

VOCARE #9

A YOUNG ADULT EXPERIENCE

Vocare is a weekend designed and targeted to young adults over the age of nineteen and into their early thirties. The name Vocare is a Latin word meaning "to call", and this weekend is designed specifically to give young adults time to reflect and to discern God's calling to service in our daily lives. The weekend is full of talks given by peers, small group discussion, prayer and praise time and good old fashioned Christian fellowship!

A Vocare weekend is staffed by a team of young adults and clergy who have been preparing for the weekend by working and praying together. During this planning and preparation, a series of talks is prepared that is designed to encourage us to open our hearts and our lives to hearing God's call for us and how to begin to answer this call. During the weekend dynamic small group discussions and activities abound as well as time for personal prayer and reflection all surrounded by the enjoyment of being in the presence of God and some good times!

Any person between the ages of 19 and 35 can attend a Vocare weekend. The total cost of the weekend is \$95.00, checks are made payable to the "Diocese of Southwest Florida/Vocare". This fee includes lodging and meals for the weekend. Each person attending the weekend makes a commitment to arrive at Day Spring at 5pm on the Friday of the weekend and to remain with the community for the entire weekend (usually until 3:30pm on Sunday) ensuring that you have had an opportunity to experience everything Vocare has to offer!

The Vocare Community in Southwest Florida has been increasing steadily since it's inception in February 2003. The numbers of participants at each weekend have grown from 9 at the first weekend to over 30 on recent weekends. The ministry of Vocare is designed to reach a demographic within the diocese that has been less than active through the years, we need your help to make sure that these amazing weekends can continue to reach the young adults it is designed to serve, and to insure Vocare continues to have a positive impact on the present and future of our Episcopal Young Adult Community!

Vocare # 9 will be held at DaySpring Conference Center June 6-8, 2008. Contact Vocare The Diocesan Lay Director, Lyndsey Morris, call her at (941) 962-4228 or e-mail her at vocareswfla@yahoo.com . For more information and an application go to the diocesan website www.episcopalswfl.org and click on the Vocare link, or call the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult office @ 941-556-0315 or e-mail the Diocesan Young Adult Ministries Director @ ktate@episcopalswfl.org .