

The Vocation Connection  
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## Upcoming Dates

Sept 19—21  
College Work Retreat on  
Chambers Island HNRH

October 3  
Catholic Men's Discernment  
Group

October 3—5  
Exploring Priesthood Week-  
end at Mundelein Seminary

October 4—5  
Power of Life Conference

October 3—5  
Life Directions Weekend in  
Waukesha

October 6—8  
Clergy Congress with Voca-  
tions materials available

October 17—19  
Young Adult Women's  
Retreat in Manitowoc

November 7  
Catholic Men's Discernment  
Group

November 7—9  
Youth 2000 Retreat for high  
school students

November 14—16  
Teens Encounter Christ  
(TEC) weekend

November 20—22  
Vianney Visit to College  
Seminary

December 5  
Catholic Men's Discernment  
Group

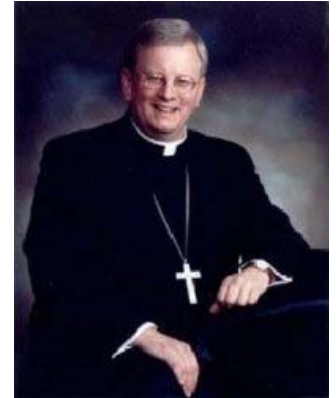
December 6  
Youth Jam for middle school  
students

## A Great Opportunity for Vocations!

### Invite young people to come to know Bishop Ricken

As we continue to welcome Bishop David Ricken as our new shepherd, let's use this opportunity to invite young men and women to consider a life of service to the Church as priests, sisters or brothers. Please specifically and personally invite young adults to gatherings with our new bishop.

You may use the bulletin announcements on page 2 of this newsletter to spread the word about vocation events.



## Seminarians, Serrans pray about Evangelization

Bringing people to Christ as believers, and mentoring them to become disciples, was the focus of this year's gathering of seminarians and Serra Club members at Holy Name Retreat House on Chambers Island last month.



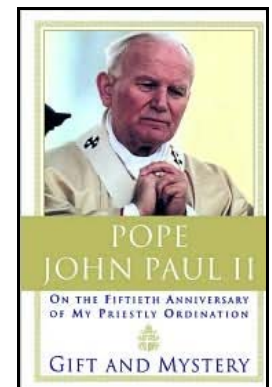
Jason Simon of The Evangelical Catholic, talked about the great need not to assume people in our day are already believers. By meeting them where they are at, we are able to develop friendships and then share our faith in Christ. This is intentional ministry, rooted in person to person contact, and always based on our connection to Christ and the Church.

Seminarians noted the relevance of these days' reflections for inviting young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life as well.

## Gift & Mystery to be focus of Catholic Men's Discernment Group

Men, age 18 and over, who are open to the possibility of priesthood gather on the first Friday evening of each month at Xavier House in De Pere. Men gather at 6:30 PM for Mass, supper and discussion.

This year, the discussion will focus on Pope John Paul II's book, *Gift and Mystery*. This book offers reflections on the late Holy Father's vocation and priesthood. Last year, participants read *Priests for the Third Millennium* by Archbishop Timothy Dolan. Men are welcome to come some months but not others.



## Bulletin Material to Promote Vocations

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

**Thinking about priesthood? You are not alone!** Each month, the Catholic Men's Discernment Group includes young adult men, age 18 and above, to gather for Mass, supper, and discussion about God's call in our lives. The group meets on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 PM at Xavier House for Catholic Men's Discernment in De Pere. The next gathering will be Friday, October 3. For more information, contact Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or check out [www.gbvocations.org](http://www.gbvocations.org)

**Catholic single men** who are discerning God's call in their life, including priesthood, live at Xavier House for Catholic Men's Discernment in De Pere while they go to college or work. There are now openings for additional residents. To discuss this possibility, contact Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or [vocations@gbdioc.org](mailto:vocations@gbdioc.org)

**Life Directions Retreat** for single Women and Men, age 18—45, is designed to enable you to make an informed vocational choice, whatever and whenever that may be. The retreat will be October 3—5 at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha, WI. Contact Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or [www.gbvocations.org](http://www.gbvocations.org) for more info.

**Exploring Priesthood Weekend** is being held at Mundelein Seminary the weekend of October 3—5. This weekend is designed for men, age 20 and above, who are juniors or seniors in college, or who have completed their college degree. The weekend will include prayer and discussion about God's call, as well as a chance to check out seminary life. Call Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or go to [www.gbvocations.org](http://www.gbvocations.org) for more info.

**Living Radically for God Will Change Your Life:** This retreat for young adult single women, age 18—35, is sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Manitowoc. The weekend will be October 17—19. You may register or get more information from the Franciscan Sisters' website at [www.fsc-calledtobe.org](http://www.fsc-calledtobe.org)

**What Gives You Great Joy?** A Discernment Retreat for single women ages 21—45 will be held October 24-25 at St. Agnes Convent in Fond du Lac. For more information, contact Sr. Jean Hinderer, CSA, at 920-907-2310 or [vocations@csasisters.org](mailto:vocations@csasisters.org)

*Thank you to all parishes who include these announcements in their bulletins!*

### XAVIER † HOUSE CATHOLIC MEN'S DISCERNMENT

A place for young adult men to live in Christian community while praying about God's call in their lives. Xavier House is located at St Francis Xavier Parish, De Pere.

We are now accepting new residents.  
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### Seminarian Collection 2008



**Thank you for your support of vocations and the formation of our seminarians.**

You may send your collection to the Catholic Foundation. Please remember to include envelopes from those who gave \$100+. Last year, over \$412,000 was given to support the seminarians.

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