

Memo

Date:	September 24, 2018
То:	Priests, Deacons, Campus Ministries and Parish Bulletin Editors
From:	Sr. Catherine Marie, O.P., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home
Re:	Vocation Discernment Weekend - October 19-21, 2018

The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne were founded in 1900 by Rose Hawthorne, daughter of the famed novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne. Our apostolate is to care for incurable cancer patients who cannot afford the care they need. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home here in Atlanta was founded seventy-six years ago.

Women who are interested in learning more about religious life and our apostolate as Hawthorne Dominican Sisters are invited to a Vocation Discernment Weekend **October 19-21, 2018,** beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The weekend will consist of Masses, communal prayer, talks, visits with patients, opportunities to speak with the Sisters and discussion. The Home is located at 760 Pollard Boulevard, SW, Atlanta, GA 30315. Our number is 404-688-9515.

Please read the attached invitation letter. For more information or to RSVP, contact me at 845-745-1319 or <u>vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org</u>.

September 23, 2018

"If you are what you should be, then you will set the world on fire."

St Catherine of Siena

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

I have recently been appointed as Vocations Director for the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne. A vocation "Come and See" weekend will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home in Atlanta October 19-21, 2018 for any women interested in learning more about religious life and our community. It allows for a brief opportunity to see a glimpse of the life of a consecrated religious and to participate in our apostolate of caring for those with incurable cancer.

In such times of crisis as there is in the Church how easy it would be to either be hidden or to walk away. But it is all the more important to be visible witnesses in the Church. And, in a time when the importance of women is emphasized in our culture, it is crucial to show what is the essence of the greatness of women past and present: those women who were faithful in ministering to the needs of Christ on earth, those who stood by Him at the cross, and who stand by Him today as brides of Christ.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you could share this information about our "Come and See" weekend. For those of you who have helped to spread the word about our community in the past, we thank you. We have had some encouraging results! We had two postulants become novices in September and have two postulants entering in October. But more workers are needed in our little corner of the vineyard!

If someone cannot come in October, we have more vocation weekends scheduled at our two homes. I can be reached by email or phone: <u>vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org</u> (845) 745 1319.

Thank you and God bless you!

In Christ,

Sister Catherine Marie Kauth, OP