

REACHING OUT WEDNESDAYS

Topic: High School Vocations

Archdiocese of Milwaukee: We have lesson plan links for all grade levels on our website. We also have a cache of binders full of lessons that I would be more than happy to look through for high school lesson plans and ideas if someone has a specific idea in mind. Here is the link for lesson plans on our website:

http://www.thinkpriest.org/high_school_ideas.html

We also sponsor a summer camp for high school boys, which I think I sent you once before. The brochure is available through the NCDVD Office.

Archdiocese of San Antonio: Our Vocation Committee of the Diocesan and Religious Vocation Directors try and hit every catholic High School in the area once a year at least. I try and have masses there myself (especially in the High Schools further out in the rural areas that have priests over less). We also try and tailor our materials to the high school level: discernment prayers, group discussions, Q&A Sessions. During Vocation Awareness week we also supplement the materials we receive from organizations like NCCV with our own materials particularly suited to High School Students. Focusing on how God speaks in a High School life is our key. Helping the teens look at their peer interactions and prayer lives in a new way. If nothing else, we hope we are forming young disciples whatever their vocation may be... and that naturally means more responses to the call to Church Vocations.

Diocese of Fargo: We have one Catholic High School and we just began a Vocare – Discernment & Becoming a Man of God group this year.

An anonymous response: What improves the numbers of vocations coming out of Catholic high schools are good priest chaplains assigned to them, and our archbishop has begun to do this. The vocation director would like quality time for mini-retreats in these schools with students who are interested and/or who are active in the school's campus ministry or service organizations. Our local high schools' religion departments haven't been open to that, thus far.