December 2020

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Each year the Vocation Office organizes Discernment Retreats for men interested in learning more about the vocation to the Priesthood.

From Friday, February 19, 2021 to Sunday February 21, 2021, I will lead a Discernment Retreat at Betania II Spiritual Life & Marian Center in Medway and St. John’s Seminary in Brighton, MA for men ages 18-30 years.

On Friday, February 19, 2021 to Saturday, February 20, 2020 I will lead a Discernment Retreat at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary for men age 30 and older.

These retreats provide the attendees the opportunity to have an experience of seminary life, pray and reflect upon the priesthood, meet other men like themselves and give particular time and attention to discerning God’s call in their lives. Many of our seminarians are currently in formation because a priest invited them to attend one of these retreats. As the leaders of the Church in your local communities you have a special relationship with your people and are particularly well qualified and well positioned to know the men who could benefit from this program and to invite them to attend.

We need to work together to encourage vocations to the Priesthood. It is my hope that you can invite men from your parish or your ministry to attend one of the Discernment Retreats. Pending current health and safety requirements we will host the retreat either in person, virtually, or some hybrid of both. If you would send the Vocation Office the names of those you invite, using the enclosed forms, I will follow up by sending each of the men a personal invitation.

Please know of my appreciation for all that you do each day on behalf of the people you serve, and that I am grateful for your assistance with the important work of promoting vocations.

With the assurance of my continued prayers, I remain,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Archbishop of Boston
COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

Archdiocese of Boston

Men’s Vocation Discernment Weekend
Men Ages 18-30

February 19–21, 2021
Betania II Retreat Center in Medway, MA
St. John’s Seminary in Brighton, MA
Friday Night – Midday Sunday

CARDINAL SEÁN O’MALLEY will preach at this retreat.

Hear Talks About:
Prayer and the Spiritual Life
Vocation and Discernment
Eucharist and Christian Discipleship
The Gift of the Priesthood
Seminary Life

Experience:
Witness talks by seminarians
Conversations with seminarians
Mass and Brunch at St. John’s Seminary
Opportunity to speak to a priest about your vocation
Time of prayer

For more information, please contact:
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Men’s Vocation Discernment Weekend
Men Ages 30+

February 19–20, 2021
Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary
Friday morning – Midday Saturday

CARDINAL SEÁN O’MALLEY will be present at this retreat.

Experience:

- Holy Mass
- Time of prayer
- Conversations with seminarians
- Participation in class schedule
- Talks about Seminary Life
- Witness Talks by Seminarians
- Opportunity to speak to a priest about your vocation

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VOCATION OFFICE

St. John’s Seminary and
Betania II Spiritual Life & Marian Center
For Men Ages 18-30
Cardinal Seán O’Malley Discernment Retreat

February 19-21, 2021
Friday 5pm-Sunday 1pm

I recommend that you invite the following person(s) to attend this retreat.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________________________________
Approximate Age: ______ E-mail Address: _____________________________
For how long & in what capacity have you known this person? ____________

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Approximate Age: ______ E-mail Address: _____________________________
For how long & in what capacity have you known this person? ____________

Your Name: _______________________________________________________
Parish/College/University/City: ________________________________
Phone Number: ________________________________________________
Email Address: _________________________________________________
VOCATION OFFICE
Pope St. John XXIII Seminary
Weston, MA
For Men age 30 and over
Cardinal Seán O’Malley
Discernment Retreat
February 19-20, 2021
Friday 10am-Saturday 1pm

I recommend that you invite the following person(s) to attend this retreat.

(PLEASE PRINT)
Name: __________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________
City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________
Approximate Age: _______ E-mail Address: __________________________
For how long & in what capacity have you known this person? __________

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