

Guidelines for Vocation Promotion:

[The Explanation]

November 5th, the feast of All Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus, has been designed by the Society as "Jesuit Vocation Promotion Day." However, also during the entire month of November, Jesuit communities and apostolates worldwide coordinate promotion events and gatherings on a more deliberate basis.

[The Pitch]

The Vocation Office thinks it a good idea to also have some of our colleagues talk about the importance of Jesuit vocations in their classes and their roles within our institutions. The people we want/hope to speak would be those who *have a respect for* the Society of Jesus, and those who see Jesuit priestly and brotherly vocations as something *unique and valuable* in the Church and in the world.

When asked what the biggest "obstacle" the Society of Jesus and the Church face with regard to vocations, one of the key factors really comes from the fact that: "*Young men simply don't take the time to consider religious life.*" What we in the Vocations Office are asking you to do is to help the young men in front of you consider Jesuit life as a "viable option." That is, we hope that in the tangle of propositions that come their way, that Life as a Jesuit might at least be part of the thought process--if only briefly.

How do we get young people to do this conscious effort? Well, we simply **ask** them to think about it.

[The Method]

So, if you can, please talk to your classes about Jesuit vocations on or around November 5th.

Here are some ideas about how to frame the discussion:

- How you came to know the Jesuits
- What Jesuits, specifically, influenced you and why
- How you came to respect the mission of the Society
- Why you want to work in a Jesuit apostolate
- How you have grown as a person--and a person of faith--as a result of working in a Jesuit apostolate

If you have some specific questions regarding Jesuit life, please ask the **local promoter** (*insert your name here*) --either in person or via email.

Our website describing Vocation Day is also very informative:

http://www.jesuitvocation.org/events/promotion_day/promotion_day.shtml.

The FAQ page is also very good:

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