

**Vocations Report  
April/May 2021**

**I. St. John's Seminary Update**

Our seminarians are within the last few weeks of their academic year. They were blessed to experience their annual retreat at SJS during the Octave of Easter. In addition, our men to be ordained transitional deacon and our deacon to be ordained priests went on their canonical retreats.

The men to be ordained deacons received their call to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The men to be ordained are: Guillermo Alonso (Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, LA); Cesar Carrasco (St. Finbar, Burbank); Juan Gutierrez (St. James, Redondo Beach); Daniel Lopez (St. Therese, Alhambra); Justin Ordoveza (Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach); Ramon Reyes (St. Thomas the Apostle, LA); Daniel Vega (St. Louise de Marillac, Covina); Kamil Ziolkowski (St. Aloysius, LA).



Our deacons to be ordained priests have petitioned and we are awaiting their public call.

Commencement/Graduation for our seminarians is scheduled for Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

**II. Queen of Angels Update**

Our QoA Seminarians are entering their last month of academic formation. They have adjusted well to their new home and have been blessed with a two formation weekend in the last month with Fr. Leo Ortega who spoke about the Year of St. Joseph and Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ who spoke on Examen, Desolation/Consolation and the Eucharist.



This year, 3 men will be graduating from Marymount California with their Bachelor's degree on Saturday, May 8th. All 3 have applied and been accepted to SJS.



- III. Discernment Groups** – Our Virtual Discernment Group for men 18 years old and up continue. These meetings will be conducted virtually and also in-person. All virtual meetings are at 7pm. The upcoming virtual meeting dates are **May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>**.  
Our Regional Vocation Directors will be hosting in-person Discernment Holy Hours for discerners only during the months of April and June. The upcoming dates are below or see the fliers.  
Our Lady of the Angel – June 7<sup>th</sup> San Fernando – June 12<sup>th</sup>  
San Gabriel – June 14<sup>th</sup> San Pedro - June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Santa Barbara – June 11<sup>th</sup>
- IV. Good Shepherd Sunday Challenge**  
This Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> is Good Shepherd Sunday/World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our Office would like to challenge each priest to speak one-on-one with a young man about the priesthood. Imagine if each of our 288 parishes in the ADLA had 1 man intentionally discerning. We currently have 71 seminarians that come from 59 parishes. Imagine what would happen if each parish had 1 seminarian. Let us share our joy of priesthood and invite men to discern God’s call.  
Please see flyer below on ways to engage families in building a culture of vocatio
- V. Vocation Sunday** – If you would like our Office to visit your parish to host a “Vocation Sunday” and promote priestly vocations, please contact Fr.Mike at [frmikeperucho@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:frmikeperucho@la-archdiocese.org). We would be happy to preach at all the Masses and celebrate whichever Masses you would like us to. We are proficient in English and Spanish. *Our presence can also be an opportunity for you to get away for the weekend if needed.* Thank you to St. Dorothy, Glendora; and St. Gertrude, Bell Gardens for inviting us to visit in the coming months.
- VI. Social Media** – Follow @LAVocations on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. Current social media projects include: *Scripture reflections* by seminarians, priests and religious; *Instagram Live interviews* of seminarians; *introductions and profiles* of seminarians; *inspirational posts* related to vocations; and more.
- VII. Save the Date**
- Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Good Shepherd Sunday/World Day of Prayer for Vocations
  - Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Transitional Diaconate Ordination; tickets required
    - o live streamed at <http://lacatholics.org/ordination2021>
  - Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Priesthood Ordination; tickets required
    - o Live streamed at <http://lacatholics.org/ordination>
  - Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Permanent Diaconate Ordination; tickets required



**IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

**THE CHURCH NEEDS MEN OF COURAGE.**

**OUR VOCATION TEAM IS READY TO HELP YOU DISCERN.**

**Build a Culture of Vocations**

Your home is the domestic church and vocations begin here. Create an atmosphere that is open to the priesthood, religious, marriage or consecrated single life. You can:

- Create an altar/prayer space with images of saints to remind us of our call to holiness.
- Share your experience of the Sacrament of Marriage and experiences of priests/religious with your children.
- Invite local priest/religious to share their vocation story.
- Watch videos of priests and religious.
- Encourage all to follow God's will.
- Pray wholeheartedly for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**The Vocational Journey**

**Phase 1: SERVICE**

- Inspired to help those in need
- Have a desire to serve the Catholic Church
- Involved in a parish ministry

**Phase 2: CONTEMPLATION**

- Thoughts of priestly vocations keep returning
- Desire to serve is deepening and growing
- Others see your gifts and say you would be a good priest

**Phase 3: INQUIRY**

- You begin to talk about your interest in the priesthood
- Meet with your parish priest to discuss your vocation
- Contact the Office of Vocation for information

**Phase 4: SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

- Meet with the Diocesan Vocation Director
- Monthly Spiritual Direction
- Attend Discernment Retreats & Events
- Visit St. John's Seminary/Queen of Angels Center
- Continue deepening prayer and service in your life
- Involvement in Sacramental ministry and parish service

