

What is Vocaré?

Vocaré is an instrument of renewal in the Church for young adults ages 19 - 30. Its aim is to concentrate closely on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. Our faith is seriously examined in a relaxed and loving three day adventure shared with an international community of young adults. We strive to keep God first, find a place in His world while remaining in the center of His will, and look to hear Christ's calling in the heavy life decisions that our age group encounters.

Vocaré encourages participation in one's home parish. It is an experience that gives those who attend the desire to understand and serve the Church. What's more, it provides a means to continue Christian formation. Young adults have a lot of questions. Is Christianity relevant today? Can it penetrate the many areas of college and work life? Can it transform the work and keep up with the changing times? Why am I here? Who am I? What am I supposed to do with my life? The Vocaré weekend focuses on Christ in our everyday life. He calls each of us to help carry on the work He started long ago. A relaxed, supportive atmosphere gives participants a chance to reflect on their calling. Vocaré may not hold all of the answers, but it is a great place to start listening to God's call to you. Vocaré believes that Jesus Christ has made, and will continue to make, a difference in the world and individual lives.

Vocaré is an encounter with Christ. That sounds simple because it is. Think about it: a real meeting with the living Lord, and the cost, power, beauty and joy of being with Him. Interested? JOIN US!

About the Adopt-a-Pilgrim Program

Young adults have dreams, motivation, energy, and many other wonderful gifts, but what we don't have is money. It is tough being beginners in the "real world." College students struggle with balancing bills, grades, jobs, and being away from home for the first time. For most, even paying for a decent meal is difficult.

For those young adults fresh out of college in the job world, the idea of having a real paycheck for the first time is very exciting – until we get it. We realize that after rent or mortgage, student loan payments, insurance, and any other debt accrued from school, there is barely any money left to buy groceries. It is very important that a young adult is not turned away from the Vocaré experience due to lack of money. Since Vocaré benefits the local parishes and the growth of the young adult ministry in the Church, it is sad to see many young adults unable to attend because they cannot afford the Vocaré fee.

The Adopt-a-Pilgrim Program enables the home parish of a young adult to pay for the Vocaré experience by allowing the parishioners to financially adopt a young adult. This program is both personalized and general. A parishioner can donate money to pay for the attendance fee for one or more young adults from their parish. A parishioner can also donate monies to the Vocaré fund designating where they wish their money to be spent (i.e. supplies, food/snacks, Camp Gravatt, or attendance scholarships for young adults with no adoption). Young adults need support and assistance so the burden of finances do not inhibit our spiritual growth. *"Bear one another's burdens and you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2.*