

Thursday Evenings 8 PM Central

Join in a discussion for one hour each month with men, like you, who are discerning a religious vocation. Facilitated by the Divine Word Missionaries Vocation Team, you will examine five stages of formation that prepare a candidate for life as a Divine Word Missionary priest or brother.

January 27 Pre-novitiate Formation

The Pre-Novitiate program is the first step in the discernment journey and is the process of learning about God's plan for your life. This program involves learning about the skills and education needed to be a successful missionary while living in a multi-cultural community. *Host:* Fr. Thinh Ngo, SVD

February 24 Novitiate Formation

The Novitiate serves to mature and clarify a vocation. It provides a basic introduction to the following of Christ as outlined in the life and spirituality of the Society and in our constitutions. Through a living union with the Divine Word and through life in community, a Novice should come to understand himself more clearly and know our Society better so that he may make a mature and responsible decision regarding the call to profess Temporary Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. *Host:* Fr. Adam MacDonald, SVD

March 24 Formation During Temporary Vows

After having professed the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, the years of temporary vows allows the newly professed Divine Word Missionary to further develop his prayer life, continue formal education, develop fraternal bonds in the community, and participate in various ministries. All this helps prepare one to make a choice about a life-long commitment to the Society of the Divine Word. *Host:* Mr. Len Uhal

April 21 Cross-Cultural Training Program

CTP is a foretaste of missionary life-where men in temporary vows immerse themselves among people in a different culture than their own. The program serves as a critical stage in discernment from theoretical studies to real world experiences. *Host*: Fr. Emilio Reyes, SVD

May 26 Preparation for Final Vows, Ordination and Beyond

Final vows, ordination and first assignment are the most essential and difficult decisions for every seminarian because it is a lifetime commitment. This program has been designed to help all understand how to make these choices most effectively. *Host*: Fr. Anthony Cong Nguyen, SVD

Registration is required

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This program is designed for single, Catholic men (18 - 35)

