

REACHING OUT WEDNESDAYS

College-aged Seminary Affiliates/Discernment House Programs

Diocese of Yakima: YEIP (Yakima English Immersion Program) We have the men, especially those coming from other countries, stay with a English Speaking family while they study English! The tripod of the program is; School, Family and Parish life. All in the context of the four areas of formation, Pastoral, Community, Intellectual and Spiritual, to which I add Vocational. They are also encouraged to get a job to help themselves and report to the director of discernment. As the director of discernment I oversee this program and at the end of the year the guy is evaluated and sent for Seminary or helped otherwise transition "into the world". We are in the process of putting the program in paper.

Archdiocese of Portland (OR): We are beginning to develop a "House of Discernment". The hope is that men in college or even working could come and stay at the house for a period of 1-2 years as they discern their vocation. Particulars have not yet been established. I would be interested in receiving any feedback you get form this question.

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Pheonix: We tried a College Affiliate program at our seminary in Pittsburgh but didn't have enough interest. We did just recently initiate a "Discernment House" community that can include college aged young men. See attached Charter.