

Awakening Vocations

A brief introduction to the four-workshop
parish resource to awaken vocations
in the Christian community.

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Honest talk on the nature of God's calling

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Welcome to the work of
awakening vocations,
a work of the entire
Christian community.

Awakening Vocations also is
the name of a ministry
that helps parishes to
identify, shape, animate,
and sustain a vibrant
vocational culture.

What does this mean?

First, let me share with you
what I believe.

I believe that vocation discernment
for every baptized man, woman,
young adult, and youth must be
the *norm*, not the exception;
the *priority*, and not an add-on.

I believe that in Baptism
each of us is anointed to be
an apostle, one who is sent
in some particular way to
stand in the place of Christ.

For some people,
that anointing will lead to
ordained priestly life;
for some, to consecrated
religious life.

For the vast majority of
Catholic men and women,
that anointing appoints us to be
Christ's presence
in the world.

I also believe that there is
no shortage of vocations
in the Church today.
The Holy Spirit has not
abandoned us!
Rather . . .

we are experiencing
a shortage of
discernment and *good tools*
to help every man, woman,
young adult, and youth
to discern . . .

how God is calling them and
how they can best respond.

We are ready for honest talk on
the nature of God's calling.

So the *mission* of
Awakening Vocations, formed in
the Roman Catholic tradition,
is to awaken the vocational
culture of dioceses
and parishes . . .

with a *theology* of vocation
that *ignites* personal response,
and a *process* of vocation discernment
to move that response toward
fruitful ministry in the Church
or mission in the world.

While we continue to
pray for vocations,
Awakening Vocations
equips parishes to
participate in God's answer
to that prayer.

Let's take a look at
this four-workshop
Awakening Vocations
process.

First is the “**Culture Café,**”
a café-style half-day gathering
where vicariate and parish leaders
and forward thinkers
explore the *meaning, implications,* and
process of developing a vibrant,
inclusive vocational culture
within the local church.

In the Culture Café you will
explore the impact that
culture in general has on people,
assess your current
vocational culture,

identify the *desired*
vocational culture,
and what it will take to
get from where you are
to where you want to be.

The Culture Café gives you
a blueprint for developing
that vibrant vocational culture.

Second is the
“Awakening Vocations”
Workshop, open to
parishioners of
all ages.

This interactive workshop,
complete with PowerPoint
and workbook, offers
a solid, meaningful theology
of vocation that . . .

links Baptism, the Church's
mission, and the nature
of God's calling,
plus *practical steps* for the
vocation discernment process.

Third is the **“Parish Core
Team Immersion,”**
a one-day PowerPoint
workshop designed
specifically for . . .

every person in your
parish or vicariate
who shapes or touches
the spiritual development
of adults and youth in
any way, including . . .

pastors and pastoral teams,
RCIA coordinators and sponsors,
children's catechists,
teachers of adult faith formation,
young adult and youth
group leaders, . . .

those who prepare children,
youth, and adults for sacraments,
those who work with new
Catholics and returning
Catholics, and others.

The Parish Core Team
Immersion breaks open
the U.S. Bishops' pastoral plan,
“Our Hearts Were Burning
Within Us” . . .

to examine, assess, and
reframe every aspect of
faith development
*uniquely through
the lens of
vocation.*

A strong *vocational* foundation
to faith development
radically changes
how people perceive
and respond to God's calling.

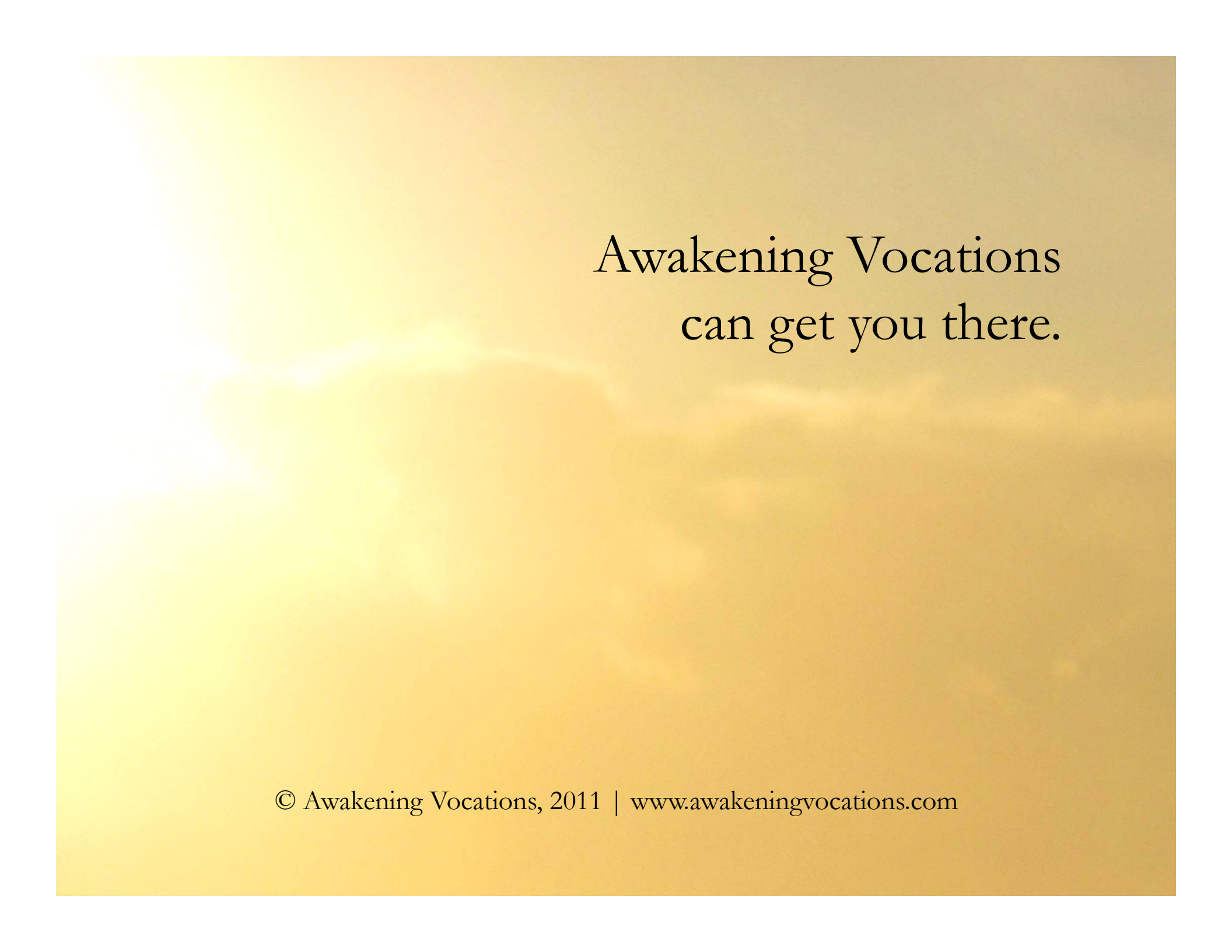
Fourth, the **“Vocational Guide Formation” Workshop**, forms those in your parish or vicariate who are . . .

skilled in listening and gifted in
wisdom and encouragement
to become local guides for
vocational discernment.

This workshop is the key to
sustaining a vibrant
vocational culture
in your parish or vicariate.

Now, imagine for a moment,
your parish, your vicariate,
being *known* for its vibrant
vocational culture,
where . . .

people feel *competent* to
discern God's calling
and to respond
generously.



Awakening Vocations
can get you there.

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