

Presentation Brothers
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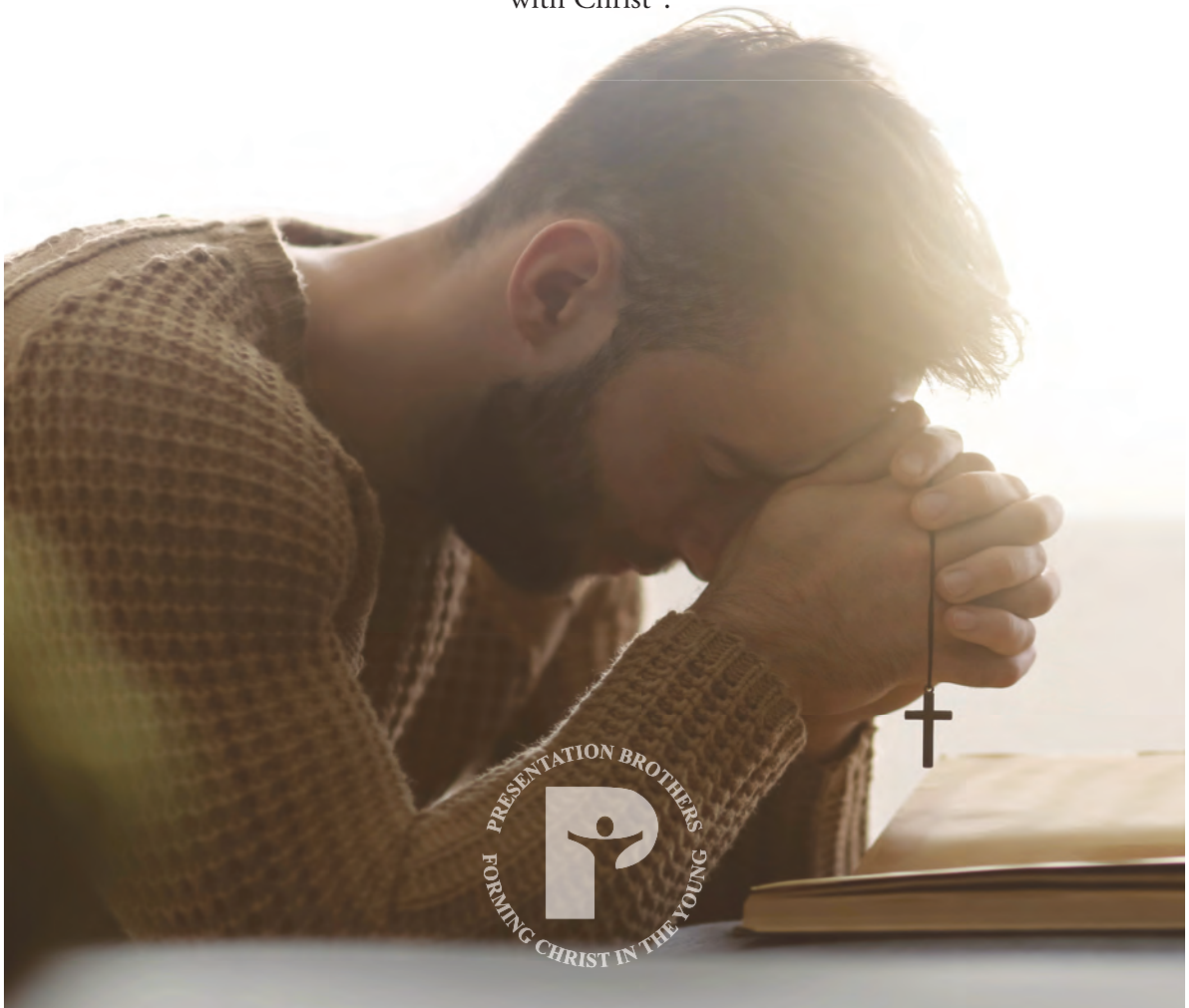
A YEAR OF VOCATION DISCERNMENT
- PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, FORMATION -



Today the Lord is calling men and women to follow Him in a radical way. People are opening their hearts and responding with generosity, joy, and enthusiasm. However, in a secular society, there is a need to provide intentional places and spaces where young people can deepen their Catholic faith, grow their relationship with Christ and discern where the Lord is calling them in life.

Presentation Brothers – Forming Christ in Young People

Presentation Brothers follow Christ as religious brothers. Our mission is evangelisation – bringing the message of Christ to young people today. Pope St. John Paul 11 said: “Every generation is like a new continent to be won for Christ!” Youth ministry is at the heart of our vocation as Presentation Brothers. We work as youth leaders, teachers, chaplains and many diverse roles to help young people form a personal relationship with Christ”.



