

**APPROXIMATE TIMELINES FOR THE
AWAKENING VOCATIONS FOUR-WORKSHOP PROCESS**
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The Awakening Vocations four-workshop process provides the theological framework, planning, and hands-on formation to awaken the vocational culture of dioceses and parishes, and to expand vocational awareness within individuals for lifelong vocational discernment.

The **process** includes:

1. The half-day *Culture Café* gathering for Core Team participants;
2. The one-day *Awakening Vocations* workshop for all laity;
3. The one-day *Core Team Immersion* workshop, and
4. The one-day *Vocational Guide Formation* workshop for select individuals within the diocese or parish.

The **Core Team** consists of the following people who are encouraged to participate in the *Culture Café* and the *Core Team Immersion* workshops:

- Diocesan and parish vocations teams;
- Priests and deacons;
- Directors or coordinators of:
 - Adult Faith Formation;
 - Young Adult and Youth Ministry;
 - RCIA; Returning Catholics;
 - Children's Faith Formation;
 - Evangelization and Outreach;
- Parish Council members;
- School faculty and administrators;
- Other key influencers in education and spiritual growth in the diocese or parish.

The **Process Coordinator** is the one person who will make direct contact in most circumstances with the Consultant and keep the core team and key implementers informed.

Key Implementers are the people directly responsible for the “hands-on” work of promoting and coordinating events, and site preparation for the workshops.

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR THE CULTURE CAFÉ

A half-day gathering, in an inviting café environment, where diocesan and parish leaders and visionaries explore the meaning, implications, and process to develop an effective “whole cloth” vocational culture within the diocese or parish, plus an overview of the entire Awakening Vocations process.

Key: Regular type = Consultant’s tasks; *Italic* = Your tasks; **Bold** = Onsite services.

Consultant’s Estimated Time	2 hrs	3 hrs		3 hrs	4 hrs	Half-day
Timeline	Wk 10	Wk 9	<i>Wks 7-1</i>	Wks 6-2	Wk 2	Event
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	Exploratory conversation with the process coordinator re the current vocational culture of the diocese; current processes; goals. Identify key endorsers, promoters, and implementers, tasks, and expected outcomes. Prepare agreement and deliver for signature.	Customize and produce publicity kit for four-workshop process to process coordinator for multiphase, multimedia event promotion.	<i>Promote the event to constituent groups per publicity kit; take registrations.</i>	Communicate with process coordinator to keep process on track; provide resources and direction.	Materials for four workshops customized and delivered for reproduction. <i>Equipment and site preparation.</i>	Culture Café, with overview of remaining components, plus follow-up and recommendations.

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR THE AWAKENING VOCATIONS WORKSHOP

A one-day PowerPoint workshop for parishioners or people diocesewide, providing a theology of vocation that links baptism, the Church's mission, and God's unique call and the individual's free and gifted response, plus steps for a vocational discernment process.

Key: Regular type = Consultant's tasks; *Italic* = Your tasks; **Bold** = Onsite services.

Consultant's Estimated Time	3 hrs	1 day		
Timeline	Wks 8-1	Wks 6-2	Wk 2	Event
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	<i>Promote the event to constituent groups per publicity kit; take registrations.</i>	Communicate with process coordinator to keep process on track.	<i>Equipment and site preparation.</i>	Awakening Vocations workshop, plus follow-up and recommendations.

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR THE CORE TEAM IMMERSION WORKSHOP

A one-day PowerPoint workshop, based on the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral plan, “Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us,” for those in the diocese or parish who shape or touch the spiritual formation of adults and youth in any way.

Key: Regular type = Consultant’s tasks; *Italic* = Your tasks; **Bold** = Onsite services.

Consultant’s Estimated Time Timeline	8 hrs Wk 7	<i>Wks 4-1</i>	2 hrs Wks 4-1	<i>Wk 2</i>	1 day Event
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	Core team interviews re current adult, young adult, and youth vocation formation, plus desired outcomes.	<i>Personal invitations, encouragement; registrations.</i>	Communicate with process coordinator to keep process on track and provide resources and direction.	<i>Equipment and site preparation.</i>	Core Team Immersion workshop, plus follow-up and recommendations.

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR THE VOCATIONAL GUIDE FORMATION WORKSHOP

A one-day PowerPoint workshop for those in the diocese or parish who are skilled in listening and gifted in wisdom and encouragement, to serve as “in-house” guides for fellow parishioners for lifelong vocational discernment.

Key: Regular type = Consultant’s tasks; *Italic* = Your tasks; **Bold** = Onsite services.

Consultant’s Estimated Time Timeline	4 hrs Wk 7	<i>Wks 4-1</i>	3 hrs Wks 4-1	<i>Wk 2</i>	1 day Event	3 hrs Wk 2
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	Core team interviews re qualified participants, desired outcomes, process for ongoing parish-based vocational discernment.	<i>Personal invitations, encouragement; registrations.</i>	Communicate with process coordinator to keep process on track and provide resources and direction.	<i>Equipment and site preparation</i>	Vocational Guide Formation workshop.	Summary conversation and report preparation, with near-term and long-term recommendations to Core Team.