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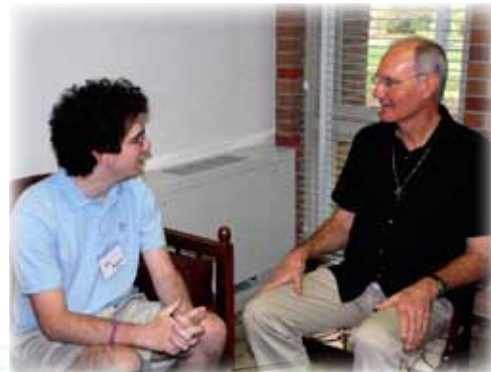
Discernment Retreat Explores God's Call to Service

The Brothers of the Sacred Heart sponsored a discernment retreat on Palm Sunday weekend, April 3-5, 2009 at **Rosaryville Retreat Center** in Ponchatoula, LA.

Eight young men joined a staff of nine Brothers to talk about discerning God's call for them. Talks were given on "Discernment", "Human Needs", "The Sacred Heart" and "Discernment Options". Each participant had a Brother as a spiritual guide to walk with them during the retreat experience and to answer questions.

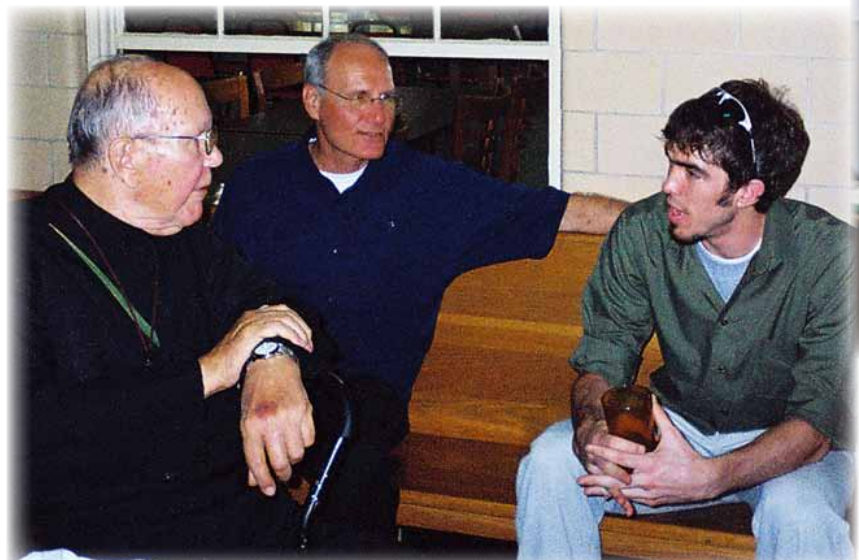
The group also came together for prayer each morning and evening and Br. Louis, an ordained Brother, celebrated Mass before lunch each day.

The next Discernment Retreat, "Search Your Heart" #4, will be held in Ponchatoula December 18-20, 2009. **Contact a Vocation Director** near you to sign up or fill out the **contact form here**.



Discernment Opportunities

- Volunteer/Discernment Program
- Discernment Retreats
- Live in Discernment (week, month, semester)
- Mission Trips (International and Domestic)
- Regular Spiritual Direction
- "Come and See" days and weekends



The Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart

Charism of the Founders

In deciding to create you, God loved you as a father...
 As more than a father,
 Because as tender as a father's love is,
 He does not choose his children.
 But God loved you with the love of choice, with preferential love.
 He preferred you. He wanted you in particular.

Taken from a sermon given by **Fr. Andre Coindre**, Founder of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart

Our founders made us heirs of their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

And so Christ, in his mystery of love, holds first place in our life as Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

He is our reference point and the center of our motivations, just as he is the very principle of our total self-offering and of our apostolic action.

