

Knowledge of religious life

To model collaborative dialogue to support and encourage vocations in the Church.

Be the face of Religious to generations who have not experienced Religious women/men.

**Why I Came:**

To meet others and build the network

To learn from others

I came today because I needed to be with others doing this ministry and to gain new ideas/insights and get newly-energized.

Personal contact with others

To be in this good environment with like-minded people and learn how I can contribute to CAVA’s mission

I came so that our community supports CAVA and its work.

I came to share in the excitement that is present in other communities – and share my limited experience.

Learn from each other

I want to support and I need support from other vocation directors.

I came to meet new people and to start networking

Always find support and enthusiasm among the members in the ministry of vocations

Good presentations also

I come to the meetings in order to get support from others and to learn how to co-operate

Happen to be on the convenient trip

I came for new ideas and to see old friends and meet the new members and to represent the Adrian Dominicans

I came today to be encouraged by and to encourage my colleagues in this challenging ministry

To continue CAVA as a part of Archdiocese if things get “tough” financially

To network

To learn what others are doing

To hear “experts” input

To find people of similar spirit to join forces

To explore CAVA if it is worth investing my time to be part (new person to vocation ministry)

Start of new CAVA ministry year

Collaboration with other vocation directors

Support CAVA, share insights, network, see friends

**How Can We Help Vocations Ministers?**

Ideas, support, collaborate

We can help vocation ministers by providing them opportunities and access to parishes and schools

Share our stories

Discuss some challenging cases

Sharing materials and programs

**What CAVA Can Do**

Provide more presentations like today that are pertinent(?) and useful to us and that we can implement in our ministry

Help vocation ministers to transfer all information to their communities

Collaboration/networking

Support

?? and on-going education

More diversity

BSR, education on vocation, visrealization (?) of religious

Website should help

We, as CAVA, can work together in presenting to younger generations the option of consecrated life as it’s evolving into new forms in the future

**Hopes:**

To provide/promote events in various areas of Arch (N-S-SW-Suburban) for

-service

-prayer/intentional (Peace; Immigration)

To provide H.S. students with service opportunities with various members of CAVA

To learn from others

To contribute to the vocation field and the Church

To work together

To encourage and be encouraged

To widen my circle through vocation ministry

Helping to promote vocation in the religious life

Educating the vocation ministries especially the new one on how we do this work

We need to gather together to support and encourage each other

Also the opportunity for education (like this morning) is invaluable

To bring the best of our programs and practices

To experience the treasury of charisms alive in our members

To encourage contemplative dialogue in the ongoing exploration of vocation ministry

Encourage collaboration and support

Provide professional “links”/help in meetings and via the web

To reach out to different ethnic groups – Hispanic, Vietnamese, Burmese, African American, Philippine, etc

That CAVA continue to gather together people involved in vocation ministry providing support/encouragement/renewal

Strengthen each other in doing our ministry

Witness and being a counter culture in our world

My hope is for fewer meetings – it’s really hard for one to keep up with monthly communications committee meetings

Increase members

Expand/address some challenges

Have “experts” how-to workshops, especially for useable, electronic media

Deepen appreciation on values of religious life

Connect with millennials for understanding their reality

That CAVA, in collaboration with others, will heighten to awareness and appreciation of religious life to the point that all young Catholics will consider a religious vocation as a viable option for their life

That our religious communities and the church at large will regain their hope and confidence in religious life

To introduce and promote vocations to the consecrated life in and around the Archdiocese of Chicago

To witness to the diversity and unity of vocations in the church which we can accomplish best by working together

Continue to involve more men and women in vocation ministry outside of Archdiocese as you have been doing

Listen to others – be open to change and new ideas

Support of the diocese for CAVA continuing

To build relationships among congregations to foster religious life

Creativity and innovative ideas for reaching young adults in particular

Sharing with a wider percentage of the population regarding vocations

Enrichment programs for members

Be creative collectively with new ways to address vocation ministry/share ideas and invite each other