**Phase 5: FORMAL DISCERNMENT**

- Work with Diocesan Vocational Team to enter Seminary

**DIOS TE LLAMA?**

**LA IGLESIA NECESITA HOMBRES DE VALOR...**

**NUESTRO EQUIPO DE VOCACIÓN ESTÁ LISTO PARA AYUDARLE A DISCERNIR**

**Construyendo una cultura de vocaciones**

*El hogar es la iglesia doméstica, y es aquí donde comienza la vocación al sacerdocio, a la vida religiosa, al matrimonio o soltero consagrado. Aquí hay algunas formas en las que puede*

- Crear un altar / espacio de oración con imágenes de santos que nos recuerden nuestro llamado a la santidad.
- Como padres, comparta con sus hijos su experiencia del sacramento del matrimonio y sus experiencias positivas de sacerdotes y religiosos al crecer.
- Invite a su sacerdote o religioso local a compartir con su familia la historia de su vocación.
- Ver videos de sacerdotes y religiosos.
- Animense unos a otros a seguir la voluntad de Dios. Rezar de todo corazón por las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa.

**El Camino vocacional**

**Fase 1: SERVICIO**

- Inspirado para ayudar a los necesitados
- Tener el deseo de servir a la Iglesia Católica
- Involucrado en un ministerio parroquial

**Fase 2: CONTEMPLACIÓN**

- Vuelven los pensamientos de vocación sacerdotal
- El deseo de servir se profundiza y crece
- Otros han reconocido tus dones y te han dicho sería un buen sacerdote

**Fase 3: CONSULTA**

- Empieza a hablar de su interés en el sacerdocio
- Reúnase con su párroco para discutir su vocación
- Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones para información

**Fase 4: DIRECCIÓN ESPIRITUAL**

- Reúnase con el Director de Vocaciones Diocesano
- Dirección espiritual mensual
- Asista a retiros de discernimiento y eventos vocacionales
- Visite el Seminario de St. John's o el Centro Queen of Angels
- Profundización continua de la oración y el servicio en su vida
- Participación en el ministerio sacramental y el servicio parroquial

**Fase 5: DISCERNIMIENTO FORMAL**

- Trabajar con el Equipo Vocacional Diocesano para ingresar a el seminario

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Priesthood Ordination August 2020 / Ordenación al sacerdocio Agosto 2020



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## DISCERNMENT GROUP MEETINGS

### JANUARY - JUNE 2021

*THIRD Friday with Fr. Samuel Ward & Fr. Mike Perucho at 7PM*

JAN 15, FEB 19, MAR 19, APR 16, MAY 21, JUN 18, 2021.

To receive the Zoom Link invitation to join the Discernment Group meeting, please contact your Regional Vocation Director (see list below). We look forward to welcoming you!

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### 2020-2021 Regional Vocation Directors (RVDs)

- Santa Barbara Pastoral Region, Fr. Joseph Choi ..... (805) 642-7966, [parochialvicar@ola-vta.org](mailto:parochialvicar@ola-vta.org)  
Our Lady of the Assumption, Ventura
- San Fernando Pastoral Region, Fr. Marinello Saguin ..... (424) 744-1164, [fr.marinello.saguin@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:fr.marinello.saguin@la-archdiocese.org)  
Our Lady of Grace, Encino
- San Gabriel Pastoral Region, Fr. Matthew Wheeler ..... (626) 288-8912, [frmwheeler@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:frmwheeler@la-archdiocese.org)  
St. Anthony, San Gabriel
- San Pedro Pastoral Region, Msgr. Sal Pilato ..... (310) 327-5830, [MsgrSPilato@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:MsgrSPilato@la-archdiocese.org)  
St. Anthony of Padua, Gardena
- Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region, Fr. Juan Ochoa ..... (323) 465-7605 [frjuanochoa@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:frjuanochoa@la-archdiocese.org)  
Christ the King, Los Angeles

# 2021 REGIONAL DISCERNMENT GROUPS

(in-person Holy Hour)

**Santa Barbara Pastoral Region (second Friday of the month)**

February 12th, April 9th, and June 11th, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
Our Lady of the Assumption with Fr. Joseph Choi  
3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003  
T: (805) 642-7966, [parochialvicar@ola-vta.org](mailto:parochialvicar@ola-vta.org)

**San Fernando Pastoral Region (second Saturday of the month)**

February 13th, April 10th, and June 12th, 2021 at 11:00 AM  
Our Lady of Grace with Fr. Marinello Saguin  
5011 White Oak Avenue, Encino, CA 91316  
T: (424) 744-1164, [fr.marinello.saguin@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:fr.marinello.saguin@la-archdiocese.org)

**San Gabriel Pastoral Region (second Monday of the month)**

February 8th, April 12th, and June 14th, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
St. Anthony with Fr. Matthew Wheeler  
1901 South San Gabriel Boulevard, San Gabriel, CA 91776  
T: (626) 288-8912, [frmwheeler@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:frmwheeler@la-archdiocese.org)

**San Pedro Pastoral Region (last Thursday of the month)**

February 25th, April 29th, and June 24th, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
St. Anthony of Padua with Msgr. Sal Pilato  
1050 W 163rd Street, Gardena, CA 90247  
T: (310) 327-5830, [MsgrSPilato@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:MsgrSPilato@la-archdiocese.org)

**Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region (first Monday of the month)**

February 1st, April 5th, and June 7th, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
Christ the King with Fr. Juan Ochoa  
624 North Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004  
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