

What is JAVA?

The Joliet Area Vocation Association is an organization of;

- Vocation Directors (Diocesan and Religious serving in the Joliet Diocese)
- Directors of Young Adult, Campus, and Youth Ministries in the diocese
- Representatives of the Serra Club.

Our purpose is:

- To promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- To reach out to and assist women and men who are discerning how God is calling them and how they will answer that call
- To provide quality programs on vocation/call designed to meet the needs of parishes, schools, religious education classes, colleges, youth, and young adults
- To provide a support network for vocation directors and those who work with young people.

Please contact the Joliet Diocesan Vocation Office for more information on any of these programs or to schedule programs for your parish, school, religious education program, youth group or young adult group.

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Vocation Panel

Fifth grade through high school
A vocation panel brings together priests, brothers and sisters to witness to their lives and vocations; interactive presentations with question and answer time.

Classroom Presentation

Elementary and high school
JAVA members are available for classroom presentations on religious life and various topics: call, commitment, discernment, missionary work, etc.

Vocation Fairs

Schools and Parishes
Priests, brothers and sisters have display tables at a school or after Sunday liturgies in a parish. Students/Parishioners visit the tables, interact with the religious men and women, and receive informational and spiritual materials.

Vocation Quest

Junior and senior high school students and youth groups
Several vocation ministers set up displays and informational materials. Students are given a Vocation Quest Guide to help them ask appropriate questions and a Vocation Log which the vocation minister will sign after the visit. The Vocation Log is used as a raffle ticket for a prize at the end of the session.

JAVA Programs

Exploring God's Call:

What's it like to be a sister?

High School age girls
including incoming freshman
Young women are invited to spend a day at a convent with sisters from several religious communities to hear personal stories, to learn about communities, to have fun together, and to pray together.

Jeremiah Day

Boys in 7th to 10 grade
Young men are invited to spend a day with priests and seminarians hearing their stories, touring the seminary and participating in Liturgy.

Parish Programs

JAVA members are available to speak on vocations at parish liturgies, special meetings, evenings of recollection, or to work with parish councils in forming parish vocation committees.

JAVA can provide a Generations of Faith session with lesson plans on vocations.

Busy Persons' Retreat

College students
JAVA members serve as spiritual companions to retreatants who commit themselves to 30 minutes of private prayer and a meeting with their spiritual companion each day for four days.

Whet your Appetite for Religious Life

Single women college age/young adult
Young women considering religious life are invited to prayer and pizza with Sisters of the Joliet Diocese and Bishop Sartain. The evening focuses on God's call to discipleship and what it means to be a sister today with plenty of time for conversation and questions.

Nun Run

Single women age 18-35
The religious sisters of JAVA sponsor this event in which young women spend a 24-hour period traveling to different convents in the Joliet Diocese. At each place the women visit and pray with the sisters and explore the history and the style life of the community.

Discernment Day

Single women and men age 18-35
Young adults come together with priests, brothers and sisters to learn how to recognize God's call to them. Presentations include: image of God, discernment and how to go about it, what is Religious Life and Priesthood, Liturgy together.

Discernment Evenings

Single adults age 18-35
Young men discerning the call to priesthood or religious life meet one evening each month at the Fiat House with Fr. Burke Masters for information and conversation.

Young women discerning the call to religious life will begin meeting one evening each month with Sisters of the Joliet Diocese for information and conversation at a time and day to be announced.