

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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September 8, 2023
Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Sister/Father,

The Archdiocese of Atlanta is blessed with many young men and women desiring to grow in their faith and love of God. Their devotion to the Church and to Christ in the Eucharist is inspiring and I know many of them are hungering to serve God on a very personal level. I believe the Lord is calling many from this local church to the priesthood or religious life. With the incredible growth in number and zeal of our faithful, I know there are many young men and women who feel the call, but need extra support and encouragement to respond courageously. We must work together to create a culture of vocational discernment in our communities. A great part of this relies on our own witness; never underestimate the power of your joy and the profound impact of a personal invitation.

National Vocations Awareness Week is November 5-11. We are planning several events and opportunities to engage discerners throughout the week. These will be published for promotion in a separate communication. We especially need your help however, on November 11, as we host a Mass for Vocations followed by a Vocations Fair at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Mass will begin at 10:00 am followed by the Fair in Kenny Hall and conclude with a Q&A Panel around 1:00 pm. Tables will be available for orders to set up a display or layout informational material where you will be able to meet and greet discerners.

The Vocations Fair will be well advertised, so it is my prayer that our efforts will bear much fruit in the future. Space will be limited, so if you are interested in joining us for the day, please email Sally Scardasis at sscardasis@archatl.com or fill out the form at the link below as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Priests, please bring your own alb if you plan on concelebrating. Please join in me in prayer for the success of this event as well as for the men and women who will be participating. I hope to see many of you there!

In Christ's Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rey Pineda'.

Reverend Rey Pineda
Director of Vocations

Registration Form here: <https://forms.gle/rkQviz58WaLySiFCA>