

Office for Vocations/House of Studies

Mission & Goals

The mission of the Office for Vocations is to be available to discuss all vocations within the Church as particular inquiries arise. However, the Office for Vocations largely promotes vocations to the priesthood. The heart of priestly-vocations-promotion is first to pray, and to trust in God's providence. Second, continuous invites are issued to men to reflect and pray about the possibility of God's call to ministry. As these calls to priestly ministry are experienced and explored, the Office for Vocations offers guidance and support — which ultimately may lead to the application process and official sponsorship. The Office of Vocations also oversees the formation of our seminarians in the areas of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral development as they prepare for ministry as a deacon and as a priest. The goal is to have holy, healthy, joy-filled, and effective priests minister in the Diocese. The Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies serves as a home base for the Office for Vocations (and its programs), and serves as a residence for seminarians engaged in ESL studies (Clark University), B.A. studies (Assumption College), and CPE studies (St. Vincent Hospital). It also serves as a residence for *second-career vocations* who are transitioning from home-ownership to seminary studies.

Programs

- Weekly Holy Hours for Vocations at the HNJ chapel.
- Monthly Holy Hours and Spaghetti Supper Socials at the House of Studies.
- Annual Vocations Retreat.
- Presentations to Catholic School classrooms, CCD classes, and Confirmation Retreats.
- Annual distribution of promotional posters picturing seminarians.
- Poster series to promote priestly vocations.
- Summer assignment coordination for seminarians.
- Website, Twitter & Facebook maintenance to promote vocations.
- HNJ Residency/Program for ESL, BA, CPE & Second-Career Seminarians.