



Diocese of Austin

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Vocation Office

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Priests in the Diocese of Austin

Dear brother priests,

As we celebrate the ordination of the new transitional deacons and priests of our diocese, I thank you for all that you do to encourage vocational discernment among your people. It is a joy to work with you in our shared task of encouraging religious and priestly vocations.

Here are four important summer events that I would like to bring to your attention:

Annual Seminarian Convocation, August 8:

You are invited to join our seminarians in their annual Convocation on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton. Here is our schedule that evening:

6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer in the Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Social in the Conference Center
7:00 p.m.	Dinner in the Conference Center

Since our diocese does not have its own seminary and our seminarians study in other cities, this annual Convocation is a precious opportunity to help these young men feel more connected to our diocese. Your presence would be very much appreciated. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Celina Galván at (512) 697-2030 or by email at celina-galvan@austindiocese.org

Adventure 2007 High School Vocation Retreat, July 13-15:

The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Austin is sponsoring Adventure 2007, a vocation discernment retreat weekend for high school age young men on July 13-15, 2007, at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, Texas. It will be staffed by me and by some of the seminarians of our diocese. This weekend is for those Catholic young men who are in the summer after the eighth grade through the summer after the twelfth grade.

With this letter you will find a flyer to post and distribute in your parish. Your own personal invitation will be the greatest factor in their decision to attend.

There are two very good vocation discernment weekends offered in Houston and Dallas this summer. I highly encourage you to spread the word to single young adults who might be interested in the priesthood or religious life:

Houston Life Awareness Weekend, July 6-8:

Holy Name Retreat Center, Houston, Texas

Males and Females, Age: 18-45

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Serra Clubs

Contact: Denny Matranga at (713) 462-0136

www.archgh.org/VocationOffice/lifesare.htm

Dallas Vocation Awareness Weekend, July 13-15:

Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, Texas

Males and Females, Age: 18-40

Sponsored by the Serra Clubs of North Dallas.

A letter of recommendation is require

d from the vocation director of the Austin Diocese.

Contact: Fr. Mike Sis at (512) 697-2005 or by email at fr-mike-sis@austindiocese.org

May God bless you in your ministry. Thank you for all that you do to help people listen to God's call.

Yours in the joy of Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Michael J. Sis".

Rev. Michael J. Sis

Vocation Director



ADVENTURE 2007

(A Program for Catholic young men)
Eagle's Nest Retreat Center in Burnet, Texas
Registration Form and Parental Consent

Please print clearly or type.

Name _____ Birth date (mo/day/yr) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Age _____

E-mail for confirmation of registration _____

Parish _____

Grade just completed _____ School _____

Names of Parents/Guardians _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell phone (_____) _____ Emergency Phone (_____) _____

Medication(s) my son is taking _____
(A physician's prescription or parent note must accompany all medications and/or be attached to this form.)

Allergies _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Insurance Policy Number: _____

Please attach a copy (front and back) of your son's insurance ID card.

For Parents: I, the parent/guardian of _____
give my permission for our son/guardianship to attend Adventure 2007. It is my belief that this young man possesses the level of maturity and responsibility that is expected of a participant in Adventure.

I do hereby, for myself, my spouse, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless any and all adults who chaperone this event, other participants, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin, Adventure 2007, and any of the above named parties' representatives, successors, supervisors, sponsors, and/or organizers, for any injuries in connection with the outing / event(s) named above, provided that said injuries are not the result of gross, willful negligence.

I likewise release from liability any person(s), airline, bus company, or other transportation services, transporting my child, in a privately owned and/or leased vehicle, to and from any activities connected with the above named event(s), with the exception of gross negligence due either fully, or in part, to mechanical failure and/or operator error.

I also give permission to seek any emergency care should my child be involved in any accident or be injured in any way during such events named above. I understand that in any such instance, all attempts will be made to contact the parent/guardian. In the event that I cannot be contacted, I hereby give permission to the attending physician to hospitalize, secure treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, and/or surgery for my child, as named herein.

I also agree that I am legally responsible for all/any personal actions taken by my child/guardianship during this event, and agree to be financially responsible for any/all damages, legal fees, and other costs incurred as a result of the actions/behavior of my child/guardianship.

Furthermore, I agree that if the above named child's behavior is inappropriate, unsafe and/or detrimental to the group, I will be contacted immediately to secure means of removing my child/guardianship from the event premises. I understand that any financial costs incurred as a result of my child/guardianship being sent home are my sole responsibility.

Parent(s) signature _____ Date _____

Registration form/parental consent, \$50 fee, and insurance ID card are due no later than July 5, 2007 to the Diocese of Austin, Vocation Office, P.O. Box 13327, Austin, TX 78711. Please make checks payable to the *Diocese of Austin*.

A confirmation e-mail with details and a map will be mailed to registered participants after deadline date.

Attention High School Guys . . . Join the Adventure!



Do you enjoy giving of your time to help others?

Do you experience an energy or enthusiasm when talking about God or serving as a lector, altar server, usher, or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist?

Do you feel like God may be calling you to a deeper relationship?

Have you ever thought about the priesthood?

The Diocese of Austin is offering a unique chance for you to think about questions like these at:

Adventure 2007

Vocation Retreat Weekend for Catholic young men
Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, Texas
the weekend of July 13-15

Adventure is for Catholic young men who are in the summer after the 8th grade through the summer after the 12th grade.

It will be a fun summer weekend of fellowship and prayer in the Texas Hill Country and a perfect opportunity to meet new friends and gain new insights into how God is speaking to you in your life.

Adventure will be staffed by some of the seminarians of the Austin Diocese and Father Mike Sis, the diocesan Vocation Director.

There's no pressure – just encouragement to listen to Jesus' invitation: "*Come and see.*"
(John 1:39)

Join the Adventure.

**For more information, contact us at
the Diocese of Austin Vocation Office:**

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The cost for the weekend is \$50. Partial scholarships are available.

Deadline for registration is July 5, 2007.

