

The Vocation Connection
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Diocese of
Green Bay

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Upcoming Dates

February 20-22
Catholic Women's Retreat in
Manitowoc

March 6
Catholic Men's Discernment
Group

March 26
Project Andrew Dinner

March 27-29
Teens Encounter Christ
(TEC) weekend

April 3
Catholic Men's Discernment
Group

April 3-5
Exploring Priesthood Week-
end at Mundelein Seminary

April 16
Parish Vocation Contact
Persons Meeting

April 18
Diocesan Catholic Youth
Conference (DCYC)
and
Catholic Youth Expeditions
Benefit Dinner & Concert

May 1
Catholic Men's Discernment
Group

May 3
World Day of Prayer
for Vocations

May 16
Deacon Ordination

May 22-24
CYE Ordination Expedition

May 29-31
Catholic Women's Retreat in
Manitowoc

Baileys Harbor Center to be Transformed into Formation Center for Young Adults

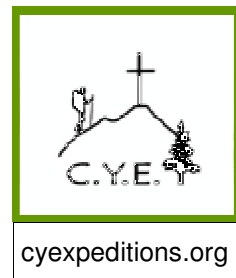
St Joseph Formation Center to become part of Catholic Youth Expeditions apostolate

The Diocese of Green Bay is entering into a year-round lease agreement for the use of St. Joseph Retreat Center in Baileys Harbor. The center will continue to be owned by the Priests of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic religious order based in Hales Corners, WI.

The facility will be used as a center for the spiritual formation of young adults. The Diocese, with the approval of the Sacred Heart Fathers, will sub-lease the facility to Catholic Youth Expeditions. CYE will operate the center, to be called St. Joseph Formation Center, as a place where young adults can live in community while they grow in their faith. These young adults will be helped to discover their call to service as a priest, a religious sister or brother, or through the holy state of matrimony. CYE helps high school and college students to encounter Jesus Christ and foster Catholic Christian community through expedition retreats of prayer, proclamation of the Gospel, and outdoor adventure.

This summer, CYE will run 14 expedition retreats from St. Joseph Formation Center. A summer staff of 12 college students live in community and lead the expeditions. A year-round community of young adults will be developed to give them an experience of community life and spiritual formation. CYE is hoping to partner with two seminaries. Mundelein Seminary in northern Illinois and St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee are looking at ways to utilize the formation center for spiritual programs for their men studying for the priesthood.

CYE has already had a significant impact on vocations to the priesthood, to religious life, to holy marriages, as well to lay ecclesial ministry. Please pray for this important new initiative!



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Bulletin Material to Promote Vocations

Please put some of the following articles in your parish bulletin when room allows.

Project Andrew Dinner: Bishop David Ricken invites young men, juniors in high school or older, who are open to the possibility of the priesthood, to dinner on Thursday, March 26 at 5:30 PM. Bishop will celebrate Mass, and after supper we will talk about being a priest. Contact your parish priest or parish director, or Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or vocations@gbdioc.org

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekend: Juniors and seniors in high school, and those older who are in college or working are invited to participate in the TEC weekend experience of Christian living March 27-29 in Green Bay. Check out the website for more information and a registration form at www.anchorofhopetec.org

Camp Franciscan is for young women, sixth grade and up, for days of friendship, creativity, prayer, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, fun and more. The Camp will be held June 16—18 at Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc. Contact Sr. Mary Ann Spanjers, FSCC, at 920-682-7728 or vocations@fscc-calledtobe.org for a registration form.

Sunday, May 3 ~ World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Thursday, May 14 ~ Commissioning of Parish Leaders
 Saturday, May 16 ~ Deacon Ordination
 Saturday, June 6 ~ Priesthood Ordination

Vocations Promotion: Please invite all willing souls!

Gathering for people from each parish, school and faith formation program who are willing to promote vocations:

Thursday, April 16, 2009 - 7 PM
 Diocese of Green Bay—Bosco Hall

Inspirational & practical support will be given!
 Resources will be available.

Every parish, school and faith formation program in the diocese is encouraged to have someone responsible for vocations promotion. This gathering will help provide training and resources for that role.

Please RSVP to vocations@gbdioc.org
 or call Debbie in the Vocations Office 920-272-8316




**Steppin' Right
with Jesus
2009**

Friday,
June 12

St Joseph
Formation Center &
Stella Maris Parish

Door County

Vocations Day
for middle
school girls &
boys

Registration Forms
coming soon in
bulk mail and on
vocations website,

Live Deeply. Live Christ. Live Priesthood. Live Religious Life.

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