We Welcome New Members to Our Community

“God has willed to give the Church the gift of our Institute. He wants it to take root and spread in the world. And so, in his great love he continues to plant the seeds of this particular vocation in the hearts of certain people.” (Rol, 174)

Yes, Our Lord keeps on calling certain young men who dare answer His call. If you remember well, in July and August 2008, 29 Brothers made their first religious profession. And in December 2008 and January 2009, others said yes to Christ’s call to follow Him in the consecrated life. Here are their names: Brothers André Márcio Brito de Sousa, Raimondo Nonato do Largo Bezerra and Felipe Raphael Paiva da Silva from the Province of Brazil; Brothers José Leonar Botero Martínez, Orlando Gonzales Alarcón and Ricardo Juan Martínez Rueda from the Province of Colombia. Congratulations to all those young men who can rely on God’s presence at their side; may they also count on the prayers and the fraternal support of their elders.



Article from Rome, Feb. 1, 2009

Brothers in Philippines Celebrate Golden Anniversary with “Walk for Youth”

This year, September 27 marked the Brothers of the Sacred Heart’s 50th year in the Philippines.

In line with the year-long Golden Jubilee celebration, the Brothers held a Walk for a Cause last March 1 for the benefit of the orphaned, abandoned and troubled youth. SOS Children’s Village Davao was one of the beneficiaries of the fun walk. Others were the Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL). Proceeds were also for the jubilee projects of the Brothers.

SOS Davao took part in the activity as members of the organizing committee. The estimated number of registered warm bodies during the event was 1,500 with participants coming from the different colleges/ universities in Davao, local government units, bankers, other non-government organizations and religious congregations.

Article from SOS Children’s Village Davao



Catholics On Call Young Adults Conferences 2009

Who: Young adults (ages 18-30) who are thinking about pursuing a life of service in the Church. Priority consideration is given to individuals involved with one of the Catholics On Call partners, although connection with a partner is not required.



When: Thursday, June 4 - Sunday, June 7 (extended weekend program) & Sunday, August 9 - Friday, August 14 (weeklong program)

[Click here for more information](#)



True Confessions: One Man's Search for Meaning

A recent study of college freshmen conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute of UCLA reported that a significant number of college undergraduates are actively engaged in a spiritual quest, with nearly half reporting that they consider it "essential" or "very important" to seek opportunities to help them grow spiritually (see the report online at <http://www.spirituality.ucla.edu/>, p. 4). The search for meaning and purpose in life is as old as the human race and is alive and well today.



Each of us is filled with passion for many things. Our desires can lead us to a self-absorbed lifestyle that exploits others and is ultimately self-destructive. St. Augustine found this out the hard way. But if we, like Augustine, pay attention to our deeper desires, our more profound passions, we can be led to give ourselves in committed love to God and to the people God puts in our lives.

[Read the full article by Robin Ryan, C.P. at COC website](#)

Busted Halo.com An online magazine for spiritual seekers in their 20s and 30s.

How to Pray BustedHalo's Guide to Prayer

Prayer is intentionally placing yourself with God. You don't have to talk, you don't have to listen, you don't even have to like it. You just have to be mindful of God.

Experiment with some of the prayers linked to on this site. You could listen to sacred or secular music and notice how you feel. You could take a walk alone or with a friend. You could jog, hike, read scripture, say a rosary, go to Mass, or even just daydream. What brings you peace, joy, and hope? What makes you feel love and forgiveness? If you can find these, you have found God. Welcome to prayer.

[Click here to go to Prayer Guide](#)

A Great Way to Begin Your Day - The 3-Minute Online Retreat

3-Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

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Next Discernment Retreat

When: Dec. 18-20, 2009

Where: Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in
Ponchatoula, LA

Who: Men with a restless and searching heart

Cost: Only your time

"Search Your Heart" Retreat is:

- Sponsored by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Vocation Office
- A fresh, different atmosphere away from home, school, or job
- An experience in community living in a prayerful atmosphere
- Meeting with other young men who are experiencing a restless heart
- Sharing with a spiritual director how you see yourself, your prayer, your dreams
- Encountering the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your life every day!

[Click here to download Flyer and Application](#)
[or just fill out the contact form on the website](#)

**Also, look for our Retreat in the Northeast
in the Spring of 2010.**



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