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Date: September 28, 2020

To: Priests and campus ministers

From: Reverend Rey Pineda, Associate Director of Vocations, Office of Vocations

Re: Discernment Mass announcement

Dear brothers in Christ,

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present new and unforeseen challenges to our ministerial and missionary efforts, the Office of Vocations is ready to push forward and continue journeying with those discerning the Lord's voice amid the chaos of our time.

In the past, we have invited inquirers to our monthly discernment Masses at the Borromeo House of Priestly Formation in Sandy Springs. After a lengthy hiatus, we are excited to resume these Masses as in-person gatherings with the appropriate safety protocols. The next Discernment Mass will take place on Saturday, October 24, at 10 a.m. Depending on the level of interest, we will also provide a virtual option for anyone who is unable to join us in person. These gatherings are a helpful starting point as they provide the space for prayer, community and honest discussions, which are necessary for good discernment.

Now more than ever the success of our discernment program depends on our ability to collaborate with you who are on the frontlines of making disciples. This year has harshly reminded us how much our Church can suffer when it lacks the personal encounter that is at the center of our identity as followers of Christ. We need your help in identifying and extending a personal invitation to those in your parish who you think would benefit from making this first step in discernment.

These Masses are open to single men ages 18-30 in whom you sense a true desire to deepen their commitment as disciples and explore the possibility of a call to the priesthood. We know there are many who simply need the right

encouragement and support to respond to the invitation and hope you will help us reach them.

Consider mentioning it directly or including it in your announcements. Any extra effort is much appreciated as we resume and move forward in fostering a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please have them register at <https://www.calledbychrist.com/discern2020/>.

Please feel free to contact our office directly should you have any questions.

Be assured of my prayers and gratitude.

In Christ,

Reverend Rey Pineda
Associate Director of Vocations