

PARISH MASS PRESENTATION

(Example of presentation which describes the Life Awareness Weekend and encourages attendance. This presentation is normally given following the Sunday Mass.)

Good morning (evening). My name is _____. The Archdiocese of San Antonio is hosting a vocation retreat! Thank you, Father_____, for letting me tell you all about this great opportunity, which will be available to all who are single Catholics between the ages of 18 and 40. I know that many of you, particularly those attending school, are thinking about, and planning for your futures, and rightfully so! That's why I know my message today will be important to many of you.

If you are a person who is:

- Looking for an opportunity to provide service to others,
- Wondering if the religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister might be what you're looking for,
- Or, even if you haven't reached that point, but you have that quiet, subtle, nagging feeling that this is something you should know more about, then you should think about participating in a program called Life Awareness. It's sponsored by the San Antonio Archdiocesan Vocation Office.

Life Awareness is a weekend session for single adults from ages 18-40 to explore and learn what it's like to serve God and the Church as a Priest, Sister or Brother. Men and women will spend the weekend in group discussions, consultation, and prayer conducted by a professional staff of Priests, Sisters and Brothers.

Life Awareness offers several opportunities:

- Provides a means of discerning whether a vocation exists, and if so, how to respond to it.
- Explores the rewards and the obligations that go along with religious life.
- Equips the participants to ultimately make an intelligent decision as to whether a religious vocation should be considered in planning their future.

At no point during the weekend will you be asked to make a decision—It's strictly a time to ask questions and learn.

The Life Awareness Retreat will take place the second weekend in February (February 3-5, 2023). I can assure you, if you choose to attend the Life Awareness in February, you will have a very rewarding weekend of fellowship and sharing.

I have flyers containing a registration QR code for your convenience. I will be in the front/back of the church following Mass, and I will be pleased to give you a flyer and answer any questions you may have. Thank you.