

Father Deydier House of Discernment

House of Discernment Winter Update – January 2020

The spring semester is underway for college students across our diocese. Likewise, the formation and discernment for the three residents at the Father Deydier House of Discernment has begun. Craig Wilmes (Holy Redeemer), Michael Mosbey (Good Shepherd), and Chase Riecker (St. Isidore) are each moving forward in their prayer and decision-making as they seek to hear and follow the voice of Jesus Christ in their lives. Here are some other things that have happened this winter.

On the Sunday before Christmas, about 20 young men gathered at the House of Discernment for “Man Christmas”. Dinner and games preceded a white-elephant style gift-exchange which yielded protein bars, razors, tools and other things guys enjoy. The evening concluded with prayer in the House Chapel. Over Christmas break, many of the seminarians of the Diocese of Evansville stayed at the House to pray, study and to be together.

The monthly “Savio Night” gathering of faith formation for teenage guys has grown so large that the group has now been split into two. Sixth and seventh grade boys keep the title “Savio” and gather at the House before prayer and faith formation at Sacred Heart Church, and the older group, now called “Giorgio” after Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, joins for the overlapping prayer and faith formation time. Then, the older group gathers at the House as the younger group departs. Eighty-eight young men from 18 parishes have attended the gatherings this school year.

Our Monday Night “Holy Hour & Mass for Vocations” continues to grow. A Christmas gathering co-sponsored by Annunciation’s “Made for More” young adult ministry brought more than 300 men, women and children to pray in the presence of the Lord on December 30.

Applications for the coming year at the House of Discernment are currently being accepted. If you know of a young man (18-30) who might benefit from a Catholic community of prayer and fraternity while continuing his career or college, please have him contact House Director, Fr. Tyler Tenbarge (trtenbarga@evdio.org).

If you would like to support the House by your prayers, please join House residents on Monday Nights at Sacred Heart Church. Adoration is at 6:30pm, and Mass is at 7:30pm. If you would like to support the work of the House financially, please contact Fr. Tyler, as well.

Photo captions:

- Seminarians and House residents prayed together over Christmas break in the House Chapel.
- Hundreds gathered at Sacred Heart Church on December 30 for the Monday Night Holy Hour & Mass for Vocations (photo by Ellen Church)
- Guys traded gifts at the Christmas party in the basement of the House of Discernment.
- Giorgio & Savio guys enjoyed an indoor soccer match on January 2, the feast of Saints Basil & Gregory. House residents & director and some diocesan seminarians also played. The evening celebrated the close brotherhood in faith of the two saintly priests.







