

## **Creating & Sustaining a Culture of Vocations**

VOCATIONS OFFICE FALL IN REVIEW – DECEMBER 2022

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It has been another fruitful and encouraging fall for vocations in our diocese. Our decades-high brotherhood of 16 seminarians are wrapping up their fall semesters at Saint Meinrad Seminary, Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and the North American College. We hope you have enjoyed reading their stories about the Eucharist in *The Message* and on our “Evansville Vocations” Facebook Page these past few months.

Our Savio community, now in its fifth year of forming disciples and facilitating discernment for teenage guys, saw its largest gathering ever in August: 135 young men from more than a third of our parishes. Hosting that many guys in one house is not easy, though. So, we have temporarily limited attendance at Sunday Night gatherings to 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade guys. Faith formation topics this fall included topics about marriage, the Pro-Life movement, and natural law.

The Dubois County site for Savio continues to grow, as well. Twice this fall, more than two dozen teenagers from the greater East Deanery gathered for pizza, football, basketball and hanging out followed by faith formation and prayer at Saint Joseph Parish in Jasper.

“Siena,” launched this summer, is a sisterhood for teenage girls. They likewise held monthly gatherings from July until present. Modeled after the diocesan “Savio” brotherhood, these girls have been gathering at St. John the Evangelist in Daylight for prayer, formation and community. More information can be obtained by signing up for email updates at [www.EvansvilleVocations.org/Siena](http://www.EvansvilleVocations.org/Siena).

The Diocesan Serra Club serves to support creating and sustaining a culture of vocations across our 12 counties. This fall, in addition to their huge banquet for 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the Serra Club assisted in hosting a Thanksgiving meal for House of Discernment residents and their families on Wednesday, November 23 at the House. If you are interested in supporting creating and sustaining a culture of vocations with the Serrans, please email us ([vocations@evdio.org](mailto:vocations@evdio.org)).

Finally, continue to join us for our regular Monday Night “Holy Hour & Mass for Vocations” at Sacred Heart Church. Adoration and Confession starts at 6:30pm. Mass follows at 7:30pm. If you know of someone interested in the House or discernment, please contact Director of Vocations, Father Tyler Tenbarge, by visiting [www.EvansvilleVocations.org](http://www.EvansvilleVocations.org).

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About 50 peers watch and listen while two Savio guys discuss the purpose and design of marriage at the November Savio Night at Sacred Heart's old school as part of their faith formation at these monthly gatherings.



House of Discernment director & chaplain, Father Tyler Tenbarge, enjoys a Thanksgiving meal with residents Landon Mayer (Sts. Peter & Paul, Haubstadt), Landon Wagner (All Saints, Evansville) and James Wassmer (Resurrection).





Members of the Serra Club serve a Thanksgiving meal to the families of the House residents on the eve of Thanksgiving day.



Teenage guys from the East Deanery play bumper pool and enjoy pizza for supper before faith formation at the November “DuCo Savio” Night at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper (two photos).





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House residents and friends gather every Monday evening for supper together before the weekly Monday Night Holy Hour & Mass for Vocations at Sacred Heart in Evansville. Here, they are enjoying a video before dinner arrived.





The House of Discernment's chapel has become a daily refuge of peace and source of clarity for House residents as well as other young adult discerners. Here, the residents and a guest make a Holy Hour with the Eucharist exposed one evening in November.





Savio guys received new sweatshirts this fall. Here, many of them pose together after Night Prayer in Sacred Heart Church in October.



Savio guys from Gibson County pose before Night Prayer at Sacred Heart Church in October on Savio Night.





Father Jeff Read, Father Tyler Tenbarger and Father Luke Hassler pose with some of the Savio guys who gathered at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper for “DuCo Savio” Night in September.



Monday Nights at Sacred Heart continue to gather hundreds weekly for prayer and discernment.





Holy Cross Parish seminarians and their parents sit with Father Gary Kaiser, Holy Cross pastor, at Sarto's dining room as part of the August seminarian gathering. Dylan Stefanich (left) and Clint Johnson (third from right) continue to make Holy Cross one of most fruitful parishes for priestly vocations in the diocese.



Diocesan seminarians gather for Night Prayer at a lake house in Kentucky as part of their annual “Fall Sem Gathering” in August.





Diocesan seminarians pray in Eucharistic adoration together at a lake house in Kentucky as part of their annual "Fall Sem Gathering" before returning to seminary campuses in August.



Savio guys take over the porch of the House of Discernment at one of their monthly Savio Nights.





A record-high 135 teenage guys attended the August Savio Night at the House of Discernment. Here, Father Tyler Tenbarge, leads faith formation in the yard between the House (left) and Sacred Heart Church (right).





Good Shepherd parishioner, Maria Lasher (third from left, at top) poses with other young women who entered the Dominican Convent of Saint Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee this fall.



Savio guys pose for a moment at the October Savio Night at the House of Discernment.





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