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Our Brothers at the Mardyke House Community at the heart of Cork City run the L.E.A.F. PROJECT. The Leadership Education and Formation Project is a new ministry focussed on helping young adults increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith and developing young faith leaders for the future.

The Mardyke House Community in collaboration with the Diocese of Cork & Ross, the UCC Chaplaincy team and other faith groups has become a hub for young adult ministry and evangelisation.

- *This year will offer a number of places in our Community to young Catholic men (20 – 35), who wish to spend nine months (September – May) intentionally discerning their vocation in life while living in the context of a religious community. If you are a young man considering call in life, spending this time as part of an intentional community of discernment, may be exactly what you need to deepen your relationship with Christ and discern where the Lord is calling you in life. Prayer, formation and living Presentation community life and mission are part of this experience.*

HOW THE VOCATION DISCERNMENT YEAR WORKS

- IT IS OPEN TO SINGLE YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN (20 – 35) WHO WISH TO SPEND A YEAR INTENTIONALLY DISCERNING VOCATION.

- IT WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER UNTIL THE END OF MAY.

- PARTICIPANTS MAY BE THIRD LEVEL STUDENTS OR WORKERS.

- THE YEAR WILL INVOLVE EXPERIENCES OF PRAYER (MASS, THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, ROSARY), LIVING IN COMMUNITY, SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT, INPUT THAT FOCUSES ON THE BEAUTY AND RICHNESS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH, AND VOLUNTARY MINISTRY IN SERVICE OF THE MISSION OF THE COMMUNITY.

- BEYOND STUDIES OR WORK, PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO COMMIT TIME TO THE FORMATION PROGRAMME AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE. THEREFORE, TO PROVIDE FOR THIS FOCUS, THOSE TAKING PART WILL BE ASKED TO COMMIT TO A 'DATING FAST' WHILE THEY ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

- THE PROGRAMME IS SPONSORED BY THE PRESENTATION BROTHERS, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE MISSION OF FAITH FORMATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE. HOWEVER, DEPENDING ON MEANS, PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTRIBUTE A MODEST AMOUNT TOWARDS LIVING COSTS AND THE RUNNING OF THE COMMUNITY.

THIS WILL BE DECIDED IN DIALOGUE WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT.

- ADMISSION WILL INVOLVE AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND INTERVIEW.

 - WE BELIEVE THIS YEAR WILL HELP YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN GROW IN FAITH, DEEPEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND DISCERN MORE CLEARLY TO WHICH VOCATIONAL PATH, THE LORD, IN HIS LOVE, MAY BE CALLING THEM.
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POPE FRANCIS SAYS:

“How wonderful it is to be surprised by God’s call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.”

If you are drawn to this Vocation Discernment Year, we would love to hear from you!

THE NEXT STEP

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE MARDYKE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND THE L.E.A.F. PROJECT:



“Since coming to Cork & Ross as bishop, I have been hugely grateful for the collaboration and support of the Presentation Brothers in the mission of the Diocese. The Mardyke House is a community of prayer, welcome and hospitality at the heart of Cork. The L.E.A.F. PROJECT is central to our mission with young adults. I welcome the opportunity to encourage any young man attracted to the charism of forming Christ in the young to consider the Presentation Brothers way of life”.

✠ Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork & Ross



“Since first meeting with the Presentation Brothers Mardyke Community, we have found great support for our work as a university chaplaincy team. The central importance the Brothers attach to accompanying young people on their faith journeys, along with their openness and hospitality are truly inspirational. We pray that young men will join them in this mission”.

Miriam Goulding, UCC Chaplain



“The Presentation Brothers are amazing!!! They have been such a gift to our whole team since we moved to Cork. I am confident that we are part of the same mission as I see their love for evangelisation, forming Christian leaders, and hospitality. They are sincerely listening to the Lord and following His will in their lives. I’m excited to see what young men the Lord will call to join them!”

Áine Lee, FOCUS Missionary Team



“We are a Congregation in renewal, facing a great mission, here in Ireland. Through the Leadership Education And Formation Project, (L.E.A.F.), and our collaboration with other faith groups we are responding to new needs in the area of evangelisation, justice and peace. We welcome new people. We are multi-cultural and international. As a West Indian, who is now an Irish citizen, I am very aware that vocations are now coming from all sectors of Irish society, including the new Irish communities. We invite young men to join us, in following Jesus, as missionary disciples, facing the new challenges of today”.

Br. Barry Noel, Congregation Leader, Presentation Brothers



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